

## Biography

### **Joseph MIFSUD**



Joseph Mifsud is the President of the Euro-Mediterranean University located in Slovenia. EMUNI as it is widely known is a University made up of more than two hundred academic institutions from the Union for the Mediterranean which aim to enhance the cooperation between higher education institutions, contribute to the intercultural dialogue, stimulate the mobility of professors and students and build a challenging and innovative teaching and learning environment, EMUNI University organises different study activities. According to Mifsud, »Our objective is to create a network of specialised postgraduate study programmes among Euro-Mediterranean universities.

International comparability will be ensured with respect to credits, courses, as well as awarded scientific and professional titles. In terms of fields of study, special attention will be given to topics related to the Euro-Mediterranean region«. Complete study programmes (or parts of them) are carried out at several universities, co-founders of the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI – [www.emuni.si](http://www.emuni.si)). Mifsud is also considered as one of the pioneers in the setting up of Euro-Mediterranean Professional School where there is an opportunity for participants to study issues, relevant for the Euro-Mediterranean region, improve knowledge and gain international and intercultural experience. The Professional School consists of an international module on Euro-Mediterranean Studies, Summer Semester and Doctoral Research Seminars. Joseph Mifsud has worked, cooperated with and taught extensively in a number of Universities and countries in the Mediterranean and in the world. He was the prime mover of Malta's entry into the EU from the Educational point of view, setting up a European Unit for his country. He has also served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta and represented Malta in the Bologna Process, the Council of Europe, the EU Technical Committees in Research and Higher Education. In the course of his career he has also participated and/or coordinated most of the Euro-Mediterranean initiatives in higher education organised in the region. Mifsud was also one of the experts in the think tank for the G8 meetings.

He currently chairs the Conseil d'Orientation Scientifique (<http://www.iemsr.net/iemsr/>) and has chaired a number of conferences in Europe and in the Mediterranean.