

UfM PROJECTS : STATE OF PLAY

ENERGY DIVISION

- **Highlights :**
 - the Mediterranean solar plan is perhaps the most important, concrete initiative of the UfM.
 - its master plan shall be endorsed by an UfM ministerial meeting to be held during the second half of 2013 (with an additional point on the agenda related to the key principles of a Euromed energy community).
 - support from the EP should concentrate on this, as proposing new points on the agenda of the Ministerial meeting might backfire.
- **Labelled projects :**
 - the Mediterranean solar plan is will not be labelled as such since it is mentioned in the July 2008 Paris declaration and was also endorsed in Marseilles in November 2008. Only projects implementing the MSP will be UfM branded.
 - the UfMS is responsible for coordinating, in close co-operation with the UfM Member States (MS) and the Commission, the preparation of the MSP master plan. Its Energy Division is very active and carries out a number of activities (expert seminars, consultation with the private sector, MS coordination).
 - this master plan shall be approved by the Experts and the Energy DGs of the UfM MS in the Spring 2013, before endorsement by a Ministerial meeting in the second half of the year.
- **Projects under preparation / future activities :**
 - the Energy division is currently in the process of identifying side projects to implement the MSP (most notably on guarantee schemes to tackle the political risks associated with it).
 - these projects shall be promoted by both public and private operators, which requires specific contractual arrangements and adequate regulatory frameworks adapted to Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP) schemes

TRANSPORT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- **Highlights :**
 - The Trans-Maghreb Motorway is another flagship initiative of the UfM.
 - Support from the EP is requested on financing (in this case to secure funding by the Commission).

- **Labelled projects :**

PROJECT	UfMS Division	Total Cost	Amount to be financed (fund-raising by the UfMS)	Project labelled in
Trans Maghreb Motorway	Transport and urban development	€ 670 million	€ 515 million	February 2012
Logismed training activities (logistics)	Transport and urban development	€ 6 million	€ 3 million (first phase : 2013-2015)	November 2011

- The Trans-Maghreb motorway : its first section will link Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. Under this first tranche, 80 km shall be built in Tunisia (€ 600 million, of which € 120 million financed by Tunisia) and 20 km in Morocco (€ 70 million, of which € 35 million financed by Morocco), with € 515 million still to be financed. € 1,1 million are needed from the Commission for the design phase of the Tunisian section and support from the EP would be helpful.
- Logismed training activities : this projects aims to improve the level of qualification in the logistics sector. Provided the Commission commits € 2,4 million to the project, it could be launched quickly. Support from the EP in this respect is therefore highly welcome.

- **Projects under preparation :**

- Southern Mediterranean maritime highway.
- Jordanian Railway project.
- Urban development strategy to be prepared by the UfMS following the Strasburg Ministerial meeting (Nov. 2011), Commission to approve direct contract with IEMED on this.

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

- **Highlights :**

- the Gaza Desalination plant was the first-ever UfM labelled project and is one of its key deliverable.
- fund-raising is key to its success and requires political support from the EP, regarding in particular financing by EU 27 Member states.

- **Labelled projects :**

PROJECT	UfMS Division	Total Cost	Amount to be financed (fund-raising by the UfMS)	Project labelled in
Gaza Desalination	Environment and water	€ 310 million	€ 310 million	June 2011
Governance challenges in Water sector financing	Environment and water	€ 1.2 to 2 million	€ 0.7 to 1.5 million	June 2012

- Gaza Desalination : as Arab funds (through the Islamic Bank for Development) pledged to finance 50 % of the project, about € 150 million must be financed by the EU side (50 % from the Commission and 50 % from EU MS, according to Deputy SG Hussein). Support from the EP is therefore useful, either at Commission level or to support the fund-raising missions in EU MS that the UfMS carries out on a regular basis.
- Governance challenges in water sector financing : the project has just been labelled (June 2012), financing needs are about € 0.7 to 1.5 million.

- **Projects under preparation / future activities :**

- Projects to be labelled: Depollution in Tunisia (Bizerte lake, € 80 million), National water information systems, Establishment of regional training centres, Waste water, Aquifers.
- the UfMS is an integral part of the Horizon 2020 Initiative which aims to depollute the Mediterranean by the year 2020, in line with the UfM Paris Declaration of July 2008 (its fifth steering group took place at the UfMS in April 2012). Policy initiatives include agreeing on a Strategy for water in the Mediterranean: More could be done also on decentralised co-operation in the water management sector.

SOCIAL AND CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION

- **Highlights :**

- while UfM labelled projects managed by the Social and civil affairs Division focused until now on Women, this Division (together with the Research and Higher Education Division ?) should now become our partner to give renewed impetus to the Mediterranean office for Youth.

- **Labelled projects :**

PROJECT	UfMS Division	Total Cost	Amount to be financed (fund-raising by the UfMS)	Project labelled in
Women : employability skills (Amideast)	Social and civil affairs division	€ 0.69 million	€ 0.64 million	June 2012
Women : promoting entrepreneurship (Afaemme)	Social and civil affairs division	€ 0.25 million	€ 0.17 million	June 2012
Women : empowerment	Social and civil affairs division	N.A. (project on hold pending a new promoter)	N.A. (project on hold pending a new promoter)	December 2011

(nothing specific to report, as funding requirements are low and support from the EP was not requested by the Division)

- **Projects under preparation / future activities :**

The Social and Civil affairs Division should become our partner in the UfMS on the Mediterranean office for Youth. Deputy SG Attard Pirotta seems interested and waits for further information from us on this.

RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION
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- **Highlights :**

- The newly approved “Fez Euromed university” project could become a very visible project provided funding is provided. Support from the EP is needed to raise funds.

- **Labelled projects :**

PROJECT	UfMS Division	Total Cost	Amount to be financed (fund-raising by the UfMS)	Project labelled in
Creation of a Euromed university in Fez	Research and higher education	€ 100 million	€ 100 million	June 2012
Education : 3 projects (2 Emuni programmes and one Masters in risk science)	Research and higher education	Unknown (financing by participating universities)	Unknown (financing by participating universities)	September 2011

- **Projects under preparation / future activities :**

The Division is currently working on a series of Phd/Masters/Research programmes (including a Phd Research programme on geopolitics conflicts, a Masters training programme on food safety, a Web platform to link Students and Employers by making applicants' CVs on the internet, a Mistral-Environment programme and a Synchrotron training programme).
