

Developing the Regional Network for Research and Education

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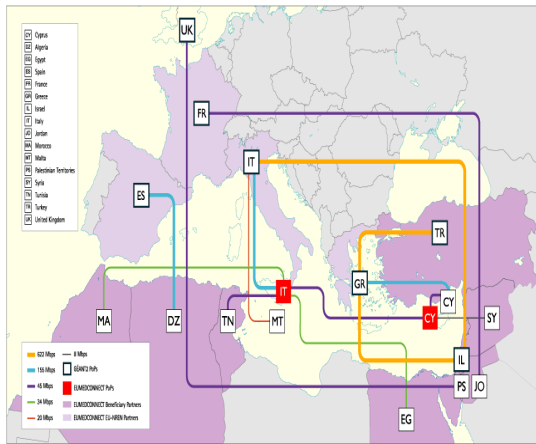
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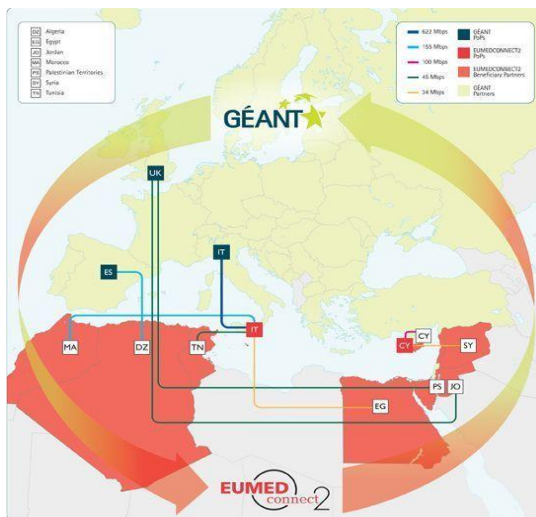


e-Infrastructure since 2004



EUMEDCONNECT 2004 – 2007

- 10 M Euro EC funding (80% of costs)
- First regional network formed
- Pan-European coverage via GEANT



EUMEDCONNECT2 2008 – 2011

- 4 M Euro EC funding (54 % of costs)
- Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia connected
- ASREN born

e-Infrastructure 2011 - 2014



EUMEDCONNECT3

- 3.2M Euro EC funding (36% of costs)
- First connections:
 - Algeria
 - Morocco
 - Palestine
- Plan to transfer responsibility from DANTE to ASREN

Opportunities for Arab Region

- EC co-financing support
- High capacity/quality Internet for Arab researchers – science, health, climate, learning, energy, agriculture, culture.....
- Extending research and education networking across the Arab region including Gulf States
- Supported by DANTE , GEANT and ASREN expertise

Critical Success Factors

1. Dedicated e-Infrastructure for Arab research – national and regional
2. Investing in NREN e-Infrastructure and organisations
3. Focus on supporting users
4. Regional co-operation
5. Critical mass and active partners

Thanks!

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