

Parallel session 9

**Building competence for Research and Innovation:
governance, human capital
and research infrastructure**

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Most important issues to focus on:

- Innovation in all sectors and themes, such as SHS, is much needed for prosperity and well being,
- Capacity building: new ways of educating towards a non traditional way of thinking,
- Large Euro-Med R&I projects as a means to achieve prosperity via cooperation.

Main challenges to be addressed:

- Equal partnership and common long-term targets with emphasis on inter/intra-regional cooperation,
- Implication of the private sector and NGOs at all levels and needed activities,
- Suitable and simple governance framework to facilitate the emergence of needed synergies and enhance the efficiency of the Euro-Med activities.

Priorities for action – key next steps:

- Call for the follow-up of the Cairo conference with the involvement of the private sector,
- Harmonize/align the overall legislative framework especially the IPR one,
- Initiate progressively a suitable governance framework and action plan to enhance innovation at the national, regional and Euro-Med levels for the well being of the Euro-Med community and humanity as a whole.