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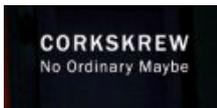
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Diplomacy of Education for Peace and Development

by Valerie Fenech, di-ve news

FLORIANA, Malta (di-ve news) -- February 06, 2006 -- 1400CET--The diplomacy of education can be the best tool for the development of peace, security and growth in all the Euro-Med area. The traditional tool of diplomacy still remains an essential tool in foreign politics. However, working together by means of a networking in education, research and technology is a more effective strategy to enhance the knowledge of different cultures and people would know how to better respect their dignity and identity. Minister Louis Galea was speaking to delegates of European and Mediterranean countries in the EUMEDGRID project, which was also addressed by the University rector Profs. Roger Ellul-Micallef.



The EUMEDGRID project is an initiative under the 6th Framework project of the EU, in which the University of Malta is very active together with other institutions from Italy, Greece, the UK, Spain, Cyprus, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Syria and Algeria.

The aim of EUMEDGRID is to bring countries working together on a research of grid infrastructure, providing facilities for large scale information spread over the largest area possible. Grid technology is aimed at creating collaboration on a new scale between researchers and scientists on issues such as biotechnology and high energy physics as well as local problems.

Dr. Galea said that Malta always gave importance to networking within the Mediterranean, and was further developed with Malta's EU accession. The reciprocal agreement and trust between countries is needed for networking between diverse groups and institutions working on projects for the common good.

Malta has already taken various networking initiatives between Universities and institutions in the Euro-Med area, such as the e-learning system and the initiative by the Maltese Restoration Centre on knowledge and research of restoration.

Last January, Mediterranean Ministers responsible for higher education signed the Catania Declaration, agreeing to work together to better the higher education in the Euro-Med area.

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