

AGENDA
2.4 WS: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICES MODELS

30-31 May 2011
Local coordinator: Sfax University, Tunisia
Venue: [Vincci Taj Sultan Hotel](#)

Description of the activity:

The third workshop **International Relations Offices Models** is intended to provide examples of different models of IROs as starting points for discussion. The European and MEDA partners have all very different structures and are all good examples of functioning successful IROs. Their models will be presented and their logistics explained. The workshop will have three working sessions, and a space of discussion will follow on what these models can offer, and how they could be adapted to the regional and local context. The workshop is including the suggestions provided by the partners after the last event in Amman.

Main objectives of the workshop:

- Demonstrate different working models of IRO;
- Promote debate on which of these can be considered as the “best” model for the MEDA region;
- Provide the opportunity for Partner Country institutions to examine these different models in depth;
- Share examples of IRO models and functionalities worthy of note in the Partner Country institutions.

MONDAY, 30 MAY 2011 – IRO MANAGEMENT

09:00	Registration
09:15	Opening Ceremony Mr. Roberto Escarré, University of Alicante Mr. Lofti Sellami, University of Sfax
09:30	Presentation of the workshop objectives and agenda Mr. Roberto Escarré, University of Alicante

Session 1: Role and Relevance of the IRO within the University Structure

The first session of the Workshop intends to describe the structure of the institutional organisation and the role and relevance of IRO within this hierarchy by identifying its attributes in different successful models.

09:45	UA IRO Mr. Roberto Escarré University of Alicante
09:50	KU IRO Mr. Hatem Nejar, Kairouan University
10:35	Coffee Break
11:05	BAU IRO Mr. Soubhi Abu Chahine, Beirut Arab University
11:30	Unimarconi IRO Mr. Francesco Fedele, Università degli Studi G. Marconi
11:55	Discussion
13:00	Lunch

Session 2: IRO Internal Management

During the second session of the workshop the selected IROs will describe their approach for their Internal Management, including human resources management, and economic and financial management of the IRO, International projects, information and management systems.

14:00	UA IRO Mr. Roberto Escarré University of Alicante
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- 14:25 Unimarconi IRO**
Mr. Francesco Fedele, Università degli Studi G. Marconi
- 15:15 BAU IRO**
Mr. Soubhi Abu Chahine, Beirut Arab University
- 15:40 Discussion**
- 16:40** Visit of Hammamet

TUESDAY 31 MAY 2011 – PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONALISATION

Session 3: Internationalisation at home

The last session will deal on how do IROs promote internationalisation in their institutions, and which resources and strategies are applied.

- 09:00 UA IRO**
Mr. Roberto Escarré University of Alicante
- 09:25 Unimarconi IRO**
Mr. Francesco Fedele, Università degli Studi G. Marconi
- 09:45 BAU IRO**
Mr. Soubhi Abu Chahine, Beirut Arab University
- 10:15** Coffee Break
- 10:35 Discussion**
- 11:35 Defining an IRO model - the ELGATE experience with Latin-American Universities**
Mr. Francesco Fedele, Università degli Studi G. Marconi

Consortium meeting

During the consortium meeting the discussion will focus on project and the workshop methodology, results vs expected results, the workplan and scheduling for the next project period.

- 12:00 Conclusions and planning next TIES Project activities**
Mr. Roberto Escarré, University of Alicante
- 12:15 Features of the TIES Network Post Tempus: Brainstorming session**
Mr. Roberto Escarré, University of Alicante
- 13:00 Evaluation of training module and administrative paperwork** (Bring original financial and travel documents)
Ms. Marielos Chávez, University of Alicante
- 13:15** Lunch
- 14:15** Visit of Tunis
- 22:00** Return to the hotel