



Conference

An Open Future for Mediterranean Higher Education

**Rome 10 October 2018
9.00-16.30**



Venue

Orto Botanico
Largo Cristina di Svezia, 24 - Rome (Italy)



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This event is organised as part of OpenMed (www.openmedproject.eu/), an Erasmus+ project aimed at raising awareness and facilitating the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices (OEP) in the South-Mediterranean countries, with a particular focus on Higher Education in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Palestine.

Scope

This conference represents the final event of the OpenMed project “Opening up Education in South-Mediterranean Countries” which gathers together every partner institutions participating in the project, as well as the members of the UNIMED SubNetwork in eLearning and Open Education.

The rationale for initiating OpenMed, is that in the South-Mediterranean countries, the demand for accessing Higher Education (HE) often exceeds the capacity in the existing HE systems, and therefore the use and integration of Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices (OEP) are feasible ways to increase the access to learning opportunities, alongside with promoting equity, inclusion and democratisation of higher education. Widening participation in HE by fostering OER adoption is indeed a strategic priority for the Open Education movement.

Over the last 3 years, OpenMed has contributed greatly to place Open Education in the educational agenda in the region, by working together with partner institutions and the global Open Education movement. OpenMed has reviewed Open Education initiatives at global and regional level, towards fostering policy development throughout national dialogues, providing training for educators in the form of an open course on open education fundamentals and approaches, as well as equipping innovation centers for Open Education, and developing institutional action plans and recommendations for HE leaders and policy makers in the region.

Furthermore, within the discussion of the project results, the conference will encourage future collaboration amongst project partners and stakeholders working on Open Education in HE, reviewing their visions on the future of Open Higher Education in the Mediterranean.

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Programme

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9.00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
9.30	Welcome Marcello Scalisi, UNIMED Amr Ezzat Salama, Secretary General of AArU
9.45	What may have happened if OpenMed had not occurred? The OpenMed results and Recommendations Cristina Stefanelli, UNIMED, with the contribution of the OpenMed partners
10.15	Pitches: Visions on the future of Open Higher Education in the Mediterranean Participating universities briefly sketch their commitment and strategy to open-up their educational offer <i>Moderation:</i> Rania Qazim & Osama Mimi, Birzeit University
11.10	Interactive exhibition and breakout workshops methodology Katherine Wimpenny, Coventry University
11.15	<i>Coffee Break & interactive exhibition</i>
11.45	Breakout Parallel Workshops A: New Technology Trends in Open Education Aiming at discussing how technology trends can influence open education in the Mediterranean region <i>Moderation:</i> Adiy Tweissi, PSUT B: Designing Open Education policies and strategies Aiming at discussing which kind of public and institutional policies are needed to open up education in the Mediterranean region <i>Moderation:</i> Saida Affouneh, ANNU & Javiera Atenas, Open Education Working Group
13.00	<i>Networking Lunch</i>
14.15	Results of the Workshops
15.00	Closing Debate <i>Moderation:</i> Seddik Tawfik, Alexandria University, Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mashhoor Al-Refai, President of PSUT, Jordan- Mohammad Adarbeh, Vice-President for academic affairs, ANNU, Palestine- Khalid Berrada, Director of the Center for Pedagogical Innovation, UCA, Morocco- Daniel Burgos, Vice-rector for Knowledge Transfer, UNIR/UNESCO, Spain- Anita Tabacco, Rector's Delegate for Simplification, Politecnico di Torino, Italy Q&A with the panelists
16.30	Closing
16.30-18.00	<i>Open networking space at the Botanical Garden</i>

About OpenMed

The overarching goal of OpenMed is to raise awareness and facilitate the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices (OEP) in the South Mediterranean region, with a particular focus on Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Palestine.

OpenMed fosters the role of universities as knowledge providers not only to their on-campus students but also beyond the walls of institutions, especially towards disadvantaged groups (e.g. low-income peoples, disabled students, people living in rural areas, learners at risk of low achievement, refugees).

Members of the Consortium

- UNIMED, Mediterranean Universities Union, Italy (coordinator)
- POLITO, Politecnico di Torino, Italy
- UNIR, Universidad Internacional de La Rioja, Spain
- US, University of Seville, Spain
- COV, Coventry University, UK
- CU, Cairo University, Egypt
- AU, Alexandria University, Egypt
- UCA, Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco
- UIZ, Université Ibn Zohr, Morocco
- BZU, Birzeit University, Palestine
- ANNU, An-Najah National University, Palestine
- AArU, Association of Arab Universities, Jordan
- GJU, German Jordanian University, Jordan
- PSUT, Princess Sumaya University for Technology, Jordan

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