

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INSTITUTE

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Hayhud V'Hayahad* - **Uniqueness and togetherness**

Year: *2021*

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: **Uniqueness and togetherness – seeking to bridge heritages. A book edited by Prof. Meir Buzaglo and Yaffa Benaya.**

Year of activity: 2021

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Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

At this point we have collected all the articles and conducted an editing process with all the writers. We have also summarized the book as one complete and finished product. The book was submitted to Yediot Aharonot for review and right now we are progressing toward signing a contract with them for its publication.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

Happily, we managed to bring together a very talented group of writers, Arabs and Jews with descriptions that take into account two important perspectives of friendly Jewish-Muslim relations: the connection between Judaism and Islam – including the issue of Arabic as a Jewish language, Islam in the Beit Midrash, and the role of religion (Judaism and Islam) in protecting the rights of the minority.

The other angle addresses the connection between the personal and the political, describing the different configurations of opportunities for connecting Jews and Muslims without sliding over the many challenges inherent in this task.

As mentioned, the book contains 11 articles composed by 15 different Jewish and Arab writers. In addition, the book contains the speech given by King Hassan V to the American Jewish community as well as prefaces by the editors.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

This is the first book of its kind in which leading Jewish and Muslim figures in Israeli society address Jewish-Islamic heritage. We estimate that the issues raised will inspire others and we anticipate public debate on this clearly essential topic in Israeli society.

Naturally, we expect a festive book launch to be followed by a wide range of reactions.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

A summary table – as **PDF document** – specifying the progress in the program since the beginning of the encouragement by EMID according to the main parameters and objectives such as the number of events: the number of participants: the number of beneficiaries.

Approaching the writers – as of May-June 2019

Deadline for first draft – September 2019

Receipt of first and second drafts – during 2020

Translations from Arabic and English into Hebrew – second half of 2020

Initial content and language editing – January to August 2021

Contact with Beit Hayotzer / Yediot Aharonot

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program, if relevant (as **PDF documents**).

Attached is the list of writers with brief bios.

Please join photos – as **photos** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seem to you relevant – as **PDF document**.

Attached is the file of the book before publication