

## Parallel session

### Strengthening Innovation in the Mediterranean Region

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## Most important issues to focus on:

- Make Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation a top innovation policy priority within the 2020 Horizon
- Make knowledge-based economic development in the Euro-Med a subsequent top priority
- Job creation through innovation and entrepreneurship

## Main challenges to be addressed:

- Increase socio-economic impact of past research and innovation projects
- Reduce Complexity through concerted innovation policy from European Institutions (EC, EIB, ERDB)
- Bringing research and innovation together through enhanced network facilities

## Priorities for action – key next steps:

- Budget line for 2020 Euro-Med cooperation: innovation and research for economic development
- Data collection of appropriate innovation and technology indicators in order to support innovation and economic take up through...
- Young entrepreneurs and researchers training, public-private concerted action and multilateral flagships projects