

Euro-Mediterranean
CONFERENCE
on Research and Innovation **2012**

AN AGENDA FOR
A RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

Parallel session

Changing science in a changing society

Barcelona, 2 & 3 April 2012

Most important issues to focus on:

- Science in service of economy and society?
- Useless social and human sciences?
- Very difficult “climate” for science and research

=> Reintegrating science in “culture”

Main challenges to be addressed:

- Scope: Act holistically on (basic) education, research, innovation, etc.
 - Priorities: Common MED issues, but project scale problems, need for visible results and link to daily life, ownership and co-design!
 - Procedures: Un-adapted, DGs, diverging viewpoints, bilateral/EU coordination, etc.
- => Overcoming institutional silos, fights, inertia,...

Priorities for action – key next steps:

- Need for visibility (selling “MED”), clear budget and strategy for science and research in Euromed
- Apply good practices for funding science/research cooperation (a hidden treasure) + monitoring and evaluation
- Capacity- and power-building (transformative networks, change agents’ coalitions, learning by doing, etc..)

=> Just do it!