AECHE
Arab-Euro Cooperation in Higher Education
a Platform for universities, networks, associations and other actors

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The partnership

Founders:

• Association of Arab Universities (AARU)
• European University Association (EUA)
• University Barcelona (UB) – Secretariat

Joint steering Committee: Founders +

Permanent

• Mediterranean Universities Union (Unimed)
• UNICA – Universities of the European Capitals
• Union for the Mediterranean

Rotating

• Technical University Berlin and PSUT, Jordan
Why AECHE?

• Many activities for Arab-Europe & Euro-Mediterranean university-to-university collaboration
  – university to university
  – national bilateral initiatives
  – several Arab-EU & Euromed networks
  – projects
  – ...

but:
• difficult to map
• memory - process – sustainability
• coordination
• dialogue and collaboration remains scattered
• visibility? promotion?
Purpose of AECHE

• Not: “new big initiative” - but
• complement & network existing collaboration
• universities, university networks, policy makers, industry etc.
• join forces, pool resources, enhance cooperation & synergies
• raise awareness for, promote Euro-Arab exchanges
• contribute to policy making
Initiatives

• Steering Committee meetings (1-2 per year)
• Biennial leadership conferences (AECHE1, AECHE2…….)
• Collaborative activities
  – thematic events with partners, bridging networks and actors
  – projects
• Policy actions
  – 2014: AECHE Process recognised by EU/ARAB League
  – 2015: joint event on EU Neighbourhood region consultation
• Platform
  – open for new partners & cooperation
  – light coordination & memory & follow-up
Al-Gouna Conference

- “The networked university”
- first AECHE ‘Thematic conference’:
  - TU Berlin’s contribution to the AECHE platform
  - follow-up on AECHE 2
  - inputs for AECHE 3
AECHE Leadership Conferences

- AECHE 1: Barcelona University 2013 – Spain
- AECHE 2: Princess Sumaya University for Technology – Jordan 2014
- AECHE 3: Barcelona University 2016 – Spain
- AECHE 4: ???

http://www.ub.edu/aeche/