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## EUROMESCO ENTERS A NEW ERA!

In mid-October 2005, the EuroMeSCo network of strategic research and foreign policy institutes throughout Europe and the Southern Mediterranean signed a new contract with the European Union. The EuroMeSCo network is an official confidence – and partnership – building measure of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. The new four-year contract will provide the network with fresh opportunities to expand its contacts throughout Europe and the Mediterranean region and to expand its interests beyond the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership to include the European Neighbourhood Policy as well. ([Read More](#))

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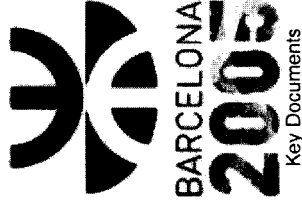


### Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission

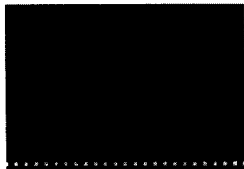
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## Who We Are

### ▣ Presentation

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### ▣ The origins

EuroMeSCo formally began in June 1996, with an inaugural conference in the Portuguese town of Sesimbra organised by the Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais (IEEI), which is based in Lisbon and now serves as the EuroMeSCo secretariat.

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### ▣ The members

EuroMeSCo's members are drawn from all the thirty-five EMP member-states on the basis of a rough parity in membership from each state.

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### ▣ The network

Under the statutes of the EuroMeSCo network, as laid down in its articles of association in Belgium, the regular activities of the network are monitored by the Steering Committee, working under the authority of the General Assembly.

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### ▣ The Statutes

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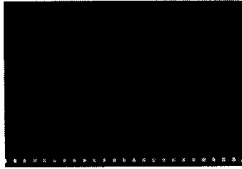
### ▣ The website

The network, through its secretariat in Lisbon, also runs this website which is designed to provide information on EuroMeSCo activities, to act as a contact point for member-institutes and to be a resource for those interested in Mediterranean affairs and the EMP.

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### ▣ The objectives

EuroMeSCo itself, as a functioning confidence-building measure, is concerned with creating lasting cooperative professional relationships with similar non-governmental and independent organisations.



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The members of the network are drawn from the thirty-five member-countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (the EMP), the European Union's comprehensive policy for its relations with the Southern Mediterranean region. At least eight more will join the network, either as full members or observers, from the new accession countries in the very near future.

There are currently forty-eight member-institutes, twenty-four observer institutes and two international associate members. The network's membership is designed to reflect the national composition of the EMP and its objective of ensuring equality between the members within the Partnership

EuroMeSCo functions both as an official confidence-building measure within the EMP and as a source of analytical expertise in the policy and security fields with which it is concerned.

The network's activities are policy and security-oriented, both because it can best contribute towards the goals of the EMP in these areas and because they correspond to the primary interests of its members. However, EuroMeSCo's themes for research and debate must also reflect its duty to reinforce confidence amongst its members and within the EMP. It therefore seeks to establish consensus over its research agenda and the fullest possible participation of member-institutes in the research and discussion process.

The network can, of course, take advantage of the research of individual institutes as well. In such cases, institutes within the network may engage in such topics on their own account or in conjunction with other, interested member-institutes. However, they do so in their individual capacities and not in the name of the network, even though the results may be of interest to the network as a whole and to the EMP.

The network also seeks to address conceptual issues connected with the EMP, which often require a long-term approach, but is also prepared to address specific topics that the institutions of the EMP may propose.

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