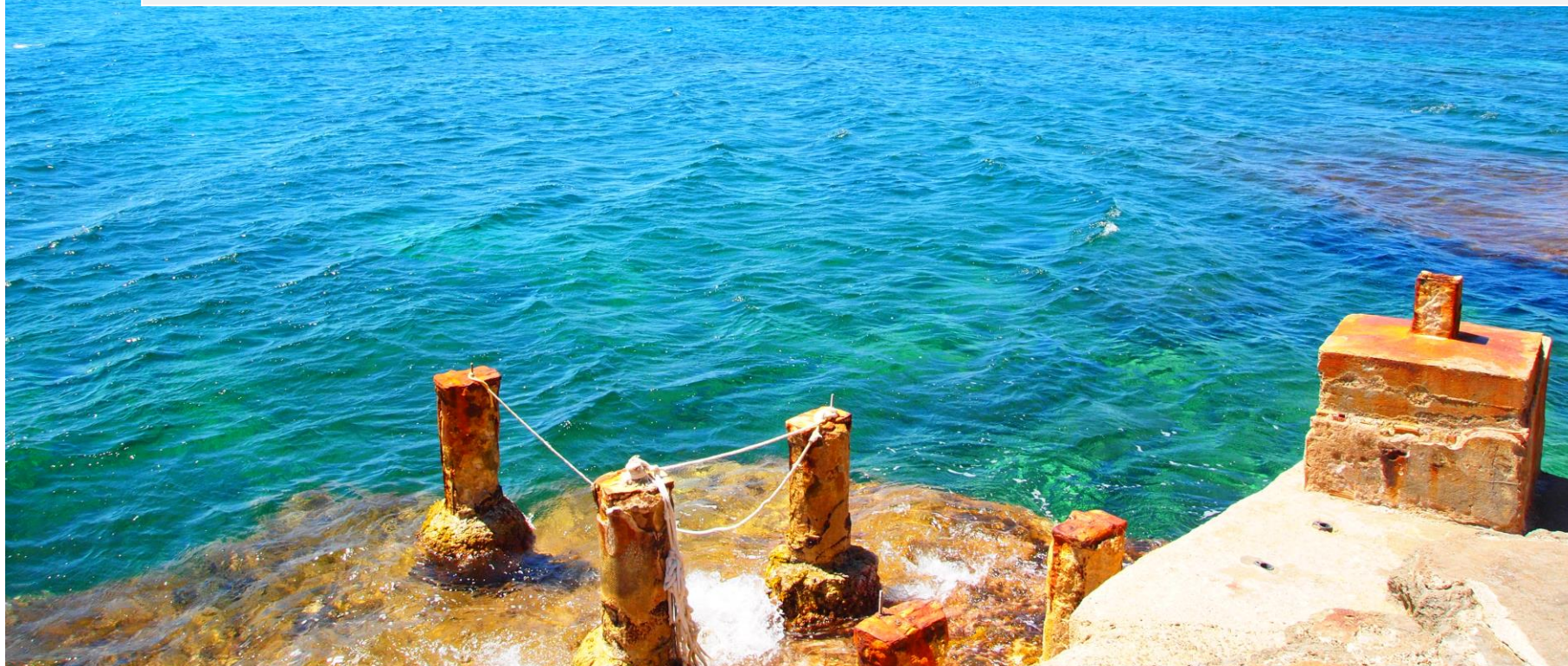




Mediterranean Common House



CONCEPT

Deciding to live in “common houses” means operating a true cultural leap. It means choosing intentionally respect instead of contrast, sharing goals rather than single interests, cooperation to antagonism, personal and social responsibility instead of predestined planes.

It means choosing a specific vision of the world.

The Mediterranean has always been “a common house”, where goods, books, ideas and visions have circulated. This small sea is depository of knowledge and practices that come from the most amazing civilizations of the world, from the Egyptians to the Phoenicians, from the Greeks to the Romans, and then the Byzantine Empire, the Islamic Caliphate, the Ottoman Empire, the Italian maritime republics, the great European empires and then the national states, and so on. In these millenniums of history, an immense scientific, philosophical, educational, religious and spiritual, legal and political environment of incomparable prosperity has been established, which has to be reclaimed, harmonized and adapted to modernity to offer extraordinary foundation for a new civilization.

Hence the idea of re-thinking a new Mediterranean civilization, based on the deep understanding of our own system of values and principles that we call “Mediterranean Awareness”.

The first step is therefore to establish a community of women and men looking for a new vision of the world, founding a “MEDITERRANEAN COMMON HOUSE.”

Intellectuals, designers, scientists, politicians, business leaders, local government officials, professionals, men and women committed in social issues: a community that can communicate and know each other, that can share experiences and researches, reshaping scenarios and values system. Men and women who, as Mediterranean citizens, can recognize themselves in the “Manifesto of the Mediterranean Civilization”.

MCH NETWORK

MCH – Mediterranean Common House is a Network of Institutes, Universities, Research Centres, Foundations, Associations, which work on Mediterranean issues and cooperate in a new process of Mediterranean integration.

The project aims to promote concrete spaces for dialogue and reflection throughout the Mediterranean, with the goal of stimulating a common sensibility to establish a climate of peace, respect and mutual understanding, fruitful exchanges, stability in relations and mutual cooperation.

A community of women and men who share the same values.

It aims to involve in the process of “building” a common house both civil society and the authorities of the countries involved, in order to create a space for discussion at multiple levels, for giving continuously life to new ideas and for sharing intellectual and human experiences.

Up against the many conflicts and crises that the Mediterranean countries live, it is necessary to work with a constant and organized effort, in the direction of raising a new global vision, where the conflict resolution pass through diplomacy and civil comparison and where the old reasons of the opposition are replaced by those of development of new ideas and visions.

MEMBERS

Have already officially joined the network the following partners:

1. *Turkey:*
Observatory for Mediterranean Studies, Yasar University – MoU signed by Prof. Dr. Murat Barkan (Rector of Yasar University);
2. *Jordan:*
Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts – MoU signed by Khelid Khreis (Director General of JNG);
3. *Montenegro:*
Cultural Centre of Podgorica – MoU signed by Prof. Teresa Albano (President);
4. *Singapore:*
ICPVTR – Institute for Political Violence and terrorism Research – MoU signed by Prof. Dr. Rohan Gunaratna (Head ICPVTR);
5. *Tunisia:*
Green University Foundation – MoU signed by Dr. Khaled Chouket (President of FGU);
6. *Tunisia:*
RAA-INAT- Université de Cathage – MoU signed by Dr. Djemali M'naouer (Director of Laboratories RAA);
7. *Morocco:*
UIR – Université Internationale de Rabat – MoU signed by Prof. Dr. Nouredine Mouaddib (President of UIR);
8. *China - Shanghai:*
SIIS – Shanghai Institute for International Affairs – MoU signed by Prof. Chen Dongxiao (Director of SIIS);
9. *Greece:*
MOHA – Mohammed Ali Research Center – MoU signed by Ms. Anna Missirian-Tzouma (President of MOHA);
10. *Cyprus:*
EMU – Eastern Mediterranean Univeristy – MoU signed by Prof. Needet Osam (Rector of EMU);
11. *United Arab Emirates:*
ECSSR – The Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research– MoU signed by Dr. Jamal S. Al-Suwaidi (Director General of ECSSR).

IASEM INSTITUTE

IASEM, Institute of High Euro Mediterranean Studies, is an independent institute born in 2011 in the legal form of a NO PROFIT association with the aim to contribute in supporting policies in cooperation, economic interactions and cultural exchanges in Mediterranean areas, as geopolitical and geo-economic zones are meant to become one of the most important points of convergence for decision-making and global renewal in the next decades.

IASEM intends to contribute to the creation of a shared Euro-Mediterranean space, through specific actions which include:

- **Promotion of research and studies in the following areas: International Relations, Cultures and Religions, Economics and trade, Migration flows.**
- **Higher Education by organizing seminars, summer and winter schools, developing a forte in strategic basis for cooperation in the Mediterranean.**
- **Cultural exchanges, by substantiating partnerships and agreements between institutions, companies, universities, research centres and associations.**
- **Consulting on international exchange projects, involving mainly Europe, Maghreb, Near East, Middle East and the Gulf countries.**

IASEM uptakes the scientific and cultural collaboration by international researchers and Mediterranean experts, raising and maintaining every event at a high scientific level with a strong, realistic and practical character.

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