

The 6th Project meeting of the EU project Join-MED was hosted by the National Council for Scientific Research, CNRS at Le Commodore Hotel on May 21-22, 2010. Fifteen **JOIN-MED** Project Partners from Lebanon, Greece, Germany, Egypt, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia, Syria and Cyprus attended the meeting to discuss the developments, achievements and steps forward towards
Establishing the EU-Mediterranean ICT Research Network.



Participants and Project Partners at the 6th Project Meeting in Beirut

I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of the endeavors being undertaken by the partners of JOIN-MED, with the understanding that establishing a research network is not always an easy task. Establishing a sustainable one, in an ever changing environment, is even more challenging.

In creating a sustainable network of ICT research organizations in the Mediterranean and Europe we are confident that research cooperation between our two regions will receive a much needed and much valued boost.

*Welcome Address of the CNRS
Given by Dr. Ahmad Nasri*

During the meeting, an overview of work undertaken to date was re-visited, key deliverables and time schedules for the upcoming period were discussed, including:

(a) the need to update the Policy Paper and supplement with policy recommendations for both national and EU policy makers on how to support R&D in ICT within each country and how to improve EU R&D collaboration with Mediterranean Partner Countries; (b) key recommendations towards the consolidation of the ICT Research directory for its effective use and sustainability; (c) the planning and convening of the 2nd Networking event in Tunisia.



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