

Output

MEDPRO will produce the following outputs:

- A MEDPRO website containing updated information about the ongoing research programmes and developments in the region
- Newsletters in English, French and Arabic, which will be sent at regular intervals to the wider audience
- A series of databases for each field of study containing updated and harmonised data
- Policy briefs targeted to policy-makers and other experts
- Academic publications to be published at the end of the project in scientific journals to ensure MEDPRO's findings are accessible to the academic community
- Technical reports to be made available to all interested parties to guarantee the widest dissemination of the studies undertaken
- A final book on scenarios for development in the Mediterranean region and future cooperation with Europe

The following activities will be organised:

- A series of scientific workshops in Milan, Lisbon, Brussels, Marseilles, Athens, Cairo and Tunisia to discuss progress and interim findings
- Two international stakeholder engagement workshops in Barcelona to validate scenarios
- Four international conferences in Cairo, Tunis, Barcelona and Brussels to discuss findings

The impact on policy-makers, stakeholders, practitioners and the public at large will be broadened via the MEDPRO network in cooperation with other established think tanks and networks. It will be strengthened by the publication of research results in the media by the participating researchers.

Target Audiences

The research undertaken within MEDPRO is widely cross-sectional and multidisciplinary – as is its audience. A wide range of public bodies will benefit from the project's outputs, including policy-makers, international organisations, the business community, academics and the public at large.

Consortium

The MEDPRO consortium is composed of 17 institutions with proven track records from Europe and the South Mediterranean.

Partner Institutes

- Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS, Belgium)
- Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE, Poland)
- Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, University of Nicosia (CCEIA, Cyprus)
- Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM, Italy)
- Forum Euro-Méditerranéen des Instituts Economiques (FEMISE, France)
- Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University (FEPS, Egypt)
- Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI, Italy)
- Institute of Communication and Computer Systems of the National Technical University of Athens (ICCS/NTUA, Greece)
- Institut Europeu de la Mediterrània (IEMed, Spain)
- Institut Marocain des Relations Internationales (IMRI, Morocco)
- Istituto di Studi per l'Integrazione dei Sistemi (ISIS, Italy)
- Institut de la Compétitivité et des Etudes Quantitatives (ITCEQ, Tunisia)
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (MAIB, Italy)
- Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS, Palestine)
- Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI, the Netherlands)
- Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM, Spain)
- Center for European Economic Research (ZEW, Germany)



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MEDPRO, short for Mediterranean Prospects, is a project involving a consortium of 18 highly reputed institutions from throughout the Mediterranean region, funded under the EU's 7th Framework Programme and coordinated by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), based in Brussels.

At its core, MEDPRO explores the challenges facing the Southern Mediterranean region, which is committed to implementing ambitious political and economic reforms while at the same time addressing the most pressing social and environmental issues, such as curbing chronic unemployment, improving living standards, addressing inequality, ending all forms of discrimination and conserving the natural habitat. Addressing these challenges requires political will, good governance, the broadest possible participation, and, above all, a sharp understanding of the driving forces at play. The outcome of the ongoing reforms will ultimately be determined by their relationship with the predominant social, cultural, political and environmental factors. By considering a wide range of interactions, MEDPRO aims to explore a number of alternative scenarios that can be expected to arise by 2030 in the region with a view to laying a sound foundation for future policy on social and economic development, paying special attention, where relevant, to the role and potential contribution of the EU.

Aims and Means

The aim of MEDPRO is to contribute to the reform process in the political, economic and social agendas of the countries in the Southern Mediterranean region, by means of increasing the level of knowledge on the diverse set of challenges and developing useful insights into the policy options. MEDPRO will deliver the best available scientific underpinning for future policy decisions, both domestically and at EU level within the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) – the successor to the Barcelona Process – as well as the EU European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Programme.

In order to achieve this aim, the research undertaken will be multidisciplinary, bringing together highly respected research institutions from both sides of the Mediterranean and drawing from a pool of highly qualified researchers with diverse backgrounds, regional expertise and proven track records. By undertaking an inclusive analysis of the main development issues for the region, the project will provide fresh evidence on the long-term outlook, the cohesion between the different aspects of socio-economic development and the resulting challenges for public policy. MEDPRO has been granted a budget of €3 million to carry out this work.

Seven Research Areas

The MEDPRO research programme will cover seven areas of study that are highly relevant for the socio-economic development of the region, each associated with a unique work package:

- *Geopolitics and governance*
- *Demography, ageing, migration, health and gender issues*
- *Sustainable development, management of resources and adaptation to global warming*
- *Energy and climate change mitigation*
- *Economic development and regional integration*
- *Financial services and capital markets*
- *Human capital, social protection, inequality and migration*

These fields of study have been selected to reflect the key challenges facing the region in the coming decades. A multidisciplinary approach will enable us to draw up the most promising scenarios for further development in the region and better cooperation with Europe.

Scientific Bureau

In order to ensure the coordination between the research areas, a Scientific Bureau will be created to act under a separate work package. Its members consist of senior researchers from the partner institutions involved in MEDPRO, namely:

- Dr. Rym Ayadi, Senior Research Fellow at CEPS and overall Coordinator of the MEDPRO project
- Dr. Samir Abdullah, Director General of the Palestine Institute for Economic Policy (MAS)
- Dr. Saloua Ben Zaghou, Director of Institut Tunisien pour la Compétitivité et les Etudes Quantitatives (ITCEQ)
- Dr. Frédéric Blanc, Secretary General of Forum Euro-Méditerranéen des Instituts Economiques (FEMISE)
- Prof. Pantelis Capros, Institute of Communication and Computer Systems/National Technical University of Athens (ICCS/NTUA)
- Prof. Marek Dabrowski, President of the Centre for Social and Economic Research (CASE)
- Prof. Alia El Mahdy, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University (FEPS)
- H.E Ambassador Senén Florensa, Director General of Institut Europeu de la Mediterrània (IEMed)
- Dr. Manfred Hafner, Coordinator of Energy Security of Supply activities at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM)
- Jawad Kerdoudi, President of Institut Marocain des Relations Internationales (IMRI)
- Jørgen Mortensen, Associate Senior Research Fellow at CEPS
- Prof. Jean Louis Reiffers, President of the Scientific Council of FEMISE

The Scientific Bureau will benefit from the broad expertise of Prof. Kemal Dervis, former Head of the United Nations Development Programme and current Vice President and Director of Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution.

The Scientific Bureau will systematically address the interaction between the different fields of study and the multidisciplinary endeavours of the work throughout the project. To do so, its members will hold regular meetings ensuring coordination between all partner institutions and formulation of overall methodology, expected results and policy options.