

Universities: Erasmus+ seminar in Tunis to strengthen cooperation between Africa and Europe

From 20 to 23 April 2026, the Tunisian capital hosts the Transnational Cooperation Activity promoted by Erasmus+ INDIRE together with the MedNet network Agencies

Rome, 17th April 2026 - Strengthening international cooperation among higher education institutions across Europe and Africa by expanding existing partnerships into new thematic areas and involving new university partners, while also promoting strategic alliances and innovative forms of academic collaboration. This is the focus of the international conference **"Erasmus+ Aiming Higher: Mediterranean Bridges Across Africa and Europe for Shared Academic Pathways"**, organised in Tunisia by the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE within the framework of the **MedNet network**, a partnership involving the Erasmus+ Agencies of Cyprus, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, North Macedonia, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and Türkiye.

The initiative will take place from **20 to 23 April 2026** in Tunis, as part of an Erasmus+ Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA), and is organised in cooperation with **UNIMED – Union of Mediterranean Universities** and the **National Erasmus+ Office in Tunisia**.

"The conference," said Flaminio Galli, Director General of the Erasmus+ National Agency INDIRE, "comes at a strategic moment to strengthen the role of academic cooperation between Europe and Africa in view of the future Erasmus+ Programme 2028–2034. Consolidating dialogue across territories, building new bridges between universities, expanding cooperation networks and promoting shared pathways means testing increasingly inclusive and sustainable models of collaboration. For the Agency, this means investing in truly international higher education, capable of offering greater mobility opportunities for students and staff, fostering skills development and supporting open and innovative higher education systems."

The event takes place at a particularly significant stage for the Programme and contributes to relaunching international cooperation in the future generation of Erasmus+ 2028–2034, which is currently under definition. In this context, Tunis will become a privileged **forum for dialogue between Europe and Africa on major shared challenges, good practices and opportunities for the development of international academic cooperation.**

The meeting will bring together around **170 representatives of universities and higher education institutions from MedNet countries, the Southern Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Africa**, offering a valuable opportunity for networking, identifying new partners and exchanging experiences.

Particular emphasis will be placed on the added value of Erasmus+ actions in shaping academic internationalisation strategies — such as **Capacity Building for Higher Education** initiatives and **Erasmus Mundus joint programmes** — as well as on the impact on individual participants in International Credit Mobility projects for students and staff in higher education. The objective is to build shared and increasingly inclusive academic pathways between both shores of the Mediterranean and the African continent.

Info and Agenda: [Mediterranean Bridges Across Africa and Europe for Shared Academic Pathways](#)

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