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Euro-Mediterranean research cooperation on gender and science: SHE Euro-Mediterranean Research Area (SHEMERA)

Towards a Gender-Balanced Science Culture to Foster Innovation
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- **FP7 SiS 2010 call:** Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on gender and science
- **9 MPCs** (Mediterranean Partner Countries): Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian-administered areas, Syria, Tunisia
- **EU contribution:** ~ 2,000,000 EUR
- **3 years** (May 2011-April 2014)



Consortium

Participant		Country
1 (Coord)	Fundació Centre d'Iniciatives i Recerques Europees a la Mediterrània (CIREM)	Spain
2	Département d'Economie Appliquée de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)	Belgium
3	Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation (TETALAP)	Hungary
4	National Documentation Centre/ National Hellenic Research Foundation (EKT/NHRF)	Greece
5	Istanbul Technical University (ITU)	Turkey
6	Fondazione IDIS-Città della Scienza (IDIS)	Italy
7	Arab African Research Center (AARC)	Egypt
8	Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT)	Egypt
9	Association Culturelle M'barek Ait Menguellat (CIDDEF)	Algeria
10	Alexandria University (AU)	Egypt
11	The Center for Women's Studies, University of Jordan (WSC)	Jordan
12	Royal Scientific Society (RSS)	Jordan
13	Université Saint Joseph (USJ)	Lebanon
14	Université Hassan II, Mohammedia-Casablanca (UH2MC)	Morocco
15	The Institute of Women's Studies, Birzeit University (IWS)	Palestine
16	Aleppo University (ALEPPO)	Syrian Arab Republic
17	University at Carthage, Faculty of Sciences of Bizerte (FSB)	Tunisia



Objectives

- **WHAT?** Enhancing research cooperation on gender and science between the EU and the MPCs
- **WHY?** Research cooperation is aimed at
 - Understanding the roots of gender inequality in science in the area, taking into account cultural diversities and traditions
 - Analysing how the MPCs are addressing this issue
 - Developing recommendations for enhancing gender equality in science in the area
- **HOW?** Focus on three key themes
 - Statistics on women in science
 - Gender equality policies in science
 - Research on gender inequalities in scientific careers



Concepts

■ Science

- Science understood in its broadest sense, including social sciences and humanities as well as research and technological development

■ Gender equality in science

- Organisation: women's balanced presence in science; cultural and institutional reform
- Knowledge: mainstreaming sex and gender analysis in basic and applied research



Expected results - Reports

■ Thematic comparative reports

- Statistics
- Policies
- Literature

■ Final synthesis report

- Statistics, policies, literature and policy recommendations for all the MPCs

■ National reports

- Statistics, policies, literature and policy recommendations in each MPC



Expected results - Tools

■ Online database

- informed bibliography on gender and science in MPCs

■ e-newsletter

- highlights of the project and other key features, including 16 portraits of women in science in the Mediterranean area

■ Website

- All the results of the project –namely the reports and the online database



Expected results - Networking

■ National Task Forces

- Task Force on gender and science in each MPC (women in science, representatives of scientific institutions, policy makers)

■ National workshops

- National workshop in each MPC, to discuss the main findings of the project and the policy recommendations at the national level –2013

■ Euro-Mediterranean workshop

- to discuss the main findings of the project and the policy recommendations (women in science) –Naples, 2013

■ Euro-Mediterranean conference

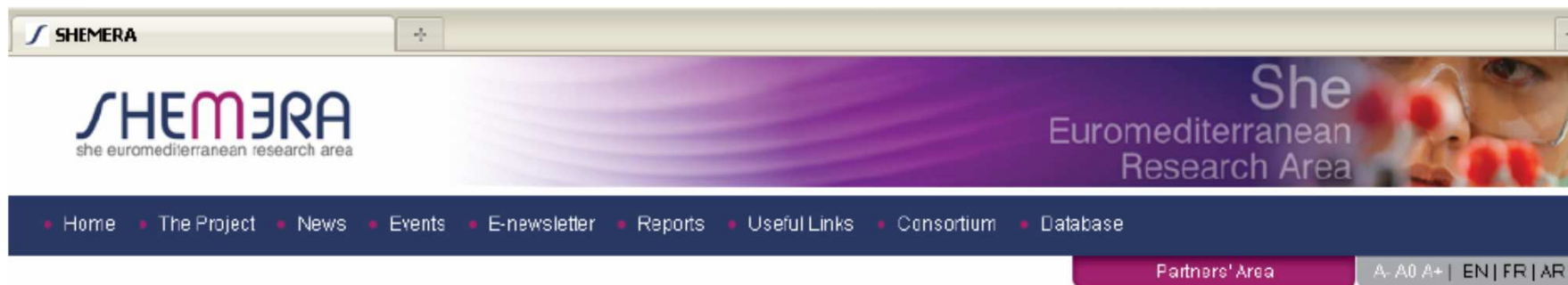
- to disseminate the final report of the project and discuss the policy recommendations (women in science, top scientific representatives and top institutional policy makers) – El Cairo, 2014



Strategic impact

- Increasing **knowledge** on gender issues in science in the MPCs
- Enabling further development of Euro-Mediterranean **research cooperation** in the field
- Increase **awareness** among policy makers and other relevant stakeholders
- **Empowerment** of women in science in the Mediterranean area

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Welcome to the SHEMERA project website!

The 1995 Barcelona Declaration recognised 'the key role of women in development' in the Mediterranean region, and the need 'to promote their active participation in economic and social life, and in the creation of employment'. During the 2006 Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference Strengthening the Role of Women in Society, the Euro-Mediterranean Ministers stressed that the equal participation of women and men in all spheres of life was a crucial element of democracy and confirmed that only by the inclusion of all people and through determined action will the region's women be able to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations and, by extension, contribute towards the realisation of the underlying objective of the Barcelona Declaration: the attainment of a common area of peace, stability and shared prosperity in the Mediterranean region. Given that the promotion of women in science is a key issue in the development of a Euro Mediterranean Research Area, the SHEMERA project aims to support Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in a joint effort to strengthen the role of women in science and indeed in all spheres of life. SHEMERA will represent a key contribution to increasing the knowledge base on gender and science issues in the Mediterranean Partner Countries, allowing further development of Euro-Mediterranean research cooperation in this field.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 7th European Conference on Gender Equality in Higher Education, 29 August 2012, Norway
- Beyond the glass ceiling - Women Rectors Across Europe: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities, 21-23 May 2012, Turkey
- Gender and Innovation- Maximising innovation potential through diversity in research organisations, 19-20 March 2012, Germany
- UNESCO Regional Conference on Current Challenges in Women's Health Care and Medical Research



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