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MEDSPRING groups and communities: EMEG and AGORA

Among others, an important project component is EMEG (Euro-Mediterranean Expert Group), which acts as a permanent structured “think tank”. EMEG provides recommendations for actions, with emphasis on enhancing research impacts, effective policies and adequate holistic approach in relation to the three main societal challenges: Resource efficiency, High quality affordable food and Energy. The targets are EU institutions and Mediterranean Countries and their programmes (particularly the EU Research Framework Programme “Horizon 2020”), policy makers and relevant research actors from the civil society in Europe and South Mediterranean Countries.

EMEG is constituted by 45 experts, grouped in the above three challenges. Experts are from EU Member States and Mediterranean Countries, having different background and representing different stakes: research, innovation, policy, private sector, socio-economics, gender issue and others.

MedSpring also supports structuring through the “Agora” the dialogue with the civil society. The Agora gathers ideas and experiences through the use of social media. The AGORA is a real social hub, supporting social dialogue with the web communities on research and innovation.

To learn more, head to: http://agora.medspring.eu/

Work Packages structure

- **WP1 - Project coordination and management**
  - Think thank, open dialogue, brokerage, networking
  - WP2: Societal challenges to enhance the frame of cooperation (Mediterranean, Euro-Mediterranean, North-Mediterranean, Middle East)
  - WP4: Open dialogue on R&I the EU-Mediterranean AGORA

- **WP6 - Capacity building, monitoring, modelling**
  - WP7: Capacity building in research, development and innovation
  - WP8: Policy, societal challenges and cooperation observatory

- **Institutional, policy, policy dialogue**
  - WP9: Institutional and funding synergies
  - WP10: Support to inter-institutional and policy dialogue

- **WP3 - Project portal, knowledge management and dissemination**

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Enhanced EU-MPCs co-ownership in research cooperation
- Shared Euro-Mediterranean knowledge on selected societal challenges
- Strengthened cooperation on R&I (networking, capacity building and brokerage)
- Enhanced synergies on joint programming and integration
- Improved policy making and policy dialogue