

# HIGHER EDUCATION AS A BRIDGE IN THE EURO- SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN

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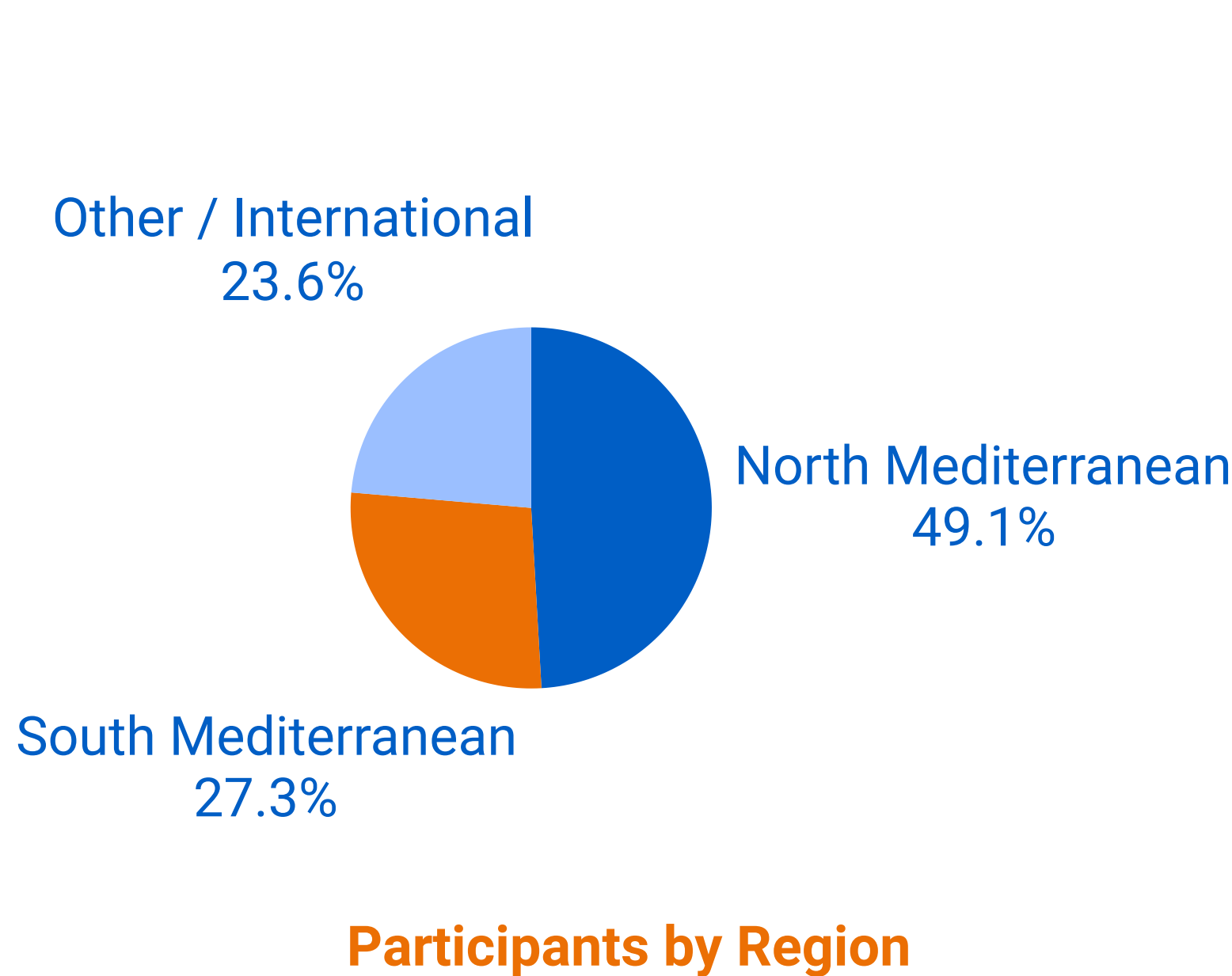




# CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW



A total of 110 participants, Coming from 22 countries



Morocco (13)	Italy (13)	Slovenia (10)	Lithuania (1)
Spain (10)	France (6)	Palestine (1)	Finland (1)
Belgium (4)	Jordan (3)	Serbia (1)	Lebanon (1)
Poland (1)	Portugal (1)	Montenegro (1)	Egypt (5)
Cyprus (1)	Czech Republic (1)	Libya (1)	Romania (1)
Algeria (3)		Tunisia (2)	

Country Breakdown



# Why We Are Here?

Education, research, and innovation are the strongest bridges we can build across the Mediterranean.

## Turning Point for the Region

With courage, vision and cooperation

→ Unlock shared prosperity for the whole Mediterranean





# Higher Education is Geopolitical Priority!

It shapes values.

It stabilises societies.

It creates economic opportunity.

## Contribute to a Realistic Action Plan

University  
cooperation

Mobility

Research

Innovation

Youth and women  
empowerment

Structured  
partnerships





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# DISCUSSION THEMES



**Strengthening University  
Alliances**



**Inclusive Mobility**



**Brain Circulation**



**Research & Innovation**



**Youth and Women  
Empowerment**



**a Euro–Mediterranean  
Higher Education Area**





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# A NEW BARCELONA CHAPTER

The Barcelona Process created political and economic partnership. But Higher Education and research remain underused.



## EMUNI Mission

- Connect the Mediterranean through knowledge
- Build alliances and joint programmes
- Translate policy into academic cooperation

## EMUNI Proposal

### Implementation Role

We propose the EC entrust EMUNI and partner networks to:

- Coordinate university alliances
- Manage mobility schemes
- Launch research and innovation calls
- Focused on:

Climate

Water

Energy

Digital

Entrepreneurship

Resilience





# MESSAGE TO UNIVERSITIES

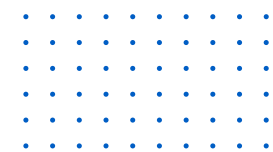
Universities are the heart of this process.

We invite you to join EMUNI in building:

- new alliances
- joint programmes
- research initiatives

Academic mobility is not migration, it is knowledge in motion.





# SHARED MEDITERRANEAN FUTURE

The Mediterranean must become:

- A place where knowledge meets
- Talent circulates
- Research connects
- Universities cooperate
- Education becomes a foundation of peace







**A STORY OF KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATION, AND SHARED PROSPERITY.  
LET US TRANSFORM THE MEDITERRANEAN  
INTO A COMMON SPACE OF LEARNING AND PEACE.**

**THANK YOU.**

