UNIMED celebrates International Migrants Day by reiterating its commitment to the inclusion of Migrants in the host societies and in the education systems. We seize this special occasion to share with you three projects in which UNIMED teams up with other partners and work for and with migrants: RAISD, MIGRANTS and UNI(di)VERSITY. We encourage our members and readers to learn more on these initiatives and to explore promising practices to expand access to higher education for migrants and overall better inclusion in host societies.

Besides these projects, UNIMED is committed, through its SubNetwork on Migration, to facilitate and ease the commitment of the Higher Education Community in playing its fundamental role for mitigating the migratory crisis in the Mediterranean region by promoting shared research on this topic and enhancing common research projects between the two shores of the Mediterranean. You can join this SubNetwork and accompany us in this endeavor by visiting the website here.

You can learn more on this International Day on the UN page and take part in initiatives carried out today on social media through the dedicated hashtags #WeTogether #MigrantsDay #InternationalMigrantsDay.

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The RAISD Project - Reshaping Attention and Inclusion Strategies for Distinctively Vulnerable People among the Forcibly Displaced

Gaining a different perspective in dealing with migration, analyzing migrants' specific challenges and needs regarding integration and well-being, and identifying suitable aid strategies to promote their involvement and improve their inclusion in host societies are essential. These are precisely the objectives driving UNIMED and the other partners of the RAISD project.

The RAISD project contributes to the cause of making "migration works for all" through the design, implementation and test of a series of so called "Tailored Attention and Inclusion Strategies" in the participating countries, practical pilot experiences supporting and facilitating the integration of Forcibly Displaced Persons in the local societies. The project addresses Forcibly Displaced Persons belonging to Vulnerable groups irrespective of their age and occupation, thus including young people willing to resume their studies which they had to leave when escaping from their home countries, which is UNIMED's main area of intervention and the reason for participating in the project.

Learn more here

The UNI(di)VERSITY Project - Socially Responsible University for Inclusive Societies in the Era of Migration

In a context of increased xenophobia, cultural tensions, and toxic narratives on migrants and migration, European Higher Education Institutions can act as social agents and help build

inclusive societies. Building on a thousand-year tradition of international exchanges and openness to the world, universities are well positioned to lead the current societal transition and become the crucible of cosmopolitan societies that value cultural diversity and dialogue. UNI(di)VERSITY precisely aims at supporting EU Higher Education Institutions' strategic planning towards diversity and inclusion in relation to migration.

UNIMED, together with the other partners of the UNI(di)VERSITY project, is working to increase knowledge, inspire commitment, sensitise, and empower European HEIs leaders, managers and staff from different structures in relation to migration issues, to act as agents of change in their own institutions and academic community, and throughout Europe.

Learn more here

The MIGRANTS Project - Master Degree in Migration Studies: Governance, Policies and Cultures

Good governance and migration policies prevent, combat and eradicate smuggling in the context of international migration. Only in this way can we ensure that migration works as a source of prosperity, innovation and sustainable development. The MIGRANTS project specifically aims to strengthen the capacity of the Tunisian High Education Institutions to train staff who will be able to plan and implement governance measures and policies for a safe, orderly and regular migration. Given its geo-political situation, Tunisia plays a major role in the migration governance strategy, not only for itself but also for all the surrounding countries, including EU Member States.

UNIMED, together with the other project's partnes, develops the institutionalization and accreditation of a Joint Master Degree between the three Tunisian Partner Universities (University of Tunis El Manar, University of Tunis, University of Al Manouba) and many forms of training and qualification for professors and young researchers who will set up the teaching staff of the Master.

Learn more here

UNIMED SubNetwork on Migration

UNIMED is committed, together with the global Mediterranean academic community to play a visible, effective and practical role in addressing the migration crisis by critically supporting the medium and long term priorities of the European Agenda on Migration. UNIMED, through its SubNetwork on Migration, facilitates and eases the commitment of the Higher Education Community in playing its fundamental role for mitigating this crisis in the Mediterranean region by promoting shared research on this topic and enhancing common research projects between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

Through this SubNetwork, UNIMED aims to create a solid and sustainable community which is able to effectively have an impact on Migration issues in the region by actively promoting a coordinated action among all its academic members.

You can join this SubNetwork and accompany us in this endeavor by visiting the website here.