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**MEDAlics**

## MEDALics Introduction and Background

The basic intention behind MEDALics is to create a Mediterranean network of scholars who apply the concept 'knowledge, learning, systems of innovation and competence building' as their analytical framework. With the same spirit and passion which guided the development of all existing "-lics" initiatives, in April 2012 a group of Globelics' scholars started MEDALics as the core Network for Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems in the Mediterranean area.

The region that brings Southern Europe with the Middle East and North Africa can open and offer opportunities to bring together relevant information and knowledge and research exchange by sharing experiences on a whole range of topics related to innovation and development.

The collaborative distance that is now far can be made soon nearer by creating the knowledge, innovation, learning and competence building research area. Organizing both research and training can create deeper cohesion and interconnection among academic institutions and academic activities in Mediterranean countries in order to promote sustain and express the further integration of the Mediterranean area. Moreover, the complex challenges of forging an integrated Mediterranean area open to the knowledge and learning economy, aligning interests and supporting progress locally cannot be grasped without strengthening the political economy dimension of the research. At a time where innovation and technical progress have become increasingly the main ways for advancing and promoting economic and social welfare, building both internal and external networks for sharing and exchanging knowledge, research and training are very essential. While external connections are present, even with different degrees of magnitude ranging from one country to another, there is a need to add a well-organized and stable network within Mediterranean countries. MEDALics hopes to provide a strong internal network among scholars and academic institutions to enhance, foster and expand the interconnections both internally in the region and externally outside the region.





The initiative to build MEDAlics should be seen in this light. MEDAlics offers the possibility both to share external 'network connections' and exploit synergies within the Mediterranean region.

The objective of building MEDAlics is to consolidate and strengthen the existing research networks and the knowledge base for policy strategies aiming ultimately at promoting well-being and capability with the application of science, technology and innovation to development.

There are already existing organizations and networks within the Mediterranean working on issues related to innovation, structural change and development issues. MEDAlics will add to these networks because it is first and foremost a network of academic scholars studying the dynamics of learning, innovation and competence building.

The expectation is that members of the existing networks and organizations in the area of science, technology and innovation will make use of MEDAlics as a platform and meeting place to share and exchange and enrich scholarship as part and parcel of the Globelics network.

The main inspiration of MEDAlics is derived from the original Globelics' one, in that it seeks to create a global network of academics who apply the theoretical framework of the 'systems of innovation and competence building' approach to the analysis of economies in the Mediterranean region in the attempt to sustain the complex process of integration and development in this area.

The analytical focus of the MEDAlics network is driven by knowledge, learning, innovation and competence building systems, (KLICS). MEDAlics aims to set critical issues that are central to generating human and ecological well being by making economy serve them rather than them serving economic competition and growth.

### The following are some of the Key themes:

- ① Building the Mediterranean Research Area on Knowledge, Learning, Innovation and Competence building Systems;
- ② The Innovation Approach for the Integration and Development of the Mediterranean area;
- ③ Inclusive and Sustainable Innovation Systems in the Region;
- ④ Innovation to deal with the impact of the Globalization of Mediterranean region.

## MEDALics Doctoral Academy

The aim of the MEDALics Academy PhD-School is to support the training of Ph.D. students from different parts of the world who are writing thesis on issues related to innovation and economic development in the Mediterranean area. The Academy brings together frontier researchers in innovation with Ph.D. students from different countries in order to inspire and qualify their work as well as in order to help them to join high-quality research networks in the field they are approaching. The MEDALics Academy will be held once a year starting from 2013. It is open to Ph.D. students who have completed at least their first year of graduate studies and who are then working on their thesis. In particular two eligibility conditions must be fulfilled by applicant students: first, they must either come from one of the Mediterranean countries (nationality criterion) or study there (place of study criterion) and, secondly, they must be working on at least one of the general issues the Academy will focus on. Students who do not fulfill these requirements might be admitted only on exceptional circumstances, which will be evaluated on a case by case basis.



The MEDALics Academy will facilitate the strengthening of existing networks locally, encourage and inspire the creation of new ones, and, most importantly, it will allow for existing networks to be brought better in touch with each other in a more formalized setting. In particular, it will make possible the transfer of the accumulated knowledge to next generations of scholars. This is the ultimate aim of the MEDALics Academy.

The first MEDALics Academy is planned for September 2013 and it will be held in Reggio Calabria (Italy). Detailed information on dates, venue, accommodation, and program will be made available as soon as possible on the MEDALics website.

## MEDAlics Workshop

The MEDAlics Workshop will be arranged on a yearly basis in the same days Ph.D. students are involved in the Academy activities. The direct correspondence of the two events is thought to stimulate the development of both internal and external networks and to give students the opportunity to attend plenary lectures held by invited speakers, who will be selected among frontier researchers in innovation and development economics as well as technology management and international trade with a specific focus on the Mediterranean area. The specific issues treated by the workshop will be communicated yearly in due time, but two common lines will run along each MEDAlics Workshop initiative. On one hand the Workshop will always be related to the nature of the “lics” paradigm, while on the other the attention on the Mediterranean area will be an infeasible driver.

The accommodation is provided to invited speakers and organized for the rest of the audience. The contributions to the Workshop, after being evaluated and discussed by the scientific committee, will be published in the MEDAlics Working Paper Series.

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