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RhodesMRC 2011 is the second edition of the innovative conference organized by the **House of Europe in Rhodes** and will be held next October, 19-23, in Rhodes. **Rhodes Model Regional Co-operation** is a conference dedicated to the simulation of Organs of Regional International Organizations. As per last year, **Union for the Mediterranean** and the **Black Sea Economic Co-operation Organization** will be simulated. This year's RhodesMRC will add to its simulated committees the **Council of Europe**, given that Rhodes celebrates its 50 years anniversary since being awarded the **Europa Prize** in 1961, the top award given to local authorities by the Council of Europe.

The **Department of Mediterranean Studies of the University of the Aegean in Rhodes** and the **European Network for Education and Training e.V. (EUNET)** already joined as organizing partners to the project, while the Organizing Committee is in contact

with the local authorities and various other institutions for the re-confirmation of their support, as RhodesMRC is an annual event promoting Rhodes as an educational destination all over the world. There is also an official affiliation with the **Center for International and European Studies** of Kadir-Has University, the **International Center for Black Sea Studies**, the **Israel International Model United Nations**, the **Centre for Governance and Culture in Europe** of the University of St. Gallen and the **Thessaloniki International Model United Nations**.

During RhodesMRC 2010, 80 students and young scientists from 12 universities from 6 countries assumed the role of diplomats and adopted high quality resolutions. Along with the conference sessions, all participants had the opportunity to experience the rich history and beauties of Rhodes, get to know each other and stay in contact till today, meeting again this October. RhodesMRC 2011 is estimated to have 80-120 participants.

RHODES MODEL REGIONAL CO-OPERATION
October 19-23 2011

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Program
 October 19th
 Opening Ceremony
 October 20th
 Induction by experts
 October 20th-22nd
 Sessions
 October 22nd
 Closing Ceremony
 October 23rd
 Trip around Rhodes
 and various social events

The simulation will be “run” by young scientists and students with significant experience¹. They come from 4 different countries and will serve as the Board of the three simulated committees, supervised by a Scientific Committee of 25 esteemed professors, researchers and professionals of International Relations and International Law from 10 Universities and Institutions from Greece and abroad².

Agenda

The agenda of RhodesMRC 2011 includes hot topics that affect the future of our region and Europe itself. The agenda for each of the committees:

- **Union for the Mediterranean**

Making cultural diversity visible in the urban space: empowering individuals with migrant background as agents for intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Med societies

Cultural diversity is the greatest heritage belonging to the Euro-Med region. The efforts put in defining the path towards mutual cultural, ethnic and religious understanding might appear evanescent if compared to the recurring episodes of racism and religious hatred in the whole Euro-Med region. One of the reasons to explain this lies in the lack of empowerment of people with a migrant origin to act as effective agents of dialogue.

Additionally, migratory flows also have an impact on the migrant’s community of origin. To improve the situation, knowledge of the migrant communities about their countries of origin and their capacity to share information with the rest of society must be enhanced, as well as challenging stereotypes and stimulating the interest and openness in the origin and the host societies.

Following the ALF proposals, it is necessary to make the dimension of cultural diversity more visible especially in the urban frame, where the conflict potential is as high as the opportunities for sharing space, knowledge and spirituality. An integrated urban policy for the promotion of a culture of pluralism, respect and exchange will only be successful if key stakeholders from municipalities to educational institutions and non-governmental organizations coordinate together their action. The challenge is to prevent segregation in suburbs characterized by a high concentration of families with migration background and at the same time to give access to a plural cultural dimension out to rural areas.

The current political situation in the Mediterranean (crisis)

The simulated Union for the Mediterranean Summit held in Rhodes, October 2011, is going to deal with the ongoing situation in the Mediterranean, following the Arabic uprising and the recent developments in the Palestinian Matter. During the Summit, various incidents will disturb the

¹ Have a look at RhodesMRC 2011 Board (<http://www.rhodesmrc.org/2011/board.php>). For short CVs of all those involved, check out our *Who is Who* (<http://www.rhodesmrc.org/2011/who-is-who.php>).

² For the latest list of the members of RhodesMRC 2011 Scientific Committee (<http://www.rhodesmrc.org/2011/scientific-committee.php>).

balances and will produce new unexpected situations that the young diplomats will have to cope with and reach an agreement.

- **Black Sea Economic Co-operation**

Organized Crime counter measures: regional mechanisms to combat money laundering and trafficking of illicit funds

The Black Sea Economic Cooperation recognizes the fact that transnational organized crime is a major threat to the region's economic stability and security. BSEC acknowledges the emerge need for its member states to adopt a common approach to deterring money laundering and trafficking of illicit funds. Member states of BSEC should include into their objectives to fight against transnational organized crime and corruption, and also create a basic mechanisms to counteract transnational crime.

A better understanding and awareness of the geopolitical ramifications of transnational crime in the Black Sea region will provide BSEC member states with the necessary information for the creation of news effective security strategies.

Hydrocarbon Resources exploitation in the Black Sea region: countermeasures and sustainable development

The Black Sea itself is under serious threat. Elaborate work needs to be done in this sphere individually and collectively by the Member States and with the support/involvement, when and where needed, of the Third Parties who are also responsible, albeit partly, for the existing pollution. The NGO support and active participation in combating pollution is an effective way and needs to be propagated.

The exploitation resources has increased in the past years making such issue considerable under the BSEC agenda. The need to head towards a sustainable transportation as well as means of extraction of hydrocarbons is a now more than ever needed. The BSEC must face the burden to promote cooperative activities and furthermore decide upon a common framework on environmental protection.

- **Council of Europe**

The lingual minorities in the framework of intercultural education

The latest Council of Europe programs of international co-operation in Strasbourg focused on the democratization of language learning for the mobility of persons and ideas, and on the promotion of the European heritage of cultural and linguistic diversity. The projects assisted member states in implementing reforms aimed at developing learners- communication skills and encouraged innovation in language teaching and teacher training, with an emphasis on an institutional-centered approach. While continuing to promote innovation for successful communication and intercultural skills, more recent projects have increasingly addressed the social and political

dimensions of language learning, focusing on language education for democratic citizenship, diversification in language learning, improving coherence and transparency in language provision, and the language education rights of minorities. The European Year of Languages (2001) led to further initiatives to support member states in developing policy responses to the new challenges to social cohesion and integration. Language skills remain essential if individuals are to benefit from opportunities in employment and mobility but they are also necessary to participate actively in the social and political processes which are an integral part of democratic citizenship in the multilingual societies of Council of Europe member states.

This increasing focus on language policies for democratic citizenship and social cohesion reflects the priority which the Council of Europe accords to education for citizenship and intercultural dialogue in the 21st century. It is reflected within the goal of education for plurilingual and intercultural citizens capable of interacting in a number of languages across linguistic and cultural boundaries.

Intercultural Education is a new challenge for the Council of Europe. The Council of Ministers within its Recommendations is aiming to raise the awareness of decision-makers, educators and teachers about the implications of the religious dimension of intercultural education. It also seeks to draw their attention to examples of positive experiences and of new methods and approaches in intercultural education in general, in both curricular and extra-curricular activities. Which should be the new methods and approaches in it, given the circumstances under which this kind of education is functioning in the 21st century, an era that is stigmatized by immigration and ethnic minorities that need to be protected?

The right of Roma women to health

Protecting people, whoever they are, wherever they live, is a Council of Europe priority.

Membership of the Council of Europe presupposes the obligation for states to ensure their people's prerogative to basic human rights, and among such basic rights is the right to health protection.

Health protection and promotion are two lines of action used within the Council of Europe to develop an ethical European health policy, by:

- combining human rights, social cohesion and health agendas;
- harmonizing member states' health policies in terms of safety and quality;
- developing preventive medicine and health education; and
- promoting patients' rights, access to health care, citizen participation and protection for vulnerable groups.

The right to the protection of health lies at the heart of the activities carried out by the Council of Europe in the social domain. National representatives from 47 member states work together with specialist experts to set out minimum guarantees to safeguard human rights and indeed patients' rights at the European level.

Practical considerations of health care are discussed as are ethical and policy considerations. There is democratic participation of citizens and patients and coordinated efforts by national authorities, experts, other international organizations and civil society to make visible progress in the domain of health.

Access to health care is a right and a prerequisite for good health without which full participation in social, economic and political life cannot be enjoyed: it is inseparable from access to public services such as education, housing, and social protection, and a precondition to accessing and maintaining employment.

Romani women confront many barriers to promoting their own health needs. These barriers often derive from their own, Roma community. Despite documented cases of discrimination, relatively little attention has been paid to Romani women or health compared to other issues affecting Romani communities.

States Parties must guarantee the right of everyone, without distinction as to race or ethnicity, to equality before the law in the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights. Specifically in relation to health, States have a duty to facilitate the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health on an equitable basis. The States also have a significant role to play when obstacles to accessing public health care derive from the Roma community itself, such as through unequal gender relations.

Romani women are in general the primary care givers in their communities. But what about their own health needs? Who needs to protect them? Which programs should be developed? What should the States do at a European, National and Local level? How can these women be given access to proper health standards, especially when their own communities prevent them from having them?

Program

RhodesMRC 2011 program includes the Opening Ceremony, 30' induction to the topics by specialists, 17+ hours of sessions (simulation), at least two cultural events, the Closing Ceremony and a day-trip around Rhodes' most significant landmarks.

Official RhodesMRC 2011 Program					
Time	Wednesday 18/10/2011	Thursday 20/10/2011	Friday 21/10/2011	Saturday 22/10/2011	Sunday 23/10/2011
06:00-07:00		Recharging	Recharging	Recharging	Recharging
07:00-08:00		Awakening	Awakening	Awakening	Awakening
08:00-09:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:00-10:00		En route	En route	En route	
10:00-10:30	Arrivals	Induction to the topics by experts	Committee Sessions	Freetime	Excursion in Rhodes
10:30-11:00		Committee Sessions	Coffee Break	Committee Sessions	
11:00-12:00		Coffee Break	Committee Sessions	Lunch Break	
12:00-12:30		Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	
12:30-13:00		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Committee Sessions	
13:00-14:00		Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	
14:00-14:30		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Committee Sessions	
14:30-15:30		Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	
15:30-16:00		Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	Committee Sessions	
16:00-17:00	Registration	Free time	Free time	Free time	Departures
17:00-18:00	Confidential-area Tour				
18:00-19:00	Team Building				
19:00-20:00	Free time				
20:00-21:00	Opening Ceremony			Closing Ceremony	
21:00-21:30	Welcome Reception	Cultural Event I	Cultural Event II	Goodbye Reception	
21:30-22:00					
22:00-23:00					
23:00-24:00	Recharging				

Color explanation

- National organization in observance
- Presenting organization in observance
- Included in the fees
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- Recommended time allocation
- Proposed time allocation
- Applying to all types of participation

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Venues

- Registration
- Conference area
- Opening Ceremony
- Welcome Reception
- Cultural Event I
- Cultural Event II
- Goodbye Reception
- Excursion

Stay always updated on the program, at <http://www.rhodesmrc.org/2011/program.php>.

Participation

There are two kinds of participation to RhodesMRC 2011: Participant and Observer. A participant is taking part to the actual simulation, getting assigned to a country or organization to represent during the works of the committee. An observer is a person willing to attend the sessions, but has no right of speech or any other interference with the actual simulation and the proceedings.

The Organizing Committee to RhodesMRC has created three packages for those interested to choose.

- **Full participant - 120,00€/90,00€³**

Full participants are usually 21-29 years old (younger or older people may apply, but their selection will be subject to availability and priority) and will be assigned a country to represent in one of RhodesMRC 2011 committees.

The fee includes:

- Participant's Kit with stationary material, conference bag, badges, leaflets and the welcome package.
- All the lunches, coffee breaks and receptions included to the [official program](#).
- A surprise cultural event included on Thursday, Oct 20th, 2011.
- Certificate of participation.

The fee does not include:

- Accommodation and travel expenses.
- Any side events not mentioned to the [official program](#) and the events of the Cultural Package (see below).

- **Observer - 120,00€/90,00€³**

Observers are people willing to be present during the sessions. Observers have no right of speech during the sessions and may not interact with the delegates during that same period. There is no age limit but there will be a maximum of 15 observers per committee.

The fee includes:

- Observer's Kit with stationary material, conference bag, badges, leaflets and the welcome package.
- All the lunches, coffee breaks and receptions included to the [official program](#).
- A surprise cultural event included on Thursday, Oct 20th, 2011.
- Certificate of participation.

³ Second price refers to the discount offered to early bird registration. Registration periods and early bird deadlines are available in the website: <http://www.rhodesmrc.org/2011/register.php>

The fee does not include:

- Accommodation and travel expenses.
 - Any side events not mentioned to the [official program](#) and the events of the Cultural Package (see below).
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- **Observer Lite - 80,00€/50,00€³**

The fee includes:

- Observer's Kit Lite with stationary material, conference bag, badges and leaflets.
- All the lunches, coffee breaks and receptions included to the [official program](#).
- Certificate of participation.

The fee does not include:

- Accommodation and travel expenses.
- Any events mentioned or not to the [official program](#) and the events of the Cultural Package (see below).

About Rhodes

Rhodes (aka Rhodos, Rodos, Rodi) has been at the crossroads of civilizations for over 3 thousand years. A place where Christians, Jewish and Muslims coexist for the last 500 years, with a strong tradition of co-operation among nations and between people, Rhodes is a unique background for any conference, having hosted major summits, international meetings and conferences.

Furthermore, Rhodes is a unique destination with something less than 2.000.000 visitors each year. From the cultural monuments that are present and dates back even 3.000 years ago, Rhodes is a live historical museum with Ancient Greek, Hellenistic/Roman, Byzantine, Medieval, Ottoman and Modern monuments. The unique nature of the island offers scenery so diverse that excites people of all tastes: from long beaches (sand or pebble) to mountainous areas, canyons, forests and springs. And of course, 5* star hotels, pretty boutique hotels, nice restaurants and a vibrant nightlife.

Getting here

During October, Rhodes is still during the main touristic period, so frequent flights to/from more than 30 destinations are in order. Read down for a guide to flight connections of Rhodes during that period. Rhodes is served by the Diagoras International Airport (RHO).

- [Aegean Airlines](#)

Direct flights from/to: Athens, Thessaloniki

One-stop to Athens: Larnaka, Milan, Rome

+ all connections of the company through Athens (Aberdeen, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Belfast, Belgrade, Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest, Cairo, Chania, Corfu, Crete, Dublin, Duesseldorf, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Geneva, Glasgow, Hamburg, Istanbul, Kos, Laholm, Lisbon, Madrid, Machenster, Milano, Munich, New York, Nice, Paris, Porto, Sofia, Stockholm, Stuttgart, Tirana, Venice)

- [Olympic Air](#)

Direct flights from/to: Athens, Thessaloniki, Herakleion, Kos, Kastellorizo, Karpathos

+ all connections of the company through Athens (Abu Dhabi, Amsterdam, Atlanta, Belgrade, Bologna, Bucharest, Cairo, Cape Town, Chania, Corfu, Denver, Johannesburg, Ioannina, Istanbul, Kavala, Kalymnos, Larnaka, Las Vegas, London, Madrid, Melbourne, Mykonos, New York, Orlando, Paris, Rome, San Diego, Sofia, Sydney, Tirana, Venice)

- [EasyJet](#)

Direct flights from/to: Liverpool, London, Milan

- [Ryan Air](#)

Direct flights from/to: Bremen, Bologna, Brussels, Cagliari, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Kaunas, Liverpool, London, Milan, Pisa, Rome, Stockholm

Other companies that occasionally operate through Rhodes International Airport are: Athens Airways, Air Berlin, Arkefly, Austrian, Condor, Cyprus Airways, Edelweiss Air, Germanwings, Hello, Jat Airways, Jetairfly, Jet2.com, Luxair, Malev, Niki, Norwegian Air Shuttle, Novair, Transavia.com, TUIfly, Thomas Cook Airlines, Thomsonfly, White Airways, Wizz Air.

Prefer to come by sea? Rhodes is connected daily with Athens (Piraeus). There are also connections with Thessaloniki, Crete and all the major islands of the Aegean + Dacha and Marmaris in Turkey. You may look at: [Blue Star Ferries](#) for some of the connections.

Accommodation

Rhodes boasts a vast collection of accommodation to satisfy every taste. Sheraton Rhodes Resort, an acclaimed and awarded resort in Rhodes, will serve as the official hotel of RhodesMRC 2011. Sheraton Rhodes Resort is conveniently located in Ixia, a few kilometers off the International Airport of Rhodes and just minutes from the city of Rhodes, including all the venues of RhodesMRC 2011.

All participants to RhodesMRC 2011 will have the opportunity to stay in the top hotel of the area (according to Tripadvisor) for a unique price: for only 45€ per person per night in a double room, including breakfast, free WiFi at the rooms and access to the features of a 5 star resort.

Visit the official website of Sheraton Rhodes Resort at www.sheratonrhodesresort.com

Furthermore, the Organizing Committee of RhodesMRC 2011, in order to facilitate your staying in Rhodes during the conference offers for a limited period of time and subject to availability two packages that combine both the Fees and Accommodation:

- **Deluxe package: 300€/260€³** per person

The Deluxe package includes:

- 4 nights at Sheraton Rhodes Resort in a double room
- The Fees for a Participant or an Observer (see above for full details)

- **Lite package: 180€/145,00€³** per person

The Lite Package includes:

- 4 nights at a 2* hotel in a double room
- The Fees for a Participant or an Observer (see above for full details)

CAUTION: All bookings in any case will have to be made through the Secretariat of RhodesMRC 2011 in order for any discounts and special offers to apply. In case your arrival/departure demands for extra nights, please note that the extra night(s) will be charged to you during check-in.

Contact Us

For any question, remarks, proposals and anything else concerning the conference feel free to contact us at secretariat@rhodesmrc.org. *Do you like to stay up to date with all the information and latest news of RhodesMRC 2011?*

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