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**Forum in favor of the Prevention of Radicalization**

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25-26 January 2018, Le Bristol Hotel – Beirut

***Context and objectives***

Nowadays, violent extremism is a plague weighing upon all societies. The Mediterranean Sea, which is one of its favorite target, is both an area of tension and of hope.

This phenomenon is one of the main dangers that the Med Basin has to face, not only because of its dominating and deadly will, but also because of the direct or indirect effects it causes, such as migration or an economic impact.

Often victims of violence, youth in the Mediterranean can help fighting radicalisation to a great extent and participate in a positive social transformation based on sustainable development and the promotion of tolerance, cultural diversity, and mutual comprehension.

In that context, the Euromed Cities Network and the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO have decided to take the lead on an action in favor of preventing radicalisation in Europe and in the Mediterranean.

This initiative follows on from the *Euro-Mediterranean conference of cities on the prevention of radicalization*, held in Nice on 29-30 September 2017 and organized in close collaboration with universities and euro-mediterranean networks.





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**Programme**

Thursday, January 25, 2018	
17:00	<b>Registration</b>
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Address of the Secretary General of the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO Prof. Zahida Darwiche Jabbour</li><li>– Address of the Deputy Mayor of the City of Nice Ms. Agnès Rampal</li><li>– Address of the National Coordinator of the Unit for Preventing Violent Extremism at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers Ms. Rubina Abou Zainab</li><li>– Address of the Deputy Head of Mission of the European Delegation to Lebanon Ms. Julia Koch De Biolley</li><li>– Address of the Head of the Parliamentary Committee for Education, Higher Education and Culture H.E. Ms. Bahia Hariri</li><li>– Address of the Patronage H.E. Minister of Culture Dr. Ghattas Khoury</li></ul>
18:00 – 18:30	<b>Inauguration Speech: The acknowledgment of the other as a world peace issue</b> Prof. Bertrand Badie – Professor of international relations at Sciences-Po Paris
18:30 – 19:00	<b>Cocktail</b>



## Friday January 26, 2018

9:30 – 10:00

### Workshop « Universities »

*What strategic research project towards cities? What teaching model for youth?*

**Moderator :** Prof. Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry – President of the Euro-Mediterranean University of Slovenia (EMUNI)

#### Session I

- Dr. Nahawand El Kadri – Media and Communication Professor at the Lebanese University
- Dr. Roula Abi Habib Khoury – Director of the Center for the Studies of the Modern Arab World (CEMAM) at Saint Joseph University of Beirut
- Dr. Ali Mourad – Assistant Professor of Public Law at Beirut Arab University

#### Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

### Coffee Break

**Moderator :** Dr. Hasna Hussein – Research Assistant for the European Project PRACTICIES

11:30 – 12:30

#### Session II

- Dr. Tony Gergess – Dean of Students Affairs at Balamand University
- Dr. Mirna Mzawak – Head of Social Sciences Department at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
- Prof. Ali Kazwini Housseini – Dean of the Faculty of Literature and Human Sciences at the Islamic University of Lebanon

#### Discussion

12:30 – 14:00

### Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Workshop « Cities »</b> <i>What pilot actions can cities implement with the support of youth?</i></p> <p><b>Moderator :</b> Prof. Christian Vallar – Head of Law and Political Science Faculty at Nice Sophia Antipolis University</p> <p><b>Session I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Mayor of Jdeideh : Mr. Antoine Gebara</li> <li>– President of the Federation of Municipalities of the Higher Chouf: Mr. Roger El Ashi</li> <li>– President of the Federation of Jezzine Municipalities: Mr. Khalil Harfouche</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Moderator :</b> Prof. Zahida Darwiche Jabbour – Secretary General of the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO</p> <p><b>Session II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Mayor of Baalbek : General Mr. Hussein Lakkis</li> <li>– President of the Union of Dannieh Municipalities: Mr. Mohammad Saadieh</li> <li>– Member of the Federation of the Municipalities of Saida : Mr. Mohamed El Baba</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Closing</b></p>

\* Simultaneous translation will be provided in Arabic, English and French.