



# **“MEDITERRANEAN COMMON HOUSE”**

## **Charter**

## Article 1

### Mediterranean Common House

On proposal of IASEM - Institute of High Euro Mediterranean Studies, the Mediterranean Common House (hereinafter referred to as Network) is established as a Network of Cultural Centres, Institutions, Think Tank, Foundations, Private Companies, Universities, Research Centers, Associations (hereinafter referred to as members) that recognize themselves in the Manifesto of the Mediterranean Civilization.

The first Participant of each country constitutes the Country Common House. Other participants from the same country can be affiliated as Members of the Country Common House.

IASEM is identified as promoter of the Network and coordinator of its establishment and implementation.

## Article 2

### Values

All the participants to the Mediterranean Common House pursue a Mediterranean integration process based on Personal Realization of the Community members and Recognition of Personal and Social responsibility of the members.

Moreover, participants undertake:

- to respect all forms of diversity,
- to contribute to the development of knowledge of the Community members,
- to improve the process of social sharing,
- to promote the prosperity of the members,
- to promote respect for the environment,
- to recognize themselves in a peaceful resolution of possible conflicts,
- to recognize themselves in the practice of hospitality

## Article 3

### Purposes

Purpose of Participants to the Mediterranean Common House is to spread among Mediterranean societies values in which they recognize themselves, and they do it through the establishment of Mediterranean Common Houses throughout the area, in their own Country.

Participants chase the following purposes:

- spread the culture of knowledge;
- expand the knowledge of "Mediterranean society" thanks to individuals, organizations and associations' contacts;
- broaden cognitive horizons, so that values of integration and personal development of individual members spread;
- act as a meeting and aggregation place, fulfilling the social function of improvement and human and civil growth;
- present itself as a reference point of the "Mediterranean society."

## **Article 4**

### **Activities**

The Mediterranean Common House and the Common Houses of each Countries act in maximum autonomy, but always in harmony with each other and with full respect of recognized and signed values.

Participants take on activities in cultural awareness, dissemination, research, publication of research results, scientific exchanges and promoting Mediterranean synergies in cultural, political and economic setting, to achieve their goals.

In particular, seminars, lectures, conferences, education courses, research projects, exchange of staff, training, publications, international bilateral or multilateral meetings, events in support of business realities and similar, are promoted.

## **Article 5**

### **Body**

Bodies of the Mediterranean Common House are:

- The Honorary President
- The General Director
- The Scientific Committee
- The Board of Directors of the Countries Common Houses and Supporters

## **Article 6**

### **The Honorary President**

The Honorary President is a figure of undisputed prestige and international value. The President has pure honorary and representative role, he offers his advices and recommendations to other bodies about the general address of the Mediterranean Common House.

## **Article 7**

### **General Director**

The General Director of the Network is the President of IASEM.

The General Director has the following functions of overall coordination of the Network, in particular he:

- maintains relations with all Members and the Network's Bodies;
- indicates the main development lines of the Network's activities;
- promotes and coordinates joint initiatives and supports the initiatives of individual Countries Common Houses;
- represents Participants outside and among institutional headquarters;
- is the manager of projects that belong to the network;
- calls the Board of Directors and Supporters;
- supervises proper communication of information within the network, taking care to spread a periodic newsletter

## **Article 8**

### **The Scientific Committee**

The Scientific Committee has the following functions. It:

- indicates cultural lines of the Network;
- examines the scientific accuracy, harmony to the values and general benefit of the activities within the Network.

The Scientific Committee is headed by a Coordinator whose function is proposing questions and gather scientific opinion of Members.

## **Article 9**

### **The Board of Directors of the Countries Common Houses and Supporters**

Each Country Common House provides with a Director.

The Director of the Countries Common Houses has the following functions. He:

- promotes values of the Net
- organizes activities in compliance with the Network
- represents his Country on the Network

The Network houses Public or Private entities who support various initiatives (moral or economic) and they are called Supporters.

Directors of Countries Common Houses and representatives of Supporters are part of the Board of Directors and Supporters.

The Board of Directors and Supporters are called when necessary by the General Director and it provides advices about general direction and practical organization of the Network.

Members of the Board of Directors and Supporters are entitled to participate in all public and private events organized and afferent to the Net.

## **Article 10**

### **Economic Relations**

All the Participants are economically autonomous. They finance the organized activities with their own funds or through funds raising.

## **Article 11**

### **External Communications**

Official body of the Network is the online portal Think-Med ([www.think-med.net](http://www.think-med.net)). All Participants are called to promptly send all the news that they want to convey outside to the editorial staff.

In order to ensure harmony with the values of the Net in external communication, the Coordinator of the Scientific Committee is entrusted with the Management of portal editorial Think-Med.

## **Article 12**

### **Subscription modality**

Each public body or private subject, interested to reach the institutional goals and which shares the above-mentioned spirit and ideals, can adhere to the Network by signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Participant and IASEM – Institute of High Euro Mediterranean Studies.

## Article 13

### **Breach of the agreement or exclusion from the Network**

In the event of termination of the will to be part of the Net, the Participant must send a letter or a certified mail in triplicate attention of:

- the Honorary President
- the General Director
- the Coordinator of the Scientific Committee

In case of behavior not compatible with values and purposes of the Network, after consulting the Scientific Committee and informed the Board of Directors and Supporters, the General Director may proceed to exclude the Participant from the Network, through registered or certified mail sent to the attention of the Legal Representative of the subscriber.