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## 1. Executive Summary/Abstract

The GO-EuroMed project consortium held its third Workshop in Amman from 3-5 May 2007. The meeting was hosted by Dr. Ibrahim Saif and the staff of the Center for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan.

The Workshop was attended by all eight partner institutes. The workshop focused on two Working Packages: 'Regional Integration in the MENA' and 'Demography, Migration and Culture'. The overall research design of 'Stage II' of the project was also discussed. Each of the working package coordinators made a presentation about the overall objective of the working package (i.e. what is the story they are telling), and how each paper in the working package contributes to this overall objective. It was encouraging that the partners were significantly further advanced in their work than at the same time last year. The workshop concluded with a session discussing how the website could better be utilised to improve communication and coordination between the partners.

## 2. Workshop Programme

### 2.1. Programme

GO-EuroMed, 3rd Workshop, Amman May 3-4, 2007, Center for Strategic Studies- University of Jordan	
TIME	PROGRAMME
<b>Wednesday 02.07</b>	Arrival of participants
20:00	Welcome dinner at Fakhr El-Din restaurant
<b>Thursday 03.07</b>	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome/introduction (Ibrahim Saif)
10:15 – 10:30	GO-EuroMed Project Implementation 2007 (Mark Furness)
10:30 – 13:00	Discussion of “Stage II” research design  Chair: Anne Lavigne (Germany) 10:30-10:40: Overview (Pablo Gándara, Germany) 10:40-11:00: WP6 (Short Presentation by Turkey) 11:00-11:30: <i>Coffee break</i> 11:30-11:50: WP7 (Short Presentation by Morocco) 11:50-12:10: WP8 (Short Presentation by Jordan) 12:10-12:30: WP9 (Short Presentation by France) 12:30-13:00: WP10 (Short Presentation by Germany/Spain)

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	WP8: "Trade and Regional Integration in the MENA" Chair: Bahri Yilmaz Presentation: Thoraya El-Rayyes; Jordan
14:30 – 15:00	WP8: "Factor Movements and Regional Integration in the MENA" Chair: Alfonso Rincon Presentation: Khalil Gebara; Lebanon
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:00	WP8: "Common Infrastructure and Regional Integration" Chair: Anne Lavigne Presentation: Pablo Gándara; Germany
20:00	<i>Dinner</i>

<b>Friday 08.09</b>	
<b>9:30-10:00</b>	WP9 "Demographic changes: inventory and analysis" Chair: Mark Furness Presentation: Patricia Argerey; Spain
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	WP9: "Cultural values and public policies in education and research" Chair: Khalil Gebara Presentation: Anne Lavigne; France, Morocco
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	WP9: "Demographic changes and migration: aging and remittances challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean area" Chair: Ola Galek Presentation: Anne Lavigne; France
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	GO-EuroMed Project Dissemination 2007 (Matthias Keese, Germany)
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	Closing Remarks and Summary (Mark Furness and Ibrahim Saif)
<b>Saturday 09.09</b>	
<b>7:00-20:30</b>	Cultural event (group visit to Petra)

### 3. List of Participants

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#### 4. **Welcome/introduction** (Ibrahim Saif)

#### 5. **Minutes: GO-EuroMed Project Implementation 2007** (*Mark Furness, DE*)

##### 5.1. Congratulations to Prof. Yilmaz

##### 5.2. Letter of Prof. Bolle

##### 5.3. Egyptian partner

- reallocation of work 2007/08
- conference → to be hosted in Madrid (by ES)
- conference and workshop: two events on one date? (Feb 08, Madrid?)
- ES asks for announcement six months before event takes place
- hosting of workshop will be discussed after workshop Amman
- coordination WP10 → by ES and DE
- general contributions/research
- WP7, WP10, WP13 → LB, MO, JO
- requires contract amendment
- experts from EG are to be contacted
- presentation of two papers
- possible contact: Central Bank of Egypt

#### 6. **Minutes: Discussion of “Stage II” research design, chair: Prof. Lavigne/FR**

##### 6.1. **Overview by Pablo Gándara/DE**

- WP Coordinators should:
  - Look after coherence and define a common bottom line of the single contributions.
  - Define assumptions and hypothesis.
  - Clarify research design.
  - Ensure that WP contents focus on the Annex 1 objectives.
- Experience with summary of key findings 2006 – EC requests.
- Co-Author and Cooperation: Feel free.
- Communicate.

##### 6.2. **WP6: Presentation by Turkey**

- main intention: measuring the economic impacts of EU-Enlargement on MPCs
  - comments:
    - Coherence, what is the story? (Pablo Gándara/DE)
    - Lack of will of the EU to activate peace process; difficult to find a main line between economic and political aspects; EMP is declining since enlargement (Sibel Oktay/TR)
    - First step: find results; second step: define bottom line (by July) (Prof. Yilmaz/TR)
    - We cannot have a bottom line before research has been completed (Prof. Lavigne/FR)
    - Common hypothesis and common introduction are possible (Dr. Saif/JO)
    - Bottom line is a common question, not the answer, so it can possibly be predefined (Thierry Baudasse/FR).

##### 6.3. **WP7 Presentation by Morocco**

- Introduction

- Report 1 (The Warsaw School of Economics, Poland),
  - Economic reforms,
  - Political reforms.
- Report 2 (Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans- LEO, France),
  - International initiatives in the Mediterranean space (Cristina BOBOC),
  - Democracy, market and governance: the political economy of reforms in MPC (Christophe Lavalie),
- Report 3 (IEAPS, Morocco),
  - Impacts of reforms,
  - Measurement of impacts using different indices.
- Synthetic Report
  
- Comments:
  - PL agrees to formulate a bottom line.
  - How can all this be achieved?; papers will not reflect the whole complexity and all developments; WP7 and WP10 may overlap (NATO as a pushing power like the EU; how to measure the impacts of reforms (LB)
  - Suggestions by JO: compare socioeconomic before and after the reforms; set indicators; pick and choose reforms and their success; difficulty to measure impacts of reforms; what kind of analysis is intended?; econometric analysis may lead to funny and varying results; limit cases: compare e.g. PL and JO (impact of EU, speed, outcome of reforms); ambitious agenda, but focus on reforms in 2008 → possible linkages
  - plan order makes sense: 1. descriptive analysis, 2. theory, 3. econometric analysis; but: put part 2.1 to descriptive analysis (1. part)
  - econometric analysis will bring limited and probably disappointing results (number of countries is limited); so: is econometric analysis really necessary? (JO)

#### 6.4. WP8: Presentation by Jordan

- descriptive literature review; a lot of agreements: efforts without success; stylised facts (to be discussed in the afternoon)
- Trends in intra-regional trade
  - Significant decline of Jordan's export intensity to the region.
  - There is a reasonable level of overall merchandise trade integration (except Israel)
  - Arab MPCs much more integrated with each other than with Turkey
  - Some potential for increasing trade, especially Maghreb-Eastern Mediterranean **BUT** should not expect dramatic increases

#### 6.5. WP9: Presentation by France

- first paper: status quo of demographics; second paper: focus on education and research in southern countries (culture, not labor); third paper: migration as a win-win situation
- bottom line: how to make the demographic challenge a win-win situation (policies in the north due to aging; policies in the south due to brain-drain)
- Analysis → policy recommendations (open labor markets?)
- the "big questions" in the Euromed demographic debate:

- more jobs/labor markets
  - pension systems
  - remittances
  - brain drain
  - cultural problems (acceptance of migration)
- Comments:
- what about the institutional framework (four freedoms of ENP)?
  - this topic will not be considered (FR)
  - is possible cooperation with Annah-Lindh-Foundation (Cyprus and Turkey) on brain drain
  - migration in the region has two dimensions: towards the EU and towards the Gulf countries (in the case of Egypt, Syria, Jordan) (JO)

## 6.6. WP10 Presentation by Germany/Spain

- Presentation Mark Furness/DE
- Comments by Alfonso Rincón/ES
- security interests of EU and USA: conflicting or complementary?
  - security interests of Russia and China
  - instruments of cooperation (e.g. NATO)
  - policy recommendations
- Other comments:
- consider: perception of security, social beliefs, modernization, democratization (Sibel Oktay/TR)
  - which countries are to be examined (Iran, Israel, Gulf countries); define clearly what is MENA; security aspects are well coordinated in MENA (constant meetings, cooperation, elaborated level of coordination); how to deal with Israel and Iran (Dr. Saif/JO)
- Reply: we do include Iran and also the Middle East Peace Process (Mark Furness/DE)
- Different periods: until end of 1980s; until 9/11; after 9/11 (LB)
- Aftermath of 9/11 had impact on security perception and security coordination (JO)
- Definition of MENA: whole Middle East plus Iran plus Northern Africa (exclude Sudan) (Alfonso Rincón/ES; Mark Furness/DE agrees on that)

## 7. Minutes: Specific Discussion of Working Package 8

### 7.1. WP8: "Factor Movements and Regional Integration in the MENA", chair: Alfonso Rincón/ES

- Presentation: Khalil Gebara/LI
- Intention to make something different to the known research aspects
    - in the past: different approaches to build a common Arabic market
    - be critical
    - look beyond the official “box”
    - investments of Saudis, Kuwaitis, Iraqis
    - generally: views on integration are nationally biased
    - 1960s: more political than economic integration (idea of “brotherhood” dominated)
    - 1970s: oil shock: power shifted from Egypt, Syria, Iraq to the Gulf countries
  - Case of Lebanon:
    - Saudi money stabilizes exchange system
    - most of the money is unconditional (vs. IMF)



- Gulf states as donors
  - factors movements (capital) influence on political and economic systems
  - accepting money from foreign countries is a political decision!
  - impact of (untaxed) remittances
  - 40% of GDP in Lebanon comes from foreign sources (FDI, remittances)
  - also: labor movements: (Syrian workers in Lebanon)
- Comments:
- Distinguish between Levant and Gulf region; distinguish between private business and money that goes to the state; Lebanon/Syria issue is too complicated (Dr. Saif/JO)
  - Integration is a political decision; Lebanon/Syria is case of an enforced integration; traditional view: region vs. country vs. culture, but: what is the nation in the MENA? Non-taxation is a political decision (Khalil Gebara/LB)
  - Do you intend to treat the question if remittances foster regional integration and what their impact is?; two models of remittances exist: 1. Morocco, Tunisia, Northern Africa: time sequence (comparable to the case of the US and Mexico); 2. Middle East: political stability is important, taxation is a problem (FR)
  - Are remittances a strong or a weak instrument for regional integration? Emphasis on Levant countries (not Northern Africa) (Khalil Gebara/LB)
  - Investments are undertaken because of the rate of return, not because of a political decision, in the private sector they are economically motivated (Dr. Saif/JO).
  - Lebanon is not the rule but just an extreme case of political motivated investments (Khalil Gebara/LB)

### **7.2. WP8: "Trade and Regional Integration in the MENA", chair: Prof. Yilmaz/TR**

- Presentation: Thoraya El-Rayyes/JO
  - review of the historical approaches to regional integration in the Arab world
  - literature review
  - analysis of the status quo
  - just MENA, not the gulf countries
  - inner-MENA-trade is not that low (about 20%)
  - Morocco and Tunisia as benchmarks
  - informal barriers because of institutional weakness
  - reasons for these developments: no export diversification, are there EU-incentives to foster inner-MENA-trade
- Comments:
  - What about an econometric analysis to find out what determines trade choosing two examples? (TR)
  - Trade is not a new topic; was already treated last year (Pablo Gándara/DE)

### **7.3. WP8: "Common Infrastructure and Regional Integration", chair: Anne Lavigne**

- Presentation: Pablo Gándara; Germany
  - Linking Energy integration and economic integration as vehicle for spill-over effects on trade and investment
  - Can energy be an effective vehicle for regional integration in the EMP?
  - Approach: Game theoretical (two level games, prisoners dilemma) analysis of actors, interests, preferences and institutional settings for assessing lobbies and national egoisms (Roelfsema 2004, Richardson 2001, Patterson 1997, Baldwin 2002, Tsebelis 2003, Nalebuff 2000)

- Energy dependencies on EuroMed producing, transit and consuming countries
- Introducing energy challenges and potential for cooperation: the changing energy landscape of EuroMed
- The trade offs: Security of supply, competitiveness and environmental issues
- Interests and preferences of regional actors: a cluster analysis
- The institutional framework: instruments and actors for fostering energy integration: EIB (FEMIP), private stakeholders
- Hypothesis:
  - The stronger the energy interdependence between EU-MPCs the higher potential for institutional cooperation.
  - Harmonizing the energy sector in the EU is not a prerequisite for north-south integration. However, this would boost horizontal integration in both regions.
  - Energy producers and consumers on both sides of the Mediterranean basin have complementary preferences: therefore there is a strong likelihood for integration.
- Data and Analysis:
  - Dependent variables: Policy Convergence (**E**nergy **P**olicy **I**ndex)
  - Independent variables: Energy (Inter)dependencies (Volume), Energy Integration Degree within the EU (interconnection), solidarity mechanism?!
  - Problem: How to prove a causal relationship between the variables.
- Comments:
  - Include Russia and its role for gas supply (Thierry Baudasse/FR)
  - Include also the Black Sea region, the Caucasus and the ENP; EU's interest towards the East dominate its interests towards the South (Sibel Oktay/TR)
  - Polish team (Pawel Czerpak) will work on Russia and Caucasus; solidarity between whom?; solidarity means energy integration; common European energy policy?; include the Gulf states for integration? (PL)
  - Is Russia important to deal this question? this can be linked, do not ignore it; MENA countries have no motivations for regional integration in energy (except maybe Jordan and Syria) (Dr. Saif/JO)
  - ECSC (European Coal and Steel Community) was a strategic question: strategy and energy questions cannot be divided; the main question is geopolitical and strategic; consider Russia (Thierry Baudasse/FR)
  - ECCS wanted to achieve an economic and political integration: the situation is different to EuroMed; this is a new research approach (Pablo Gándara/DE)
  - Clustering regions; perspectives (Sibel Oktay/TR)
  - International actors have interests (China, Russia) (Ola Galek/PL)

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May

### 8. Minutes: Specific Discussion of Working Package 9

#### 8.1. WP9 “Demographic changes: inventory and analysis”, chair: Alexander Sahli/DE

- Presentation: Patricia Argerey/ES
  - Assessment of the impact of demographic change on economies and society in the Mediterranean Basin
  - General objective:
    - To draw up a quantitative inventory about the available information on the subject of structure and demographic developments as well as on the migration flows specially focusing in the countries of the Mediterranean basin.
    - To identify and analyze the principal trends in demographic and migration developments.

- Analysis Phases
  - PHASE 1: Systematic review of the available sources of information for the OECD host countries and for the Mediterranean countries issuing immigration
  - PHASE 2: Development of an updated data catalogue
  - PHASE 3: Development, on the basis of the analyzed information, of a unique quantitative scenario of consensus with views and perspectives of development considering the volumes of population, its demographic structure and the international immigration trends foreseen
  - PHASE 4: To draw up a descriptive report analyzing the main demographic trends and migration flows gathered together in the previous information
- Comments:
  - migration and demography is an essential topic of EuroMed; introductory overview is necessary (Pablo Gándara/DE)
  - sources??? (Ghassan/JO)
  - paper is inventory, not an analysis; it is more a review of the existing literature and the data; what can be analyzed (Dr. Saif/JO)
  - focus on description, what happens?; similarity to the situation in the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Europe and the Arab countries today (high fertility and growing population, the difference is: there are no “empty” territories left (Thierry Baudasse/FR).
  - We need the state-of-the-art (Mark Furness/DE).
  - What about the measures undertaken by the MPCs? (Pablo Gándara/DE)
  - Include recent developments of migration in the EU (north-north migration)

## **8.2. WP9: “Cultural values and public policies in education and research”, chair: Jamil Moawad/LB**

- Presentation: Thierry Baudasse/FR
  - Cultural values
    - Cultural Values and Social Capital
    - Impact of Migration on Social Capital and Culture
    - Portability of social capital
  - Education and research in the cultural neighbourhood
    - Assessment of education gaps between North and South
    - Opportunities of improvements in the education process in the Southern countries
    - Realised performances in reducing the educational gap and impacts on the cultural bridging
  - Research
    - Identification of the contribution of research in intercultural understanding
    - Research as a vector to foster immaterial and material exchanges
    - Identification of the existing gaps between North and South and the policies to be implemented to reduce them
    - Prospects for the North-South neighbourhood
- Comments :
  - Isn't the World Values Survey (WVS) biased? (Matthias Keese/DE)
  - use work of the Anna-Lindh-Foundation (Pablo Gándara/DE)
  - WVS is incomplete; are there better sources? (Mark Furness/DE)
  - let's see first how good the data are! (Thierry Baudasse/FR)
  - WVS is a very problematic source (example: happiness) (Dr. Saif/JO)

- policy recommendations?; how to combine theory and empirical contributions (Mark Furness/DE)

### **8.3. WP9: “Demographic changes and migration: aging and remittances challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean area”, chair: Ola Galek**

- Presentation: Isabelle Rabaud/FR, Anne Lavigne/FR
  - Next decades: dramatic expected changes in demographic trends of developed countries
    - Retirement of the baby-boom generation
    - Increase in life expectancy
    - Decline in fertility ratios
  - Consequences on the pension systems, especially for payg pension systems
  - Migration of (young) population of Southern countries as a means to alleviate the financial burden of Northern pension systems
  - Timeline:
    - February-August 2007: theoretical modelling
    - August-September 2007: fact and figures (based on the input by the Spanish team)
    - September-October 2007: computable general equilibrium model
    - November 2007: writing of the final version of the working paper
- Comments:
  - Level of skills as a determinant for remittances? (Matthias Keese/DE)
  - Distinguish between remittances for investments and for consume expenditures (Bahri Yilmaz/TR, Alexander Salhi/DE)
  - Cooperate with Lebanese team; insert data on Lebanon; so migration is an alternative to save European pay-as-you-go-systems (payg)? (Pablo Gándara/DE)
  - Europe has to option to deal with the demographic challenge: more capital funded pension systems or migration to stabilize payg
  - Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia are different to Jordan and Egypt; Jordans go for work in the Gulf countries; Egyptians go to Gulf countries and Jordan!; don't do an econometric analysis (Ghassam ???/JO)
  - Effect of remittances on economic growth is small (Thierry Baudasse/FR)

## **9. GO-EuroMed Project Dissemination 2007**

- **Presentation: Matthias Keese/DE**
  - Dissemination as a “matter of priority”: website etc.
  - GO-EuroMed newsletter to be sent out end of May. Presentation.

## **10. Closing Remarks and Summary (Mark Furness/DE and Ibrahim Saif/JO)**

- Research stage 2 is much more developed than 2006. Congratulations, thanks for work.
- Implementation:
  - Spanish are happy to take over the conference originally scheduled for Cairo in February 2008. ES will also help in coordinating WP10.
  - Southern Mediterranean Partners will contribute to Working packages of former Egyptian partner:
    - CSS Jordan to help in WP7 (domestic reform - 2007)
    - LCPS Lebanon to help in WP10 (geopolitical challenges - 2007)
    - IEAPS Morocco to help in WP13 (multilateral institutions – 2008)

- Scientific issues:
  - There is a need to define topics more clearly in terms of fitting the individual contributions into a coherent story.
  - It would help if WP Coordinators do some more work on the outlines we have been discussing highlighting the key issues for each topic and the way they fit together. WP coordinators could deliver an introductory text specifying the story of the working package.
  - Be aware that the next year is available as well – we need to start thinking about it!
  - All participants should be aware about what is going on in other working packages so that that:
    - They can offer contributions
    - We can avoid overlaps
- Communication:
  - WP Coordinators should ensure more intensive communication through Website (Chatroom, Forum) and/or conference calls.
  - All GO-EuroMed partners should upload updates, resources, discussion remarks, etc. so that all information is available to all partners.
- Next meeting in Lebanon: 1<sup>st</sup> week of September 2007. Plan B (if not possible due to security reasons): Morocco. Moroccan team would check for possible dates.
- Thanks again to CSS Jordan for great organization!

## 11. Cultural events

The CSS Jordan organized a visit to the Jordan's border with the Autonomy Territories at the Jordan River. It also organized a group visit to the historic city of Petra.

## 12. Picture Gallery



