



Organisation of the Training Conferences and creation of the “Mediterranean Network for Employability”, with a specific working group on “women entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean” and a “Subnetwork of Mediterranean Incubators”.

Seven thematic training conferences will be organised within the context of the project in order to provide HEIs staff with the necessary skills and open dialogue and cooperation among the different stakeholders (HEIs, companies and political authorities) for the common challenge of increasing young graduates’ employability. The training conferences will include plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions addressed to each HEIs’ specific group (professors/academic staff, career offices’ staff and incubators’ staff).

Here follow the proposed topics:

- a. Better matching training and the labour market
- b. Better practices in the regional, national and local policies for promoting employment and the entrepreneurial spirit
- c. Education, training and mobility for entrepreneurship: how to develop the students’ entrepreneurial skills (how to turn students into future entrepreneurs).
- d. Innovation and entrepreneurship
- e. Incubators and the relations between Universities and large firms, SMEs and start-ups.
- f. Women entrepreneurship
- g. Ensuring the sustainability of HEIs initiatives supporting entrepreneurship. Best practices and recommendations.

As the best practices selected by each partner will be the training conferences’ subject, they will be presented in order to launch the debate and dialogue. The conferences will also be attended by experts and speakers from academia, the business world and the political realm. The dialogue among all the stakeholders participating in the conferences will become permanent with the creation of the “Mediterranean Network for Employability”, which will also include a specific working group on “women entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean” to make sure that all gender matters will be included in the dialogue, and a “Subnetwork of Mediterranean Incubators”, which will cooperate more closely with the development of the WP6.

UNIMED is responsible for the coordination of this WP with the support and participation of the partners.

Tasks:

T2.1- Selecting and reviewing the themes proposed for the Training Conferences and setting the events’ dates

T2.2 - Identification and invitation of the Training Conferences’ key speakers and trainers

T2.3 - Organisation of the Training Conferences

Deliverables:

D2.1- 7 Thematic Training Conferences with plenary and parallel sessions.

The thematic conferences will be attended by HEIs staff (professors, career offices’ and incubators’ staff), representatives of companies and policy makers (at the local, national and/or regional level). The conferences will include parallel sessions addressing each HEIs’ specific group (professors/academic staff, career offices’ staff and incubators’ staff). These conferences have a double goal:

- Serving as a platform for mutual learning starting from the best practices and, as a result, becoming a capacity-building activity of HEIs' staff
- Encouraging dialogue among the different stakeholders.

D2.2- Creation of the “Mediterranean Network for Employability”, with a specific working group on “women entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean”, and a “Subnetwork of Mediterranean Incubators”

A network (“Mediterranean Network for Employability”) gathering HEIs staff taking part in the conferences, as well as local entrepreneurs, representatives of companies from both sides of the Mediterranean, local, national and regional policymakers will be set up. The group will also include a specific working group on “women entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean”, and a “Subnetwork of Mediterranean Incubators” from the WP6.

The network will be created in order to continue the dialogue, the cooperation and the debate among the stakeholders outside the conferences.