

News

Barcelona, the new headquarters for a renewed drive

The main network of research centres on policy and security in the Mediterranean began a new stage after establishing its Secretariat in Barcelona at the [European Institute of the Mediterranean](#) (IEMed).



Comprising 63 institutes from 35 European and Mediterranean countries, as well as 28 observer institutes, the EuroMeSCo network (Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission) was created in 1996 for the joint and coordinated strengthening of research and debate on policy and security issues in the Mediterranean, aspects considered essential for the achievement of the objectives of Euro-Mediterranean policy.

At the extraordinary general assembly on Friday 19th November, the institutes of the network agreed to establish its secretariat in Barcelona both because of the Mediterranean centrality of the city, especially after becoming the headquarters of the Union for the Mediterranean in 2008, and the role that the IEMed can play in driving forward an ambitious work plan from Barcelona. Since 1996, this function had been carried out by the Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais (Lisbon) and the Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome).

New Governing Bodies

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 Senén Florensa, director general of the IEMed

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Articles and Analysis

By EuroMeSCo associate members

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 Senén Florensa, IEMed (Spain)
 Published in *La Vanguardia* (1/19/11)
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[Is Tunisia the first domino to fall?](#)
 Claire Spencer (Chatham House)
The Telegraph (1/16/11)

[The Tunisian Revolution: An Opportunity for Democratic Transition](#)
 Rym Ayadi, Silvia Colombo, Maria Cristina Paciello, Nathalie Tocci and Senén Florensa
 Commentary (1/21/11)

[La miopia di Italia e Francia sul futuro della Tunisia](#)
 Roberto Aliboni
Affari Internazionali
 (1/23/2011)

[Tunisie étonnante, Tunisie épatante](#)
 Bichara Khader
 Institut Européen de Recherche sur la Coopération Méditerranéenne et Euro-Arabe
 (1/2011)

[Tunisia: a chance for democracy](#)
 Álvaro de Vasconcelos
 EU Institute for Security Studies
 Analysis - January 2011

[Tunisia inspires North Africa](#)
 Fríde (Spain)

[Keys of a democratic revolt](#) (dossier)
 CIDOB (Spain)

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Centre Études Méditerranéennes Internationales (CEMI), Tunisia
Global Political Trends Centre (GPoT), Turkey
Groupement d'Etudes et de Recherches sur la Méditerranée (GERM), Morocco
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The Annual Conference advocates the recovery of political dialogue to advance the Union for the Mediterranean

Faced with the postponement of the 2nd Summit of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), the conference “Euromed + 15: New Paths of Cooperation Across the Mediterranean”, which took place on 19th November 2010, showed the need to recover political dialogue, build peace in the Middle East and activate the work of the UfM Secretariat to advance the Union for the Mediterranean. The conference took place at the Palau de Pedralbes organised by the IEMed and the EuroMeSCo network.



([Programme](#) of the conference)

The IEMed and the EuroMeSCo launch the network research program

Ten research works have been chosen among the proposals submitted to the IEMed and EuroMeSCo call for papers within the Research Program of the network. The authors, from research centres of eight countries, focus their attention on issues such as South-South cooperation, the relations of Turkey with the Middle East, the Mediterranean Solar Plan and the relations of Morocco and Israel with the EU.

[Research documents](#) submitted to the call for papers issued by the IEMed and the EuroMeSCo network in October 2010 and which have been finally selected by the jury.

The EuroMeSCo headquarters in Barcelona

[Tunisie : une réaction française ambiguë](#)

Iman Bahri
Institut Européen de Recherche sur la
Coopération Méditerranéenne et Euro-Arabe
(Belgium)

[Will it spread?](#)

Timo Behr, Researcher - The European
Union research programme
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[Nouvelles de Tunisie](#)

Jean François Coustillière, Consultant
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méditerranéennes
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[Révolution en Tunisie : une première](#)

Michel Tatu
Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique
(FRS)

[Tunisia només espera La Democràcia](#)

Lurdes Vidal, IEMed (Spain)
Published in ARA (1/16/11)

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By international press columnists

[Ali Baba gone, but what about the 40 thieves?](#)

The Economist (1/20/11)

[La semaine qui a fait tomber Ben Ali](#)

Olivier Piot
Le Monde Diplomatique (1/20/11)

[La révolution en Tunisie, source d'inspiration pour la Méditerranée](#)

Tewfik Allal, syndicaliste, Etienne Balibar,
professeur émérite de l'université Paris/X/
Nanterre, Fethi Benslama, psychanalyste, et
al.
Le Monde (1/19/11)

[Le syndrome tunisien](#)

El watan
(Algérie, 1/19/11)

[The Arab Gdansk](#)

Roger Cohen
New York Times (1/18/11)

[La lección de Túnez](#)

Sami Naïr
El País (1/18/11)

[Tunisia: A democratic roadmap](#)

Larbi Sadiki
AlJazeera.net (1/18/11)

[The brutal truth about Tunisia](#)

Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent
The Independent (1/17/11)

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Founded in 1989, the IEMed is a consortium comprising the Catalan Government, the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Barcelona City Council.

In accordance with the principles of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership's Barcelona Process, and today with the objectives of the Union for the Mediterranean the aim of the IEMed is to foster actions and projects which contribute to mutual understanding, exchange and cooperation between the different Mediterranean countries, societies and cultures as well as to promote the progressive construction of a space of peace and stability, shared prosperity and dialogue between cultures and civilisations in the Mediterranean.

Adopting a clear role as a think tank specialised in Mediterranean relations based on a multidisciplinary and networking approach, the IEMed encourages analysis, understanding and cooperation through the organisation of seminars, research projects, debates, conferences and publications, in addition to a broad cultural programme.

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Financial Times (1/16/11)

La Tunisie, entre fragilité et espoir

Au Fait

(Maroc, 1/16/11)

Tunisia and the New Arab Media Space

Marc Lynch

Foreign Policy (1/15/11)