

# Call for papers

## How to strengthen EU - NCs relationships

### Final SEARCH Academic Conference

Barcelona, 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**The European Union's relations with its Southern and Eastern neighbours will be the focus of the Final SEARCH Academic Conference to be held in Barcelona on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014.**

**Organized by the EU-funded research project SEARCH (FP-SSH-2010-2.2.1), the Conference is open to attendance and to present papers by all interested parties.**

The SEARCH consortium is exploring the integration process between the EU and its Neighbourhood Countries (which include non-EU states in Eastern Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa).

Representatives of the SEARCH consortium and external academics will present their findings at the Conference, highlighting the issues related with the following topics:

- (a) Trade flows, FDI and location choices.
- (b) Migration, human capital and social capital.
- (c) Technological activities and innovation diffusion in the EU and interactions with Neighbouring regions.
- (d) Social, cultural and institutional environment.

Bringing together 17 partners from a variety of countries, SEARCH is working to improve implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy. While paying special attention to the cohesive potential of the European Research Neighbourhood, the project is mainly aimed at 'strengthening the integration process between the EU and the Neighbouring Countries'.

#### **Keynote speakers**

A couple of well-known key note speakers will participate actively in this SEARCH Academic Conference.

## Submission

The accepted papers will be presented in plenary sessions that will complement the 2 keynote speakers' presentations. Abstracts of the Papers (500-800 words) should be sent in pdf format to [search.project@ub.edu](mailto:search.project@ub.edu) before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Detailed abstracts will also be considered, but full papers will be favoured. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for one presenter of each selected paper. Ten papers will be selected to be presented in this Conference.

Final Papers should have a length of 12-15.000 words.

Deadline for abstracts of the papers submission: September 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Selection decision on the abstracts to be announced: October 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Preliminary programme: October 30<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Deadline for full Papers submission: December 20<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Final programme: January 10<sup>th</sup> 2014.

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