

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

between

Center EMUNI and CREMO

The **University Center for Euro-Mediterranean Studies** (hereinafter referred to as the EMUNI), which is a public institution, established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on 11 October 2007 and represented by its Director, Assoc. Prof. Nada Trunk Širca.

And

The **Center of Studies and Research for East Mediterranean** (CREMO), which is a no profit association, represented by the Rector of the University of the Aegean, Professor Andreas I. Troumbis.

Premises

Principal aims of EMUNI are to overcome boundaries and differences, as well as build a mutual understanding among Euro-Mediterranean countries; to create an academic network with partner higher education and research institutions based on the mobility of knowledge; to establish an international University – the Euro-Mediterranean University.

Through its network of member universities and Institutes take part of the Union for the Mediterranean, CREMO aims to promote research in the areas of conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage, environment, local and regional security and migration issues, to make proposals on the political and economic dimension of relations between the European Union and its Mediterranean partner countries. CREMO aims to be one of the main pillars of EMUNI in the East Mediterranean.

CREMO and EMUNI the Parties wish to cooperate in terms of supporting research and training projects conducted in academic institutions, the exchange of expertise and traineeship policies; and they have agreed the following:

Article I

The premises are a part of this Convention

Article II

Objective of this Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding covers cooperation in the field of academic research and training with the aim to enhance a better understanding of inter cultural dialogue issues in the region and at giving support to the Euro-Mediterranean partnership.

Article III

Areas of cooperation

The Parties intend to cooperate, in devising and establishing programmes to be agreed between EMUNI and CREMO for research and training, as well as for the receipt of trainees, the award of scholarships and prizes, and for the carrying-out of specific studies.

EMUNI and CREMO intend to collaborate to realize action programmes aimed at promoting the external relations of EMUNI with the Universities belonging to CREMO network.

In this context, the following actions are envisaged:

Article IV
CREMO Contribution

In order to promote EMUNI activities among CREMO Universities' network and to enhance training and research programme CREMO will:

- a) promote EMUNI image towards the Mediterranean and European partners
- b) identify, together with the EMUNI staff, sources of financing
- c) CREMO will include, in its multi-annual programme of research and activities, subjects in line with EMUNI priorities;
- d) CREMO will, upon request of EMUNI, provide services, as research and training, in order to allow EMUNI to conduct studies and activities on subject directly linked to CREMO network.
- e) CREMO will, upon request of EMUNI, propose experts to come and speak on a given topic at the courses held by the EMUNI University;
- f) CREMO will, upon request of EMUNI, use all reasonable efforts to make arrangements with its Universities' Network willing to receive an EMUNI staff member for an agreed period of time to carry out a research project agreed upon between EMUNI and the relevant University belonging to CREMO network
- g) act as a "preferred vehicle" for the dissemination of information in the Mediterranean area of EMUNI University's Programmes, through: the organisation of workshops; the publication of a newsletter mainly addressed to academic researchers and experts, the publication on the CREMO website, in accordance with CREMO's dissemination rules, of various reports about the EMUNI Activities, including a direct link to the EMUNI website.

Article V
EMUNI's contribution

In accordance with its rules and procedures, EMUNI intends to provide the following resources to carry out the activities agreed together:

- a) EMUNI will support CREMO by allowing it, so long as this Memorandum of Understanding remains in force, to mention EMUNI's name and to use its official logo for the "labelling" of CREMO's activities in the areas of cooperation mentioned in this Article II.
- b) EMUNI will contribute with its staff members, experts and consultants to the activities of research and training of CREMO;
- c) acceptance of trainees, put forward by the Universities belonging to CREMO network, in accordance with a profile established by common agreement between EMUNI and CREMO.
- d) EMUNI will promote, in collaboration with CREMO, a dedicated prize for a prominent research in the Mediterranean basin through the organisation of summer schools. For this purpose a dual commission of for persons will be set up.

Article VI
Consultation

At the request of a Party, the other Party shall enter promptly into consultations with it on any matter related to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article VII
Entry into force and duration

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day on which it is signed by the two Parties and shall remain in force unless it is terminated either by mutual agreement or by one of the Parties by announcing such termination to the other Party in writing three months in advance.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, measures shall be taken to ensure that the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding is not detrimental to any activity or programme conducted under it.

Article VIII

Resolution of disputes

Any dispute resulting from, or connected to this Memorandum of Understanding, including the interpretation or application of any clause included herein, shall be settled amicably between the Parties.

Article IX
Amendments

For any project EMUNI and CREMO will sign a contract regarding the obligations and the financial frameworks.

The Parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed in two originals in the English language.

Rhodos, 24 October 2008

Signed for and on behalf of the
EMUNI
Prof. Nada Trunk Sirca
Director
Center EMUNI



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