

Steering Committee - MINUTES

Date: 16 July 2021

Location: on line

Attending members (from the next meeting and unless case of absence they will be referred as 'regular attendees: see meeting of July 16th, 2021') :

- **ITALY** - USIENA: L. Verzichelli, M. Nestore,

- **FRANCE** – UMON: C. Roux, E. Savarese

- **SPAIN** – UNIGR: G. Martinez, R. Ojeda

- **ITALY** – UNIMED: E. Platania

- **TUNISIA** –University Tunis El Manar: Asma Noura, Mounir Tibaoui – University of Cathage: Wafa Masmoudi, Asma Ghachem – University of Kairouan: Karim Hachani, Ghaith Chaouech – University of Sfax: Faiez Gargouri, Issam Ben Hassen – University of Sousse: Lofti Tarchouna, Karim Chayata.

Absent: representative of the Tunisian MHER.

PACTUM SUMMER SCHOOL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The meeting is held on line (UMON). During the meeting, all institutions are represented by at least one member.

1. Pre-meeting communication

USIENA (LV) reminds tasks ahead for summer school organizers.

- Please ensure that a classroom will be available for the whole duration of the school
- Communicate the address and the responsible person (a professor or a staff contact in each university)
- IT facilities that will enable local instructors and students to stay in touch with distant operators

OTHER QUESTIONS FOR LOCAL HOSTS

- any additional information about the specific topics covered by the schools
- The platform for the online presence of teachers and learners (meet, zoom, etc.) will be decided by each university. Alternatively, USiena will provide a google meet room.
- Local Host in each HEI (name of main academic involved)
- Other prospective instructors in each HEI

GENERAL QUESTIONS FOR THE COORDINATORS AND THE PARTNERS

- Kairouan (and Siena) will take care of the information to be shared via web and social media
- All the HEI hosting the SS will prepare a max 500 words abstract including the following information

Title	
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Learning outcomes: credits, recognition, skills	
Description (500 words)	

- All the HEI hosting the SS will provide a little set of pictures of the venues hosting the SS to be shared with distant students and instructors
- USIena will coordinate the general information about the project outcomes and will certify the acknowledgement of 3 ECTS credits as “curricular training activities” to be validated by the faculties of the courses that the students attend. Moreover USIena will announce that an open badge internationally certifying the skills achieved (title of each SS and type of activities run by the students) will be issued.

ENGAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN TEACHERS

- Names of prospective instructors from UGR, UMON, USIena, UNIMED with short profile (see list of USIena names below)

RECRUITMENT OF EUROPEAN STUDENTS

- Communication via departments’ pages and direct contact with students involved in relevant degree courses (to be done before August)

Teachers from Siena

LV: comparative politics; Elite theory; representation

Tania Groppi: Comparative Public Law; gender

Giammaria Milani: Comparative Public Law; gender

Gianni del Panta: Democratization; Representation;

Simone Cresti: Environmental Protection; SDGs and Mediterranean;

UGRA (GM)

UGRA informs about its difficulties to offer credits recognition at the BA level for summer school participation (for reasons dealing with assessment modalities and schedule of local accreditation bodies) and mentions even further technical issues for graduate students.

UMON mentions similar difficulties at both levels.

2. Summer school topics

Tunisian partner institutions have worked on defining general topics for the PACTUM Summer school they will host at the dates approved in the previous meeting.

INSTITUTION	TOPICS (as suggested in the meeting)	TOPICS (tentative title reworded)
SFAX	Local institutions, decentralization*	Dynamics of territorial politics and institutions
KAIROUAN	Political science of elites**	Elites in regime changes
CARTHAGE	Public policy, sectorial public policy	Comparative public policy and sustainable development



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TUNIS EL MANAR	Democracy and democratization	Issues in contemporary and modern Mediterranean politics
SOUSSE	Women, minorities, vulnerable people, young, inclusiveness	Inclusive politics and citizenship

Note : * USFAX suggests a possible distribution among students in terms of levels ** UKAIROUAN already suggests two teaching sessions: 1. Constitutional deadlock in transitions, 2. The political elites of transitions.

3. Teaching sessions

As agreed in our previous meeting, each summer school will have 5 teaching sessions (2 local Tunisians, 3 Europeans on line)

Tunisian partners will define within late July the nature of the teaching sessions for each venue and will communicate them to UMON and USIENA with the information

European partners (USIENA, UGRA, UMON, UNIMED) will convene in the coming days to coordinate their contribution for the teaching sessions.

4. Recruitment strategy

Applicants will be asked a curriculum vitae (in English or French) and to fill in an application form (to be circulated) asking (i) student identity, (ii) current university, level, discipline, (iii) other relevant activities (professional, associations...), (iv) certification of language proficiency in English and French, (v) information about student reasons for applying.

For this session, it is accepted that PhD candidates can apply with possible accreditation from doctoral schools to foster participation. However, undergraduate students should remain the key target.

On the basis of those elements, applications will be evaluated by each Tunisian hosting institution which will select a number of students (tentatively between 5 to 20, with extra participants on line). **Final results will be sent to UMON by September 10th, 2021 at the latest.** The scientific committee will possibly reconvene in the week of September 13th to validate.

5. Logistics.

Each venue is free to organize as it best suits considering the context of Covid-19. Each will be responsible for hosting (hopefully) some students physically and to make on line participation available (with the assistance of USIENA if need be).

USIENA and UKAIROUAN will be in charge of spreading the information about the summer schools.

6. Sum-up of tasks ahead

→ All Tunisian partners must fill in the table sent by USIENA (reproduced) p. 1 and send by email to USIENA / UMON before July 27th.

→ All Tunisian partners but UKAIROUAN should send to USIENA / UMON the topic of the two teaching sessions and the names of their instructors before July 27th.

→ European partners will convene to define their teaching sessions and instructors before July 27th and send them to USIENA / UMON.

→ Tunisian partners will evaluate applications from late July to early September, with final decision communicated on September 10th, 2021.

→ Scientific committee will re-convene in September. The possibility of a further meeting in Rome, Italy will be explored