

Dear Reader,

We have completed the second half of the 2nd year of the MED-Dialogue project and we are publishing our seventh issue of our Newsletter. Following the information posted in MED-Dialogue Newsletter (Issue 6) this Issue focuses on presenting the MED-Dialogue achievements and results of the project during October– December 2015.

Thank you for your interest in our work!
The MED-Dialogue team!

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2nd Focus Event on the Digital Agenda for the MPC

Dead Sea Jordan,
11&12 /10/2015

The emergence of the Digital Economy, based on the Internet that now has become much more than a means to communicate and is developing into a driver for a new digital market and at the same time is rapidly changing our social behaviour.

Many existing regulations are not geared to this new type of business, and Europe's response to this new digital challenge is The Digital Agenda for Europe, the DAE. Its main objective is to develop a digital single market in order to generate smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in Europe.

Can this DAE be a blueprint for the MPC? Some aspects are clearly more long-term and some achievements the EU has already realised still need to be accomplished in the Mediterranean

countries, but some time in future this region needs to think about a single market approach in order to improve their competitiveness in the global economy. Until that time it is important to have a close look at the more than 130 actions defined in the DAE, of which many are already now highly relevant for each country in the region, single market or not.

To get a better understanding of the ICT policy and regulatory needs in the region, a high level Advisory Group meeting with more than 20 senior experts from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon, coming from government, industry and academia, was held at the Marriott Dead Sea on October 11 and 12. The experts developed a clear positioning of the MPC in terms of the DAE and provided the input for the first policy recommendations.

Both documents are available for download on www.Med-Dialogue.eu.

MED-Dialogue @
ICT Conference of Expotech 2015,
@PICCIT 2015 Conference
Palestine, October 2015

MED-Dialogue participated at two important events in Palestine during October 2015:

- At the ICT Conference of Expotech 2015, Ramallah, MED-Dialogue participated at the round-table on "Academia – Industrial Relationship".
- At the PICCIT 2015 Conference, Hebron, MED-Dialogue was invited for a keynote speech on "ICT Perspectives in the South Mediterranean Region"

MED-Dialogue @ ClusMed Final Conference:
**"ICT Regulations for
e-transformation in support of
Societal Challenges"**
Tunisia, 17 /11/2015

MED-Dialogue actively participated at the Final Conference of ICT-Cluster project ClusMed that was held in conjunction with the ICT4ALL 2015 event in Hammamet, Tunisia. MED-Dialogue was involved at the round-table "e-transformation" discussion and moderated the working group on ICT regulations for Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy.

“What digital shift for Algeria” Workshop

Algeria, 25/10/2015

Med-Dialogue was present in the workshop “What digital shift for Algeria?” Organised by the NGO “NABNI” (New Ideas to Build Our Algeria) on 25 October 2015 in Algiers. Mr Mokhtar Ben Abdelatif gave an overview of the Med-Dialogue activities and informed the audience about the 2nd training & awareness event, which were held jointly with “Mosaic” project on 3 & 4 November 2015 at University of Blida. The attendees mainly discussed the ICT status in Algeria.

The outcomes of the workshop may be summarised as follows: 1) Algeria holds the lacklustre world ranking of 131/144 in ICT; 2) Algeria has a great technological backwardness in ICT field; the proof is that Internet has been seriously disturbed following a cut of a submarine fibre optic cable linking Algeria to France that



occurred on 22 October; 3) Algeria has a great backwardness in E-services (E-payment does not exist yet) 4) In the field of Telephony and Internet, there's no competition, the public firm “Algérie Telecom” (AT) has the total monopoly.

It has been compared to a “sleeping giant”. While the infrastructure is fairly adequate, the content does not follow; Government and ministries do not trust the local start-ups;

MED-Dialogue H2020 ICT Awareness & Training Events 2015

With nearly 190 participants in total, the MED-Dialogue H2020 ICT Awareness and Training Events were successfully held in Palestine (Hebron, 6-7/10/2015), Algeria (Algiers, 3-4/11/2015), Tunisia (Tunis, 5-6/11/2015) and Morocco (Casablanca, 30/11-1/12/2015).

The agenda for this 2nd round of training was initially focused on the proposals ideas discussion and evaluation. However as many participants were newcomers this led to a shifting of the emphasis of the agenda to the introduction of H2020 and its rules.

Taking into consideration comments received during last year's events the focus was given to:



Reading and understanding the Calls
The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions for researchers mobility and
Practical exercises for proposal development with a detailed overview of the ICT-related topics across H2020.
Elaboration of Profiles

MED-Dialogue@ Forum

Sup' Com 2015

Algeria, 25/10/15

MED-Dialogue was present at the Forum Sup' Com 2015 which was held on 9 December 2015 in Tunis. Project flyers were distributed to the relevant participants. More information about the event can be found [here](#).

MED-Dialogue's Upcoming Events

- 1 Join the 2nd round of MED-Dialogue's Training & Awareness events in Jordan, Egypt, and Lebanon. More information can be found [here](#).
- 2 The second International Networking event of the project will be held in Morocco on 18-20 May 2016. Like the first event held in 2014 in Amman, we are expecting around 100 participants from all MPC and Europe.

Third international conference on Wireless Technologies embedded and intelligent Systems

(WITS-2016) will be organized by ENSA- Kenitra Morocco, 21-22 April, 2016.
<http://www.univ-ibntofail.ac.ma/ensak/wits2016/>

Tunisia Mobility Congress,

28 -29 January 2016, Tunisia
<http://www.tunisiamobilitycongress.com/>

Droidcon Tunisia

5-6 March 2016
<http://www.droidcon.tn/call-for-papers>

ICITA'16: International Colloquium on Information Technology: Theory and Applications

Meknes, Morocco.
February 18, 2016 ,
<http://www.fs-umi.ac.ma/~icita16/>

ICEMIS2016 The International Conference on Engineering & MIS

Agadir, Morocco. September 22-24, 2016
<http://www.iares.net/>

ICCDs'2016: 4th International Conference on Complex Dynamical Systems in Life Sciences: Modeling and Analysis

Agadir, Morocco. October 26-28, 2016
<http://www.cosylis.org/iccds2016/>

ATSIP2016: International Conference Advanced Technologies Signal & Image Processing

Agadir, Morocco. October 26-28, 2016
http://www.atms-researchgroup.com/atsip_2016

ICICS 2016: The 7th International Conference on Information and Communication Systems.

Irbid, Jordan. April 5-7, 2016
<http://www.icics.info/icics2016/>

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