



RESUME closing conference provided a vision on the future of entrepreneurship and employability of graduates in the Mediterranean region

The **final conference of the RESUME project** held in **Rome on October 9, 2018**, was an opportunity to present the results of the project and discuss the challenges of employability in the Mediterranean.

The event brought together more than **80 participants** representing **22 universities** from **Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, France, Spain, Italy**, as well from the three **Ministries of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Morocco, Lebanon and Tunisia**, the **AFEM, the Association of Women Entrepreneurs in Morocco**, municipalities like **Ville de Marseille, AlmaLaurea**, also saw the participation institutional and international stakeholders such as the **Union for the Mediterranean**, the International Organisation of Labor (ILO), the University Agency for the Francophonie - AUF (in the Mashreq region), Assafrica & Mediterranean Confindustria (Association of Italian enterprises in Africa, Middle East and Mediterranean), Womenpreneur and other professionals of the sector.

The final event of the RESUME project provided a vision on the future of entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean region, thereby encouraging collaboration and networking between universities, policy makers, businesses, students, civil society and international actors.

Over the last three years, the project has implemented three pilot projects:

- 1) a course on entrepreneurship for university students;**
- 2) a professional integration center for students;**
- 3) a competition and training model for start-ups and incubators.**

Working on these three pilot projects, the project has contributed to the sharing and dissemination of best practices and lessons learned during a cycle of seven conferences, published on the RESUME project website [here](#)

Within the framework of the RESUME project, UNIMED recently activated a new **SubNetwork on Employability** to promote cooperation between its members on entrepreneurship issues that will ensure the sustainability of the RESUME project results.

This final event was organized in collaboration with another Capacity Building Project, **MIMIR**, coordinated by the University of Barcelona which aimed to modernize the institutional management of innovation and research, to promote excellence and to propose actions in universities in neighboring southern countries. This idea of clustering projects aims to achieve synergies and cooperation between different CBHE projects.

To know more about RESUME, please [watch the video](#).

The RESUME project is co-financed by the Erasmus + program of the European Union and its objective was to strengthen the role and potential of higher education institutions in the development of employability in the Mediterranean countries by adopting a spirit of cross-cutting institutions of higher education and opening and structuring the dialogue between universities, business and policy makers.