

**Erasmus+ MED2IaH National Conference, Lebanon**  
**Venue: Lebanese International University-Beirut**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m -15:30**

9:00 – 9:30	<p><b>Welcome and registration</b></p> <p>Link for confirmation to attend:  <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZwzXwmpq22gdUNNMU2MAac-OAhQv9WT7Z_9BZdoVDRY/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZwzXwmpq22gdUNNMU2MAac-OAhQv9WT7Z_9BZdoVDRY/edit?usp=sharing</a></p>
9:30– 10:00	<p><b>Welcome speeches: MED2IaH partners Lebanon, Vice President of the Lebanese International University, NEO, MP and Head of the Parliamentary Education Committee</b></p> <p>Anwar Kawtharani - LIU, Rony Darazi – UA          Ahmad Faraj – LIU VP          Aref Al-Soufi - NEO Lebanon          HE Hassan Mourad – MP and Head of the Parliamentary Education Committee</p>
10:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Access to Higher Education Opportunities in Lebanon: lessons learned from UNHCR</b></p> <p>Agatha Abi Aad -UNHCR   Associate Education Officer</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	<p><b>Internationalization of Higher Education in Lebanon: Internationalization vs. Internationalization at Home, National report - Insights and findings</b></p> <p>Rony Darazi, UA- Vice Rector for Cooperation and Internationalization;          Anwar Kawtharani, LIU -Dean of SoED &amp; Director of OIR Office;          Nada Trunk- EMUNI MED2IaH coordinator,</p>
11:45 – 12:15	<p><b>Internationalization and EU programmes towards a Common Euro Mederanian Innovation Agenda -Virtual</b></p> <p>Abedal Hamid Zouheiry – EMUNI, President          Marcello Scalisi-UNIMED Director</p>
12:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Panel #1- Internationalization at Home as a leverage for Equity in Higher Education Institution</b></p> <p>Ali Tarabay -BIU, President          Mohamad Rahal- -LIU ,Dean of School of Pharmacy</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Panel #2 - Internationalization at Home – Diversity and Intercultural student engagement, Success stories and testimonials</b></p> <p>Jocelyn Saab (UA), Mariam Hammoud (LIU)</p>
15:00-15:30	<b>Recommendation and closing remarks</b>

**Objectives - the national conference aims at:**

- consolidating the general aims of the MED2IaH project such as capacity building of HE in the south Mediterranean countries, improving partner universities' capabilities for internationalization, and building students' intercultural knowledge and sensitivity to cultural diversity.
- disseminating the project's general and specific aims.
- involving the local and international students in national academic events.
- **develop a recommendation on IoHE and research in PCs.**

**The purpose of the project:**

The MEDiterranean countries: Towards Internationalization at Home (MED2IaH) project is primarily designed to have an impact at system level and trigger reform processes at national level in Mediterranean Partner Countries (PC). Policymakers will receive support for evidence-based policy development and better regulation to move towards the modernization of framework conditions for Higher Education (HE) in PCs. HEI managers and other stakeholders in the sector will be able to feed their expertise into the reform process and articulate their needs already at the stage of policy development. By developing policies that adequately address real problems at institutional level in each PC, MED2IaH will ultimately benefit the whole HE sectors. The inclusion of all stakeholders (management, academic and administrative staff at universities, students) in project activities and consortia ensures that the whole HE sector in PCs and will take a step forward towards national reforms, which is a success factor.

**The overarching objectives of this project are threefold:**

- To outline the internationalization landscapes of PC HEIs and to identify levels of integration of international and intercultural dimensions into the formal and informal curricula of PC HEIs
- To improve the capabilities of PC HEIs for internationalization through staff training and by translating general awareness of the IaH concept into streamlined institutional strategies and Action Plans.
- To build students' intercultural knowledge and sensitivity to cultural diversity by transforming the International Relations Offices (IROs) of PC HEIs into vibrant multicultural focal points.

**Main resources about the project:**

- MED2IaH website: <https://med2iah.eu/>
- MED2IaH video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0QVAmwSa7U>
- MED2IaH flyer in three languages; English, French, and Arabic <https://med2iah.eu/media-kit/>
- MED2IaH newsletter – achievements 2020-2021: <https://med2iah.eu/news-2/>
- MED2IaH e-platform – 10 open access courses: <https://elearningproject.eu/>

