Therefore, following our commitment and the 2011 petition, we still strongly encourage the international dimension of the Erasmus Programme. In particular, we support the two current actions - “International Credit Mobility” and “Capacity Building for Higher Education”; because we believe that the representatives of academic and
educational institutions must contribute to the definition of new models of education able to guarantee communities leading to a peaceful and prosperous future.

Furthermore, we believe that, through sharing best practices and lessons learned as well as through capacity building activities, the Erasmus+ Programme can support Higher Education Institutions in the Euro-Mediterranean region in responding to the need to integrate refugee students in their education systems.

For these reasons, we ask you to support this new petition in order to achieve together, as we did in 2011, new results for the benefit of the future of the students, the university staff and the Higher Education Institutions of the Euro-Mediterranean area.

By signing this petition, you will help us ask the European Commission:

- To strengthen the International Credit Mobility dimension of the Erasmus+ Programme (programming period 2021-2027) to help participants (students and staff) to acquire key skills, support their professional development and help them deepen their knowledge and understanding of other cultures. This can be achieved by increasing the number of scholarships from the current number of about 8,000 grants per year (students and staff from South to North and vice-versa) to 30,000 per year;
- To support Southern Mediterranean Countries in establishing a regional mobility scheme (South-South Mobility);
- To continue to support the integration of refugee students and academics in the Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education systems;
- To reinforce the “Capacity Building” action to work together, develop, share and transfer best practices and innovative approaches in the fields of education, training and youth.

As UNIMED founder Prof. Franco Rizzi said, “Mediterranean is our destiny” and we, as UNIMED, are convinced that we should live this destiny together, hand in hand, thus creating the vision of a Mediterranean region promoting a new Erasmus Mediterranean Generation for peace and prosperity.