



## **Metro Med**

### *Metropolis Mediterraneo*

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Metro Med is a Metropolis International project carried out by Fondazione ISMU (<http://www.ismu.org>), one of the founders of Metropolis and member of the project's steering committee .

### **Metropolis International**

The International Metropolis Project (<http://www.international.metropolis.net>) is a set of co-ordinated activities undertaken by a membership of research, policy and non-governmental organisations who share a vision of strengthening migration policy by means of applied academic research. The Metropolis membership, now composed of over twenty countries and a number of international organisations representing a wide range of policy and academic interests, is sustained by the promise of more effective policy making, more socially meaningful research practices, and the excitement of international collaboration towards common goals. These core ideas bring people to the Metropolis table to turn a vision into a concrete project. The underlying premise is that the members will co-operate on issues of immigration and integration, always with the goal of strengthening policy, thereby allowing societies to better manage the challenges and opportunities that immigration presents, especially to their cities. Metropolis goes beyond the traditional means of transferring knowledge by creating settings in which policy makers and researchers can, in complete confidence, engage one another, explore situations or problems, challenge assumptions and probe each others' expertise, all to advance the policy process and to create the basis for practical solutions.

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The Mediterranean area is of strategic interest for migration policies and cultural relations. In the last few years Metropolis International's partners devoted a great effort to develop an important network in this area. Namely, the ISMU Foundation (Italy) and the Luso American Foundation (Portugal) promoted relations with governmental and academic institutions of Algeria, Croatia,

France, Greece, Libya, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia. Recently, the government of Lombardy region expressed the interest to establish systematic and concrete cooperation policies in the Mediterranean area, so to develop cultural, economic and strategic projects.

With these aims in mind, ISMU Foundation was charged with running Metro Med in order to promote a common thinking and best practices to manage migration flows and to set up integration policies among the Mediterranean Countries.

The first step of the project focuses on the First Metro Med Round Table where representatives from different Countries will have the chance to meet each other and share experiences in dealing with migration policies.

The three days meeting, hosted in Milan (Italy) on December 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, will be held with a flexible format to promote the maximum exchange. Two plenaries and three focused workshops will be provided on three main issues:

- Forging a Mediterranean media system for migrants' integration based on the common cultural heritage.
- Economic cooperation for a common Mediterranean labour market.
- Security policies and information sharing practices for better developing the flows' management.

High profile stakeholders, academics and policy makers are expected to participate and to develop concrete proposals and policies for the Mediterranean Institutions.

The following Countries have been invited: Algeria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Libya, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia

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