



**Joseph Mifsud**

Dr. Joseph Mifsud, born 1960 in Malta, obtained his Bachelor in Education Degree in 1982 at the University of Malta. He also studied in the University of Padua and obtained the Laurea in Pedagogia (Dott. Ped.) in 1989. He obtained his Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) at the Queen's University in Belfast.

In 1997 he was appointed Head of Department in the Faculty of Education at the University of Malta. In 2000 he was appointed as Head of the European Unit at the University of Malta, later director of the international office and a professor of international relations in Malta, Perugia, London and Roma. He has taught and researched extensively in Europe, the Mediterranean and in the USA and Russia.

He was the Malta representative on the Board of the Bologna Follow up Group, on the Erasmus Mundus Committee and on the Tempus Committee. He also represented Malta on the Socrates Committee, on the Socrates Sub-Committee for Higher Education and on the Joint Research Centre (European Commission). He was also the Programme Committee Member for the 6th Framework Programme on Research & Infrastructure and Mobility.

He was the University's representative on the Executive Board of the Compostela Group of Universities, Utrecht Network and Santander Group.

He has been a prominent figure in Malta's Accession Process to the European Union. He was also the former chef de cabinet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta (2006-2008) and is an adviser to the centre EMUNI on EuroMed higher education during the Slovenian EU Presidency. He is currently the International Advisor of Link Campus Gestione in Rome.

In December 2008, Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud from Malta was unanimously elected as the President of Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) at the first EMUNI General Assembly.

#### EMUNI (Euromed University)

Prof. dr. Joseph Mifsud presented a workplan proposal for the year 2009, which is marked as a transition period until October of 2009 when the University is supposed to enroll first students in its study programs. EMUNI program in this year will focus on academic activities, such as: performing four post-graduate programs (EMUNI label), doctoral research seminars, summer school 2009 - will be performed in five different location of the Euro-Mediterranean region, different short educational programs, publication of international scientific magazine Euro-Mediterranean Studies, organization of scientific conferences and organization of a student conference, which will take place on the same day (9 June 2008) at all institutions - co-founders of EMUNI University. The stated activities will contribute to greater

recognition of the university in the entire 44-country region of the Union for the Mediterranean.