

Euromediterranean Seminar Forum UNESCO "University and Heritage"  
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### **DECLARATION OF LISBON**

The participants of the universities of Andorra, Algeria, Spain, France, Italy, Lebanon, Portugal and Tunisia, met on the occasion of the Euro-Mediterranean Seminar of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage at the University Lusitana, Lisbon, Portugal, from June 20th to 22nd, 2002, within the framework of the activities on the 30th Anniversary of the Convention of Worldwide Heritage (1972-2002) and the Year of the United Nations for Cultural Heritage (2002), considering that:

- The projects carried out by the students of the network of Forum UNESCO -University and Heritage, can only be completed if they have financial support by university or international institutions;
- The terminology employed by the different specialities for the teaching and practice of heritage are still little standardised. In addition, the inventory record sheets or report sheets should also be standardised;

- The regional grant procedures (such as the Erasmus EU grants) should be open to neighbour regions or to offer a way for university exchanges with other regions of the Mediterranean area;
- The Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage network needs to improve communication with the students involved in the network;
- Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage should be structured thematically with respect to the students and participants, the Forum UNESCO- University and Heritage Office and the Worldwide Heritage Centre of UNESCO in order to jointly organise meetings, research actions and publications on these topics;
- Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage should state an institutional commitment of agreement, signed by the Rectors involved, specifying its nature and characteristics;

Therefore, the participants to the Euro-Mediterranean Seminar strongly recommend that:

- the universities of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage promote the Forum UNESCO network in the corresponding institutions in order to include in the next UNESCO draft programme and budget a sufficient budget to allow the participation of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage students in the projects of the network;
- the committee of worldwide heritage will include in its budget the necessary resources to allow the correct functioning of Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage network;
- Forum UNESCO -University and Heritage network will create a work team, in co-ordination with the teams at the universities of Venice, Trieste and Lusiada, for the standardisation and coding of the terminology used (encyclopaedic glossaries) as well as standard model sheets for the inventory and reports.

- the teachers of the network will promote the network among their students so that the students can become spokespeople of the network in the future;
- The Worldwide Heritage Centre, in co-ordination with the Forum UNESCO -University and Heritage Office, will develop a project of thematic list addressed to the university students involved. Once elaborated, this thematic list will serve as starting point for reflection and thematic action within the network. This thematic structure of the network will be come into from 2003.
- The Worldwide Heritage Centre of UNESCO, in co-ordination with the Forum UNESCO -University and Heritage Office will develop the document of agreement that will be proposed in 2003, and signed by the Rectors of the network, in order to specify the institutional commitment of their universities with the network.

Lisbon, 22nd June, 2002