

MOBILISE

Morocco and the EU: strengthening bilateral links in innovation and science for economy

7th FP, FP7-INCO-Coordination and Support Action « MOBILISE »

Philosophy and objectives

This program aims to strengthen and bring closer the research and innovation system in Morocco and the European Research Area. Morocco is strongly committed to strengthening and intensifying bilateral initiatives and programs in the field of S & T, this to prepare and define joint activities on common topics of interest to improve the industry oriented S & T cooperation between the EU and Morocco, to set up a joint collaboration and networking technology platforms and research laboratories.

The project including expected results: the development of a strategic framework for the implementation of the plan R & D from Morocco to 2020 and the involvement of the Moroccan diaspora to support joint initiatives (joint research projects, creation of multinational joint research centers, etc...).

Partners

Partners are: Ministry of National Education, Scientific Research and Executive Training, Technical Direction of Research and Innovation, Morocco (coordinator), CNRST Morocco, Morocco R & D Association, Verein Euresearch Switzerland, University of Aix Marseille / Tethys, Aster Italy, UNIMED, Italy, VDI / VDE Innovation and Technik GmbH Germany, Foundation for Knowledge Madrid Spain.

The project MOBILISE today

This project follows a first cooperation project EU / Morocco, M2ERA "Morocco to European Research Area" (January 2009-May 2012: 500 K€ over 3.5 years), whose objectives were: improving Morocco's participation within European programmes; training Moroccan specialists (NCP national contact point), assessment of the activity of research and collaborations with Europe; linking of Moroccan and European research laboratories on priority themes in Morocco.

Tethys, AMU co-organized (as a co-leader of the project's WP4) with the Ministry of National Education, Scientific Research and Executive Training, Technical Direction of Research and Innovation, Morocco (Leader of the project's WP4) meeting involving Moroccan and Moroccan diaspora representatives on 24th and 25th of February 2015 at the University of Lorraine, Nancy. Purpose of the meeting: defining the modalities for launching centers / platforms joint research.

Inventory: MOBILISE with some figures

This project supported by the European Union to the tune of 750 K€ over 3 years (2012-2015) is coordinated by the Ministry of National Education, Scientific Research and Executive Training, Rabat, Morocco.

The kick-off meeting was held in Casablanca in November 2012. Next Management Board Meetings where held on: June 2013 in Bologna, Italy; February 2014 in Marseille, France; November 2014 in Berlin, Germany; May 2015 in Madrid, Spain. The final meeting mid-september 2015