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Human Development as a Driver of Cooperation In the 5+5 Dialogue

Common Challenges, Shared Management

Alger, Algérie, 25, 26 and 27 June 2018

Presentation

Almost three decades after the launch of the 5+5 Dialogue between the Western Mediterranean riparian countries, the unique nature of this area is very clear taking into account the challenges and complementarities shared by its ten member countries. In this respect, the MedThink 5+5 network of experts aims to be a lever of cooperation in this area of porous borders. Following the invitation launched in the Malta Declaration of the 2nd Summit of Heads of State and Government of the 5+5 Dialogue Member States, in May 2016 the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) created this sub-regional network of reflection, supported by over 30 think tanks and public diplomacy institutions in order to foster synergies between experts from the Western Mediterranean.

In recent years, the MedThink 5+5 meetings, organised by the IEMed together with different network partners, have established an agenda increasingly focused on the core issues in the Western Mediterranean. In this framework, the fora and thematic seminars held to date have contributed to overcoming the limits inherent in intergovernmental relations and have devoted growing efforts to the issue of sustainable development while seeking a gradual interweaving with the 5+5 Dialogue agenda. The Algiers Declaration, which promotes *shared, sustainable and inclusive economic and social development regarding common challenges in the region*, adopted on 21 January 2018 on the occasion of the 14th Ministerial Meeting on Foreign Affairs of the 5+5 Dialogue, clearly shows this convergence. Moreover, the holding of the 3rd MedThink 5+5 Forum in the Algerian capital was a decisive turning point for a North-South alternation that wishes to be permanent in the future.

The aim of this Forum is to open a collective reflection on the growing interregional flows of people and resources, whose management can only be shared. Thus, the thematic corpus of the 3rd MedThink 5+5 Forum will be divided into four large blocks depending on the nature of these movements, their geographic location and their link with major regional development constraints, with special attention to youths. The first session will deal with the challenges of intraregional mobility from the perspective of rethinking the security-development binomial. Subsequently, the prevention of violent extremism will be addressed from the point of view of youth and women, who are key in short, medium and long-term responses against radicalisation and terrorism. The third session will reflect on the role of the water-energy-food security triangle in the 5+5 area. The fourth session will return to the youth community in the Western Mediterranean, particularly with regard to education and employment concerns. All these aspects will be discussed in a final roundtable with the objective of building an overall vision of the current state and prospects of regional cooperation in the Western Mediterranean.

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Day 1 – Monday 25 June 2018

17h30 Accreditations

18h00 Opening Session

“Human Development as a Driver of Cooperation in the 5+5 Dialogue”

Welcome Address by:

Liess Boukra, General Director, National Institute of Strategic Global Studies (NISGS), Algeria

Senén Florensa, President of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IE Med), Spain

Keynote speeches:

Abdelkader Messahel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Secretary General, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Eva Martínez, Director General for the Maghrib, Mediterranean and Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC), Spain

Taïeb Baccouche, Secretary General, Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)

19h30 Family photo

20h30 Dinner

Day 2 – Tuesday 26 June 2018

09h30 First Session

"From migration to mobility: inversion of the security-development relationship"

The flows of people in the Mediterranean have always provided the basis for its socioeconomic and cultural richness. However, the succession of unprecedented migration crises in the region has revealed that their management based exclusively on a security approach was not enough. Indeed, as stressed by the new roadmap of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), the profound causes of these crises must be dealt with before their management in the short term. In this respect, cooperation in the 5+5 area in the field of development and the synergies with the adjacent regional areas prove to be essential as a source of mutual enrichment and regional integration.



Chair: Javier Puig, Deputy Director General for Maghreb, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

Speakers:

Dahan Ahmed Mahmoud, Director, Institut Mauritanien des études stratégiques (IMES), Mauritania

Mourad Medjahed, Head of Department, Department of Research on Economic and Social Development Strategies, Evolution of Political Institutions and Transformation of Institutional Systems, National Institute for Global Strategy Studies (NIGSS), Algeria

Daniele Frigeri, Director, CeSPI, Italy

Roderick Pace, Jean Monnet Chair and Professor of International Relations and European Studies, Institut pour Études européennes, Malta

First reaction:

Abdelhak Bassou, Senior Researcher, OCP Policy Center, Morocco

Pedro Martínez-Avial, Managing Director, Casa Árabe, Espagne

Arezo Malakooti, Independent migration researcher. Former Senior Research & Data Analyst of the Global Migration Data Analysis Center, IOM

Mohamed Lessir, Expert in Geopolitics, Institut Tunisien des études stratégiques, Tunisia

11h30 Coffee Break

12h00 Second Session

"Towards a strengthened cooperation against terrorism and radicalisation: the role of youths in the 5+5 area"

In recent years, the manifestations of terrorism and violent extremism have largely increased in the Western Mediterranean. Youths, the privileged targets of the terrorist discourse, are among the main victims of these threats and have a key role to play in the short-, mid- and long-term responses to terrorism and radicalisation. In this framework, the UfM promotes a regional dialogue on strengthening the role of youths and women in the prevention of violent extremism while developing initiatives with a major impact to capitalise on the recognised potential of youths for stability and development in the region. This session will explore the strengthening of actions and tools committed to this in the 5+5 area.

Chair: Djillali El Mestari, Managing director, Centre de recherche en anthropologie sociale et culturel (CRASC), Algérie

Speakers:

Lina Blin, Director of Cabinet, Union the Mediterranean

Phinith Chanthalangsy, Programme Specialist, Youth, Social and Human Sciences Team, UNESCO

Jean-Marie Heydt, Former Executive President, North South Centre of the Council of Europe, Portugal



Hajer Sharief, Co-founder, "Together We Build It". Membre du UN Advisory Group for Progress Study on UNSCR2250, Libya

First reaction:

Matteo Pugliese, Associate Research Fellow, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI); OSCE Special Representative on Youth & Security, Italy

Abou El Mahassine Fassi-Fihri, Regional Director MENA, Search for Common Ground

Marc Hecker, Researcher, Center of Security Studies, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), France

Francesca Caruso, Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy

14h00 Lunch

15h30 Third Session

"The energy-water-food security triangle in the Western Mediterranean"

The *Water Strategy in the Western Mediterranean*, signed in 2015 by the 5+5 Dialogue members, as well as the actions led by the European Commission and the UfM in the fields of energy, the environment and the Blue Economy, reveal an awareness of the potential of the water-energy-food security triangle in terms of growth, innovation and creation of jobs as well as the risks related to their shared management in an environment particularly sensitive to the impact of climate change.

Chair: Miguel García-Herraz, Deputy Secretary General, Water, Environment and Blue Economy, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean

Speakers:

Octavi Quintana, Director, Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), Spain

Abdelmalek Faraj, Director, National Institute for Fisheries Research, Morocco

Hachmi Kennou, Executive Director, Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau (IME), France

Sidi Boubacar Sidi Ali, General Manager, Head office of Exploitation of the Halieutic Resources (DGERH), Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, Mauritania

First reactions:

Moncef Harrabi, President, Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie (OME). CEO of Société Tunisienne de l'Electricité et du Gaz, Tunisia

Céline Dubréuil, Water and Climate Change Programme Officer, Plan Bleu, France

Fettoum Lakhdari, Executive Director, Centre de recherche scientifique et technique sur les régions arides (CRSTRA/Biskra), Algeria

Desirée Quagliarotti, Researcher, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto Di Studi Sulle Società Del Mediterraneo (CNR-ISSM), Italy



Day 3 – Wednesday 27 June 2018

09h30 Fourth Session

"Youth, education and employment in the Western Mediterranean: an incomplete transition"

The transition of youths from education to employment is an issue that has taken on broad scope in the Western Mediterranean and is at the root of many crises in the region. Indeed, in a context in which the subjects of migration and radicalisation are the new priorities of the governments, youth employability is among the main challenges for the whole of the 5+5 area. Managing the whole of these issues proves to be essential for inclusive socioeconomic development in the region.

Chair: Marisa Farrugia, Ambassador, Special Envoy to the General Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean

Speakers:

Tahar Rahmani, General Delegate, L'Agence de l'Entrepreneuriat en Méditerranée (ACIM), France

Yacine Belarbi, Director, Centre de Recherche en Économie Appliquée pour le Développement (CREAD), Algeria

Rym Ayadi, Scientific Director, Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES), Tunisia

Haizam Amirah Fernández, Senior Researcher in the Mediterranean and Arab World, Real Instituto Elcano, Spain

First reactions:

Awad Ibrahim, Chairman, Libyan Organization of Policies & Strategies (LOOPS), Libya

Ronald G. Sultana, Director and Founder, EMCER. Professor of Educational Sociology and Comparative Education at the University of Malta, Malta

Hamed El Etreby, Economic Advisor, Enterprise Development and Employment, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean

Ahmed Driss, President, Centre des Etudes Méditerranéennes et Internationales (CEMI), Tunisia

11h30 Coffee Break

12h00 Round Table

"5+5 Dialogue: what margin for a ten-party reflection?"



The consolidation of this Forum as a privileged bridge between the key thematic lines of action of the 5+5 Dialogue shows that the community of interests of this sub-regional group has continued to grow. Yet the complexities inherent in intergovernmental relations are further increased by the juxtaposition of regional and bilateral agreements whose complementarities should be further strengthened.

Chair : Roger Albinyana, Director of Mediterranean Regional Policies and Human Development, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain

Speakers:

Ali Mokrani, Director of Cooperation with the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

Enrico Granara, Coordinator for Multilateral Affairs of the Mediterranean and Middle East of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Ridha Zguidane, Director of Euro-Mediterranean Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tunisia

Pierre Duquesne, Ambassador, Inter-ministerial Delegate for the Mediterranean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

First reaction:

Constantin Tsakas, Director General of the Mediterranean Institute, Secretary General of FEMISE, France

Ana Santos Pinto, Researcher, Institut Portugais de Relations Internationales (IPRI), Research Associate, National Defence Institute, Portugal

Larabi Jaïdi, Professor, Université Mohammed V, Morocco

13h30 Lunch

17h00 Final remarks and closing

Liess Boukra, General Director, National Institute of Strategic Global Studies (NISGS), Algeria

Representative, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Josep Ferré, Managing Director, acting Director General, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain

Eva Martínez, Director General for the Maghrib, Mediterranean and Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC), Spain

Ali Mokrani, Director of Cooperation with the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

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