

The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes (UEMF)

“Building a generation of Euro-Mediterranean profiles”

A key response to the current challenges of the Mediterranean

The unprecedented rise in violence, radicalization and conflict in the Mediterranean region along with the refugee crisis and migration challenges have underlined that the dimensions of security and **human and socio-economic development** are inseparable.

The magnitude of pressing and serious current challenges, but also the existence of an untapped potential of opportunities, call for greater regional cooperation and an enhanced common agenda for the Mediterranean. In this regard, investing in youth, through education, research and vocational training, focusing on employability, is at the very core of the coordinated efforts towards a more peaceful and prosperous future for the region.

In this context, the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes (*Université Euro-Méditerranéenne de Fès*, UEMF) stands as a new regional centre of excellence **contributing to regional stability and integration** through the promotion of dialogue, intercultural exchange, sharing of knowledge and cooperation in the fields of higher education, research and innovation. Its **particular regional approach** is reflected in the diversity of nationalities of the students and staff as well as in the contents of study programmes, which focus on important topics for the integrated development of the Mediterranean region.



The projected UEMF campus

The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes aims at building a **new generation of young people with a unique Euro-Mediterranean profile**, who can actively play a role towards transforming the region from their future positions in an effective and cooperative way between both shores of the Mediterranean.

Initiated by the His Majesty Mohammed VI King of Morocco and unanimously endorsed by the 43 Member States of the Union for the Mediterranean in 2012, with the active support of the UfM Co-Presidency, the UEMF constitutes one of the **flagship projects for the UfM**. It is framed within the UfM cross-sectorial *Mediterranean Initiative for Jobs (Med4Jobs)* and responds to the strategic goal of promoting youth employability and inclusive growth in the region. In line with the conclusions set by the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research (Cairo, 2007) and the recommendations of the recently reviewed European Neighbourhood Policy-ENP (2015), the **promotion of international student mobility** and the **reinforcement of graduates' employability and entrepreneurial skills** are key priorities of this University.

Multidisciplinary curricula with high impact on regional development

Within an international environment, the UEMF seeks to deliver high standard multilingual and multi-dimensional programmes in Engineering and in Humanities & Social Sciences complemented by cross-cutting classes on Euro-Mediterranean history, civilizations, heritage and languages along with transversal courses in ICT's and entrepreneurship. A number of these programmes are already in place and others will be launched in partnership with well-known Higher Education Institutions from several Euro-Mediterranean countries at the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year.

- **INSA Euro-Méditerranée:**



Students currently enrolled at the UEMF

- o Ongoing programmes:
 - Bachelor programmes in Mechanical & Energy engineering, Electrical engineering, and Information & Communication Systems in collaboration with a Euro-Mediterranean consortium of universities from Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia as well as the *Institut International des Sciences Appliqués (Groupe INSA)*.

- **Euro-med Faculty of Engineering:**

- o Ongoing programmes:
 - Master programme in Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (RE&EE).
 - Master programme in Environmental Engineering (EE).
 - Doctorate studies in the same fields and in Materials Sciences.
- o New programmes:
 - Master programme in Energetics Engineering & Climate Change in collaboration with *École Polytechnique de Paris*.
 - Master programme in Big Data Science in collaboration with *École Polytechnique de Paris*.
 - Master programme in Environmental Engineering & Water Management in collaboration with *École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées*.
 - Continuing education programmes in Materials, Logistics, Information & Communication Systems and Finance in collaboration with the *Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM)*.

- **Euro-med School of Architecture, Design and Urban Planning:**

- o New programmes:
 - Bachelor programme in Architecture, Design and Urban Planning in collaboration with *Università degli Studi di Firenze*, *Universidad Politécnica de Madrid* and *École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs*.

- **Euro-med Institute of Political Science:**

- New programmes:
 - **Bachelor programme in Political Science** in collaboration with *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*.

- **Euro-med Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:**

- New programmes:
 - **Master programme in Managing and Enhancing the Touristic Value of Heritages** in collaboration with *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*.

The UEMF has put in place **world-class type facilities for research and innovation** through grants obtained from academic and research Institutions (*Académie Hassan II des sciences et techniques*, CNRST and IRESEN) and public (Moroccan Government, Region of Fes-Boulemane and African Development Bank) and private sectors (*Agile Semiconductors, Crédit Agricole, Éléphant Vert, CGEM, GIMAS, Peugeot, OCP, Safran, SIE, SunOmix and Total*).

It participates in **various European projects funded under the Erasmus+ programme**, mainly mobility projects, carried out in cooperation with renowned universities from across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Involvement in University networks with Mediterranean scope

The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes works towards positioning itself at the **heart of wide networks** of strategic institutional, academic and socio-economic partners, such as:

- Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI).
- *Unione delle Università del Mediterraneo (UNIMED)*.
- *Consortium des Universités Euro-Méditerranéennes (TETHYS)*.
- *Réseau Méditerranéen des Ecoles d'Ingénieurs (RMEI)*.
- **Groupement d'Universités de la Méditerranée Occidentale** (established by UEMF together with the Universities of Girona, Balearic Islands and Genoa).



The UEMF grounds

The UEMF concluded a cooperation agreement with the **Institut du Monde Arabe (IMA)** with the objective of jointly participating at international research projects, fostering student and researcher mobility, co-organizing cultural and scientific events and offering Arabic courses.

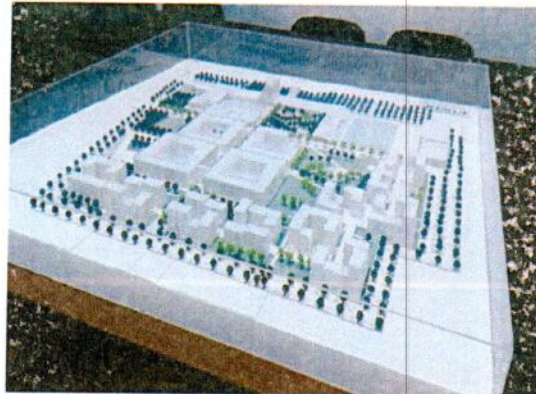
International student & faculty forecast and construction outlook

Already 107 students are currently enrolled in the on-going courses, held at temporary premises in Fes-Shore Techno-Park, with the prospect of welcoming approximately 500-600 students at the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year coinciding with the inauguration of the new campus.

The overall construction of the definitive premises is expected to be completed by 2019-2020 and will have the **capacity to host approximately 7,000 students and 650 staff members** representing diverse nationalities of the Euro-Mediterranean region and Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Euro-Mediterranean and international vocation of the University is already embedded in the composition of the faculty and of the governing bodies. Presently, professors from Algeria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Ivory Coast, Mali, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom are working at the UEMF under the leadership of its President, Prof. Mostapha Bousmina. Well-known personalities from Morocco and the international arena such as Mr. José Manuel Roldán (Spain), former Rector of the *Universidad de Córdoba*, appointed as Vice-President for Research & Innovation of the UEMF, the former Vice-President of the European Parliament, Mrs. Rodi Kratsa (Greece) and the former Rector of the *Académie de Paris*, Prof. Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux (France) are members of the UEMF General Assembly and Orientation, Surveillance & Development Council.

Considering the strategic importance of this unique regional university, particularly in terms of socio-economic and cultural dimensions, **UfM Member States**, by means of their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs & Cooperation and Higher Education & Research, **are invited to benefit from this flagship project and contribute to its development.**



The scale model of the UEMF campus

UEMF key figures:

- **7,000 students** from across the Euro-Mediterranean region and Sub-Saharan Africa in 2024.
- **650** highly qualified professors, researchers, administrative and technical **personnel**.
- **80%** of students participate in **mobility** experiences abroad.
- **20%** of students granted with full or partial **scholarships**.
- **26ha** eco-friendly and world-class **campus**.
- **MAD 70,000** (approx. EUR 6,250): annual tuition fees.

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