

The Eastern Mediterranean Initiative

Framework Document

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The Eastern Mediterranean Initiative (EMI) is an inclusive dialogue platform for collective reflection and action that brings together experts from around the Eastern Mediterranean region and intends to cooperate with other actors in the pursuit of its goals.

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) provides substantive and logistical support to the EMI and acts as its secretariat.

VISION

Recognizing that people of the Eastern Mediterranean region share the same destiny,

Desiring to harness the potential of this shared space,

The members of the EMI aspire to advance efforts towards **a peaceful and prosperous Eastern Mediterranean inspired by mutual trust, an understanding of shared interests, and awareness of what unites them rather than what divides them.**

GOAL 1

Demonstrate inclusive models and mechanisms for multilateral cooperation.

“Be the change that you want to see in the region”: through the commitment of its members, the EMI intends to show that constructive dialogue and collaboration among people from around the Eastern Mediterranean is possible and desirable, and to help foster a sense of regional identity and common purpose.

GOAL 2

Influence and assist policy-makers in their endeavours, including a proposed multilateral conference, to address the challenging issues of the Eastern Mediterranean.

The EMI’s intention is to produce and disseminate innovative, detailed, and actionable policy recommendations and concrete proposals that address bilateral and multilateral issues affecting the Eastern Mediterranean region.

GOAL 3

Foster mutual understanding to prepare the ground for addressing complex issues.

The EMI aims to encourage government-to-government and people-to-people interactions that contribute to a better understanding of the positions and concerns of the other side(s). By shaping and disseminating narratives that elicit understanding and empathy on the part of the respective others, the EMI aims to create a conducive environment for the resolution of conflicts.