

EMUI_ EuroMed University
EURO-MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
 Interuniversity Platform for Research and Teaching

STATUTES

[Update to the text approved on 20 January 2017 and the
 annexed Protocol of 10 May 2017]

Approved by the EMUI Senate on 22 March 2020

* [As this Meeting was called off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Board is temporarily resuming its role and approves these Statutes, which are to be submitted for ratification in the next Senate Meeting]

Main goals and activities – Interuniversity Platform for Innovation (Research, Higher Education and Training – LLP), adapting existing (or newly designed) projects and programmes to the Priority Lines of the European Union's "Horizon 2020" Framework Programme. Joint management and offer open in particular to students from Southern Mediterranean countries.



PREAMBLE

- 1 On 25/09/2013, the **Complutense University of Madrid**, at the proposal of Professor Román Reyes, head of the project and of EMUI, the University Research Institute, filed before the **Union for the Mediterranean**, for the EMUI_ EuroMed University label as an **Interuniversity Platform for Research and Teaching**. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain, through its Embassy in Special Mission for Mediterranean Affairs, endorses the proposal.

- 2 The **University of Salento**, as co-sponsor, in partnership with the Municipality of Lecce and the Puglia Region, has made the **Ex-Monastero degli Olivetani** available to the EMUI_ EuroMed University for use as its official headquarters, with enough space to undertake its teaching and research activities.
- 3 In turn, the **Complutense University of Madrid**, pursuant to an agreement with the Council of the Department of International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of (21/01/2020) has assigned space in rooms managed by such Department to establish the EMUI_ EuroMed headquarters in Spain.
- 4 Officially opened in Malta on 16 October 2007 under the name **Euro-Mediterranean University Institute (EMUI_ EuroMedUniversity)**, it was founded by the proponent institutions (Madrid Complutense and Università del Salento) in partnership with a Consortium of Universities from the EU, Maghreb nations and the Middle East. The event took place in the Mediterranean Conference Centre (Valletta) with institutional support from the Government of the Republic and the Embassy of Spain.
- 5 As a **public institution**, the EMUI_ EuroMed University is a member of the **Anna Lindh Foundation** – EUROMED, Malta, Spain and Italy networks respectively from 2008, 2014 and 2017, www.emui.eu/annalindh_foundation.html

With its **own legal personality** (Tax No.: ESG87905626 · PIC 913475094), and offices in Italy and Spain, under the **legal protection** provided to the partner institutions and the Academic and Research Council (ARC) Universities, in accordance with the regulations in force in each participating State in Higher Education and Research, and the applicable Community legislation, the EMUI_ EuroMed University has the following

ORGANIZATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

§ Article 1.- Academic and Research Council (ARC)

The following centres are represented under **foundational** agreements: 1. **Egypt**: University of Cairo; 2. **Germany**: Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, and Leibniz Universität Hannover; 3. **Israel**: Hebrew University of Jerusalem; 4. **Italy**: University of Salento, University of Foggia, and Università degli Studi di Firenze; 5. **Morocco**: Mohammed V University of Rabat; 6. **Portugal**: Universidade de Lisboa; and 7. **Spain**: Complutense University of Madrid. The **ARC Secretary** holds the position of Secretary General. The Academic and Research Coordinator oversees the ARC Presidency.

1.1.-The ARC may propose the inclusion of other universities from the Mediterranean geographical, political and cultural area. Such proposal will be approved, where appropriate, by the **Directorate Council**, following a **non-binding report** from the **Social Council**.

1.1.1.- The institutions proposed and approved, when these updated Statutes were signed, are: **Algeria** (Université d'Oran 2 Mohamed Ben Ahmed); **Greece** (University of the Peloponnese); **Palestine** (Birzeit University); **Tunisia** (Université de Sousse); **Ukraine** (Odessa National Economic University)

1.2.- The ARC is responsible for the annual EMUI_ EuroMed University **Academic-Research Planning**. This includes specific postgraduate courses, or joint programmes with other Universities represented on the ARC. If necessary, the **Direction Council** will approve the proposal following a **binding report** from the **Social Council**. These postgraduate programmes must be **officially recognised** by the academic and political authorities in the State of the partner institution.

1.2.1.- On an exceptional basis, the ARC can propose **degree programmes** under the terms of Section 1.2 above. These degree programmes must be **officially recognised** by the academic and political authorities in the State of the partner institution.

1.2.2.- With the EMUI_ EuroMed University seal or, where appropriate, jointly with other ARC-represented Universities, the latter can offer its **own postgraduate programmes (expert, specialist, master's, and PhD)**.

1.2.3.- Similarly, with the EMUI_ EuroMed University seal or, where appropriate, jointly with other ARC-represented Universities, the latter can offer its **own continuing education programmes (certificate and diploma)**.

1.3.- Type of offers.- To promote mobility and interuniversity exchanges, irrespective of the institution in question, there will be three types of offers: **On-site, blended** and **online**. Teaching staff will be provided by the universities that sign the corresponding degree certificates, who shall retain their salaries and status, with travel expenses being covered. The EMUI_ EuroMed University will cover any board and lodging costs.

1.4.- The University of Salento, as co-sponsor institution, is responsible for the **ARC**, which will be chaired by the EMUI_ EuroMed University **Academic and Research Coordinator**.

1.5.- The Academic and Research Coordinator will be put forward by the University of Salento and will be part of the EMUI_ EuroMed University **Direction Council**.

1.6.- Joint Programming.- The annual EMUI_ EuroMed University Interuniversity Platform course programme is scheduled jointly (Sections 1.2 and 1.2.1), agreed by their **ARC**, based on proposals from each university involved, or on the Platform proposal. Therefore, offers from the Platform bear the partner institution seal, appearing as endorsements for the resulting qualifications.

1.7.- The ARC is also responsible for ensuring that national higher education and research strategies in each country are scrupulously followed.

1.8.- RESEARCH

Research at EMUI means being part of the university's most important scientific-research structure. The quality and excellence of our work depends on our researchers. They guarantee progressive development of our programs, matching the pace of change of the Mediterranean cultural space and its area of influence.

1.8.1.- Researchers join the EMUI_ EuroMed University structure according to the type of call made.

1.8.2.- Once admitted, they are assigned to the Department best suited to their CV, capacity and approach.

1.8.3.- According to the calls, researchers will be categorised as **Junior Research Fellows, Senior Research Fellows** or **Research Professors**. The Research **Commissio** will assess the change of category application from the applicant.

§ Article 2.- Departments

Departments are the units where the syllabus for each programme is designed and the type of research conducted at the EMUI_ EuroMed University is regulated.

2.1.- The established Departments are:

01. Economic and Environment
02. History and Civilization
03. European Union and the Mediterranean Law
04. Political and Social Sciences
05. International Relations and Cooperation
06. Arabic and Islamic Studies
07. Social Technology and Digital Law Citizenship
08. Equality and Women Studies

2.2.- All researchers assigned to a Department are part of its corresponding Council.

2.3.- The Council chooses the Department director from among its members. The Department Director will appoint the management team.

2.4.- The Department Director is an ex officio Senate member.

§ Article 3.- Direction Council (DC)

Foundational in nature, it will comprise its President, the Academic and Research Coordinator, an UCM Vice-Rector, an Università del Salento Vice-Rector, an UCM Centre or Department representative, an Università del Salento Centre or Department representative, the Director of the Presidency Cabinet, the EMUI_ Networks Representative, the General Manager and the General Coordinator, acting as **Secretary of the Direction Council**.

3.1.- The Senate will choose the **EMUI_ EuroMed University President** on the motion of the **Presidency Council**.

3.1.1.- The President is the highest EMUI_ EuroMed University academic authority, overseeing University representation, leadership, governance and management, implementing lines of action approved by the corresponding management, implementing lines of action approved by the corresponding collegiate bodies and executing their agreements.

3.1.2.- The length of their term in office is four years. Presidents cannot be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

3.2.- The DC President will appoint the following positions of trust in the corresponding non-personal bodies:

3.2.1.- COORDINATION COUNCIL

Director of Cabinet, General Coordinator (Secretary General), Management Office (Manager), and the Deputy General Manager and the Secretariats of International Relations and of Institutional Relations. The University of Salento will appoint the position of **Academic and Research Coordinator.**

3.2.2.- PRESIDENCY COUNCIL

For more effective and corporate management, Presidents will appoint their Government Team members, with Vice President or Area Manager status.

3.3.- For **daily management** of matters approved in the DC, it shall have an **Executive Commission**. The following are ex officio members: the President, the Academic Secretary, the General Coordinator, the International Relations Secretary, the Institutional Relations Secretary, the EMUI_ Networks Representative, the Management Office (Manager), the Deputy General Management (Deputy Manager) and the Director of Cabinet. The Social Council President shall attend as a guest in an advisory capacity. For normal business and other affairs requiring an urgent resolution, the Commission will report to the DC meeting, convened immediately.

§ Article 4.- Social Council (SC)

The Social Council **guarantees the economic, financial and socio-political stability** of the institution. It represents the complexity of civil society: Opinion-making and public policies at different levels (local, regional, national and international)

4.1.- Composition: *Foundational in nature*, it will be made up of: President (to be elected), Spanish Companies, Italian Companies, EU, Maghreb & Middle Eastern Companies, Mayor of Lecce, President of the Puglia Region, International Foundation for Human Rights (representing civil society), Representative of the Direction Council, and the Management Office, which acts as **Secretary of the SC.**

4.2. - Duties.

- a) Ensure the necessary academic and financial support for the normal course of activities proposed by the DC for approval;
- b) Manage funds received from public and private institutions;
- c) Attract additional resources, preferably through the relevant calls
- d) Oversee expenditure and budget item use.

4.3. - Rights-based system.

- e) The Direction Council cannot approve research projects, or regular academic, cultural or training programs proposed by the ARC, without a **preliminary report** from the Social Council (SC);

f) The SC, as project economic stability guarantor, and regarding points 1.2 and 1.2.1, after hearing the administrations concerned, will simultaneously issue **binding** reports on the likely socio-economic impact and financial viability of projects and programmes.

4.4.- The SC will manage the inclusion of political representatives from the countries involved on a representational level. Italy already has this (Region of Puglia and Municipality of Lecce). The SC will also ensure **regional cooperation** on specific projects.

§ Article 5.- Senate

The following bodies are part of the Senate:

1. Presidency Council
2. General Coordination
3. Academic and Research Council
4. Department Directors Council
5. In a non-organic capacity, the following are also part of the Senate:
 - A Vice-Rector of the Complutense University of Madrid
 - A Vice-Rector of the University of Salento
 - A Department Representative from the Complutense University of Madrid
 - A Department Representative from the University of Salento

This special Complutense University of Madrid and the University of Salento representation is due to their status as EMUI_ EuroMed University co-founders.

§ Article 6.- Internal Regulations

To implement these Statutes, the collegiate management bodies will have their own Internal Regulations.

6.1- The Board of Directors will approve the Internal Regulations

§ Article 7.- Union for the Mediterranean

To promote the standardisation or complementary nature of programmes and actions, the EMUI_ EuroMed University will regularly report on its current programmes and actions to the Union for the Mediterranean. This will be done through the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Spain and Italy.

§ Article 8.- Official Languages

The official EMUI_ EuroMed University languages for work and communication will be **Italian, Spanish, French** and **English**, with translation, as necessary to the majority language.

§ Article 9.- Validity

9.1. - The validity of these Statutes, in full or in part, expires when the Senate approves their amendment, on the motion of the Statutes Committee. This Committee is a specific body that appoints or dismisses the EMUI_ EuroMed University Senate.

§ Transitional - On 13 and 20 January 2017 (OBEMUI - Official EMUI Gazette - No. 20/2017.1), in the corresponding Executive Committee meetings, an agreement was made to appoint Prof. Román Reyes as President with lifetime tenure. The Board of Directors records that, without his unwavering dedication over many years, the EMUI would not have reached its current position of excellence. Prof. Román Reyes has the authority to appoint an Executive President if necessary.

Rome, 22 March 2020



Prof. Borja Fontalva
Secretary General

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- **State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and for Ibero-America**
- **(Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation**
- **Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione**
- **Union for the Mediterranean**
- **Academic and Research Council:**
 - Algeria (Université d'Oran 2 Mohamed Ben Ahmed)
 - Egypt (Cairo University)
 - Germany (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)
 - Germany (Technische Universität Berlin)
 - Germany (Leibniz Universität Hannover)
 - Greece (University of the Peloponnese)
 - Israel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
 - Israel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
 - Italia (Università di Foggia)
 - Italia (Università del Salento)
 - Italia (Università degli Studi di Firenze)
 - Morocco (Université Mohammed V de Rabat)
 - Palestine (Birzeit University)
 - Portugal (Universidade de Lisboa)
 - Spain (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
 - Tunisia (Université de Sousse)
 - Ukraine (Odessa National Economic University)