

NextMed Conference: from ENPI to ENI

What role for cross-border cooperation in the new European Neighbourhood Policy?

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Committee of the Regions

Jacques Delors building

Rue Belliard 99-101 / Room JDE 51 (5th floor)

Agenda

- 10.00 – 11.00** Registration of participants, welcome coffee and visit to the poster session dedicated to the projects funded under ENPI CBC Med Programme
- 11.00 – 11.15** Inauguration of the poster session by European Commissioner **Johannes Hahn**
- 11.15 – 12.00** **First session: what role for cross-border cooperation in the new European Neighbourhood Policy?**

Moderated by

Franco Zallio, senior economist

Welcome address

Gianmario Demuro, Regional Minister for Institutional Relations, Human Resources and Public Administration Reforms, Autonomous Region of Sardinia

Speeches

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

Raouf Saad, Ambassador, Chairman of the National Steering Bureau for the implementation of Egypt-EU Partnership Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

Moufida Jaballah Srarfi, Director General of cross-border cooperation with the European Union, Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Tunisia

12.00 – 13.20 **Second session: focus on the ENPI CBC Med Programme and its projects**

Moderated by

Bodil Persson, Head of Sector Cross Border Cooperation, DG NEAR, European Commission

Introduction

Achievements of the ENPI CBC Med Programme and perspectives in the framework of the 2014-2020 period

Anna Catte, Director of the Joint Managing Authority, ENPI CBC Med Programme

The projects: addressing common challenges and sharing common solutions

RUWOMED: Supporting women's participation in economic life - **Kirsten Sutherland**, manager of Middle East Desk Office at Assembly of Cooperation for Peace, Spain

Experience of Suad M. A. Aruri, member of a rural cooperative in Palestine

BIO-XPLORE: Connecting environment, research and business - Prof. **Bertold Fridlender**, President of Hadassah Academic College, Israel

Experience of Omri Duev, biotechnology graduate student, Hadassah Academic College

LACTIMED: Fostering the development of Mediterranean dairy sector - **Aurélien Baudoin**, Anima Investment Network

Experience of Kamel Mabrouki, regional director at "Banque Nationale Agricole", Tunisia

Capitalizing on ENPI CBC Med projects and building new cooperation networks in the Mediterranean region - Dr. **Alaa Ezz**, Secretary General, Federation of Egyptian Chambers, Confederation of Egyptian European Business Associations, and Union of Mediterranean Chambers

13.20 – 13.30 **Closing remarks** by **Henri Malosse**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee