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Study Mission Tunis - Tunisia

20 - 27 February, 2022



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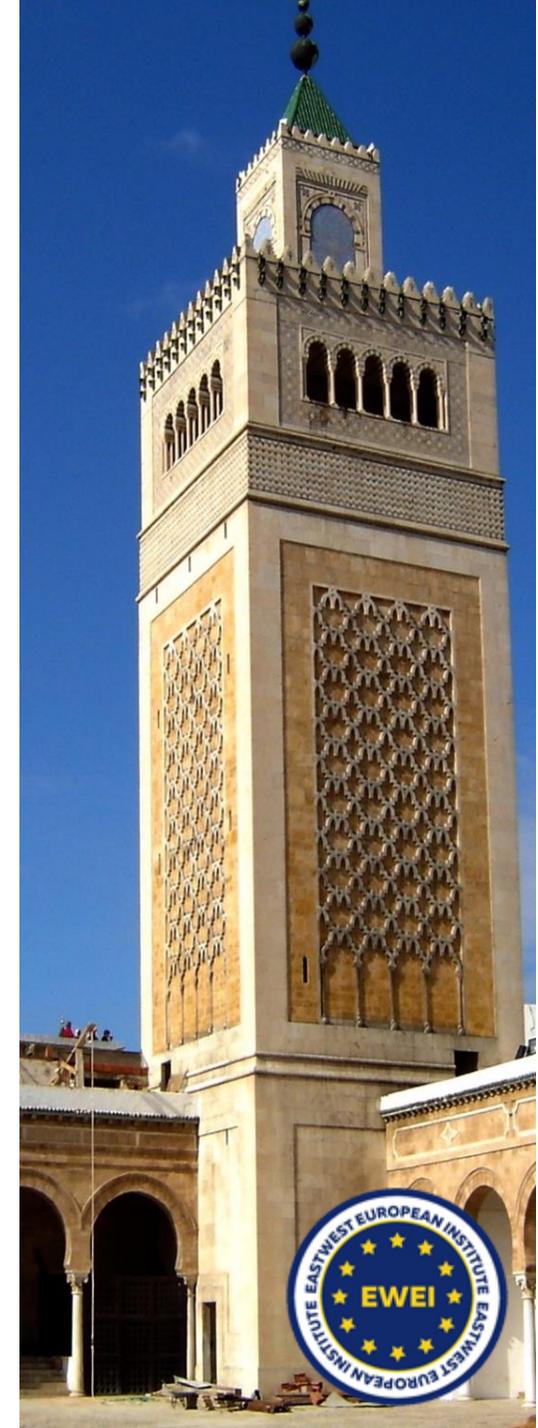


About the Study Mission

Our **Study missions** are part of an **innovative training format** devised to offer to university students the opportunity to come face-to-face with today's most pressing **challenges in international relations**.

They are based on a **hands-on approach to learning**, in which students become the protagonists in the dialogue with **key interlocutors** in institutions, diplomacy, global business and civil society.

Participation in a Study Mission project means:



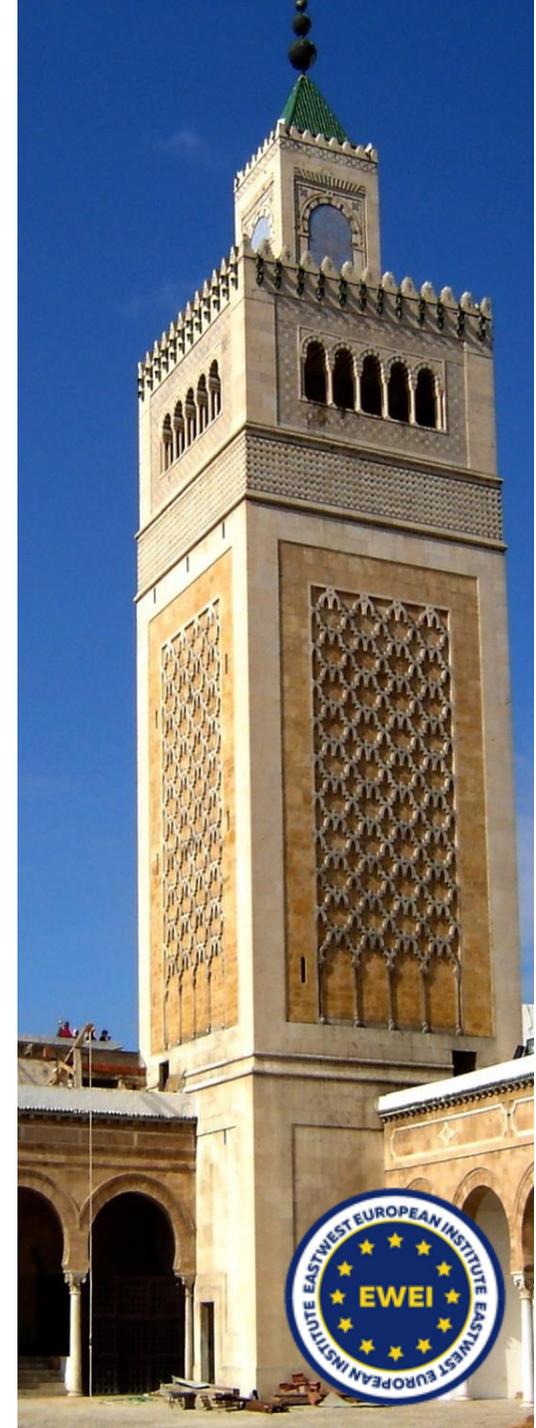
Why Tunis?

Tunisia is **one of the most progressive countries of North Africa** and one of the best examples of democratic development in the Middle East. Soon after it had gained independence from French domination, in 1956, it has established a women's right regime that is unmatched by any other Arabic countries.

In its recent history, Tunisia had to face not only high unemployment rates, widespread corruption and poverty, but increasing food prices as well. The situation swiftly deteriorated following the 2008 global financial crisis, which culminated in street protests. In December 2010, the self-immolation of **Mohamed Bouazizi** sparked the so-called **Jasmine Revolution**, which was the starting point of a series of protests in the Middle East that radically altered the geopolitical landscape of the entire region: **the "Arab Spring"**.

Tunisia, unlike several other countries of the region, avoided political and economic chaos, and has shown progress in democratization by the **ratification of the new constitution in 2014**.

The recent elections of 2019 might be one of the most important milestones in the life of the North African nation. The country remains in a geopolitically sensitive area, bordering with the chaotic Libya, and Algeria, a country with plenty of hidden political and economic tensions. The fragile democracy of the country needs to find a way to attract foreign investments and to further boost the two key industries of the country: **textile exports** and **tourism**.

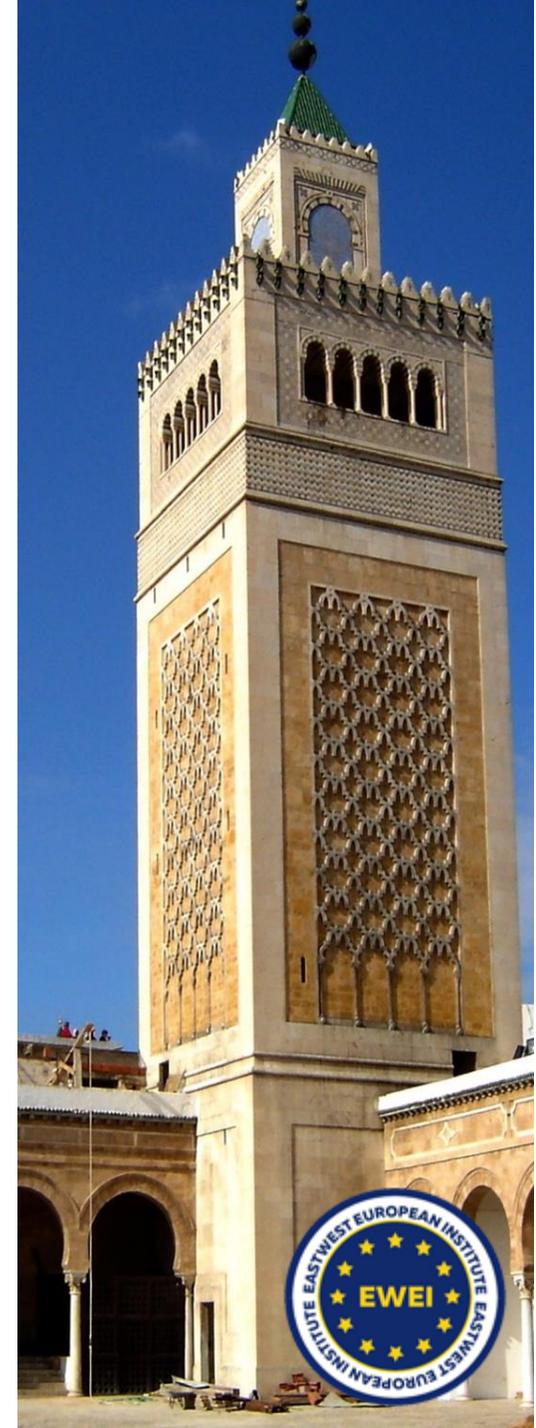


Target of the Study Mission

The **Study Mission** project will help students to understand the importance of **strategic partnership** between **Europe and Tunisia** and will orient participants on controversial topics: migration, terrorism, financial crisis.

The stay in **Tunis** will also be a unique opportunity to interact with the **nation's ruling class**. By the end of the program, students will have gained a deeper understanding of a key country in the Mediterranean area as well as what the further prospects of the country are, in light of the recent second elections under the new constitution.

Participants will discover in practice how dialogue and collaboration always constitute an asset: the **economic and commercial partnership** between the EU Countries and Tunisia makes this relationship inevitable and – students will realize – even indispensable.



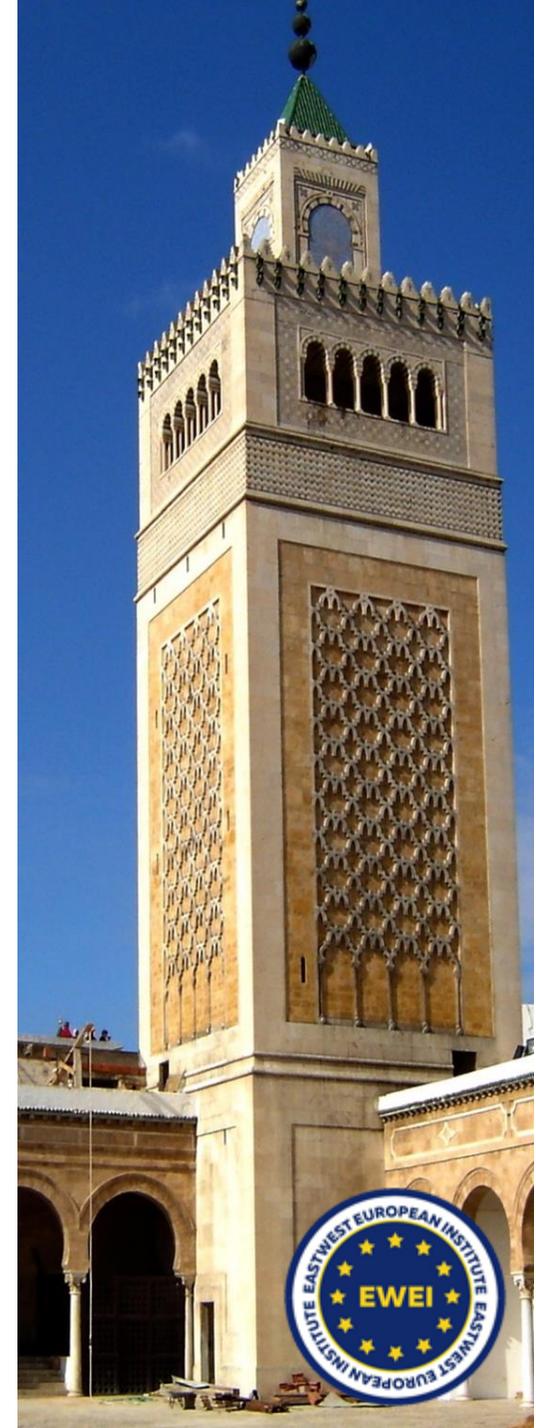
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Associazione Diplomatici, an NGO with special consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which has trained more than 30,000 students coming from more than 100 countries, since 2000



Tunisian Parliament



At a Glance

TUNIS

February 20 – 27, 2022

Duration: 7 days

Course elements: Pre-departure webinar course + study mission + simulation of a diplomatic negotiation

Participants: max. 35

Language: English

Fee: €1550

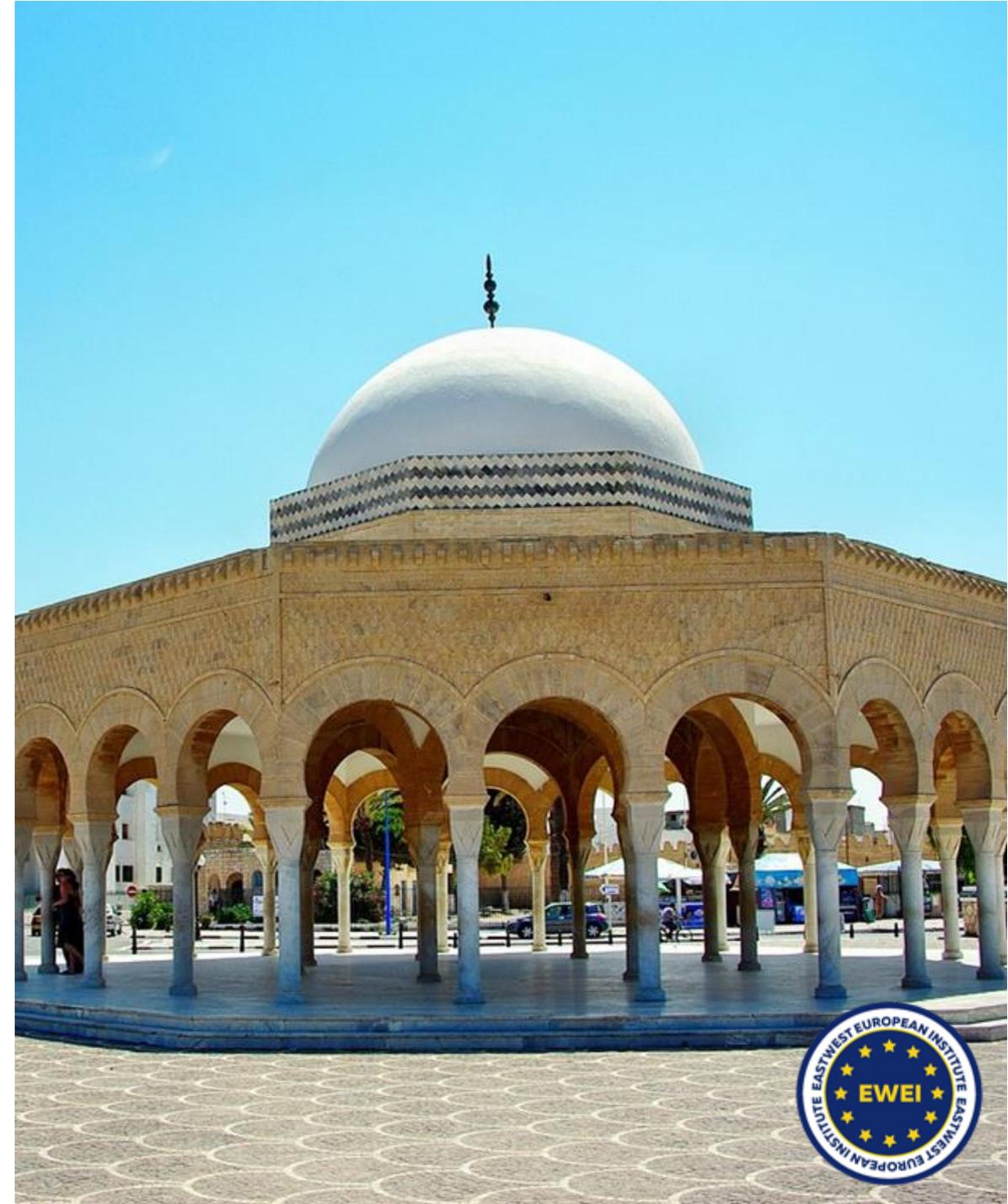
Accommodation: tbd



Program

The structure of the Study Mission is divided into 3 parts:

- A webinar course held by experts, specialized in Tunisian history, organized in 4 lessons with a special focus on the current situation in Tunisia.
- In Tunis, 6 days of meetings with institutions, diplomats, managers, professors and opinion makers.
- Simulation of Diplomatic negotiations on “The Future of democracy in Tunisia”. Participants will represent Tunisia, Italy, France, Egypt, Libya, Turkey, USA, Russia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, EU, and representatives from UN and the Arab League.



Itinerary plan

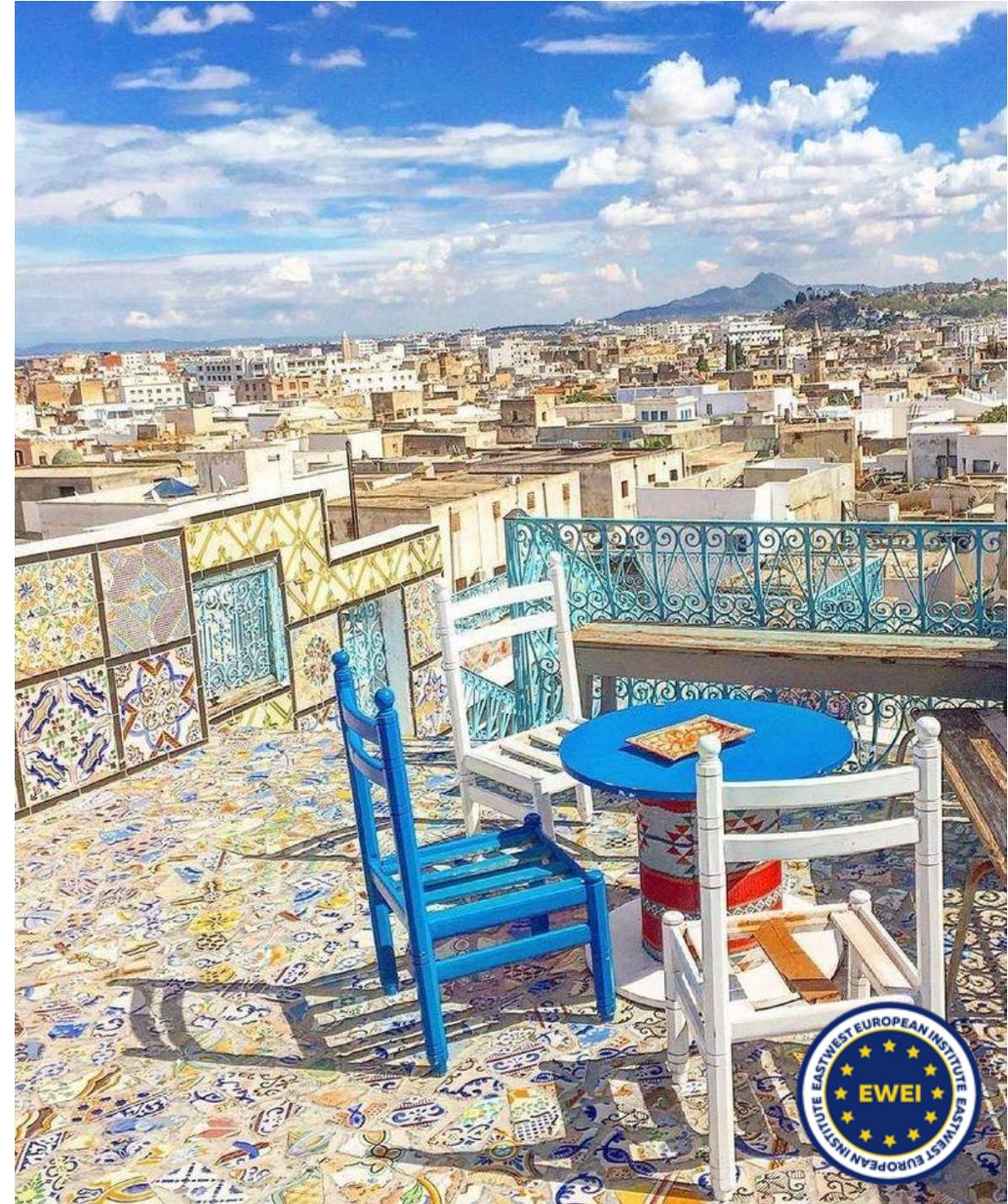
Sunday February 20

Arrival in Tunis

Hotel check-in
Location: tbd

19.00 Kick-off meeting with tutors of the *eastwest European Institute and EWEI Chairman Giuseppe Scognamiglio.*

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Itinerary plan

Monday February 21

Morning:

10.00 – 11.00 ***Italy-Tunisia bilateral relations***
Meeting with His Excellency Lorenzo Fanara
Italian Ambassador to Tunisia

Location: Embassy of Italy in Tunis
1, rue de Florence, Tunis 1002, Tunisia

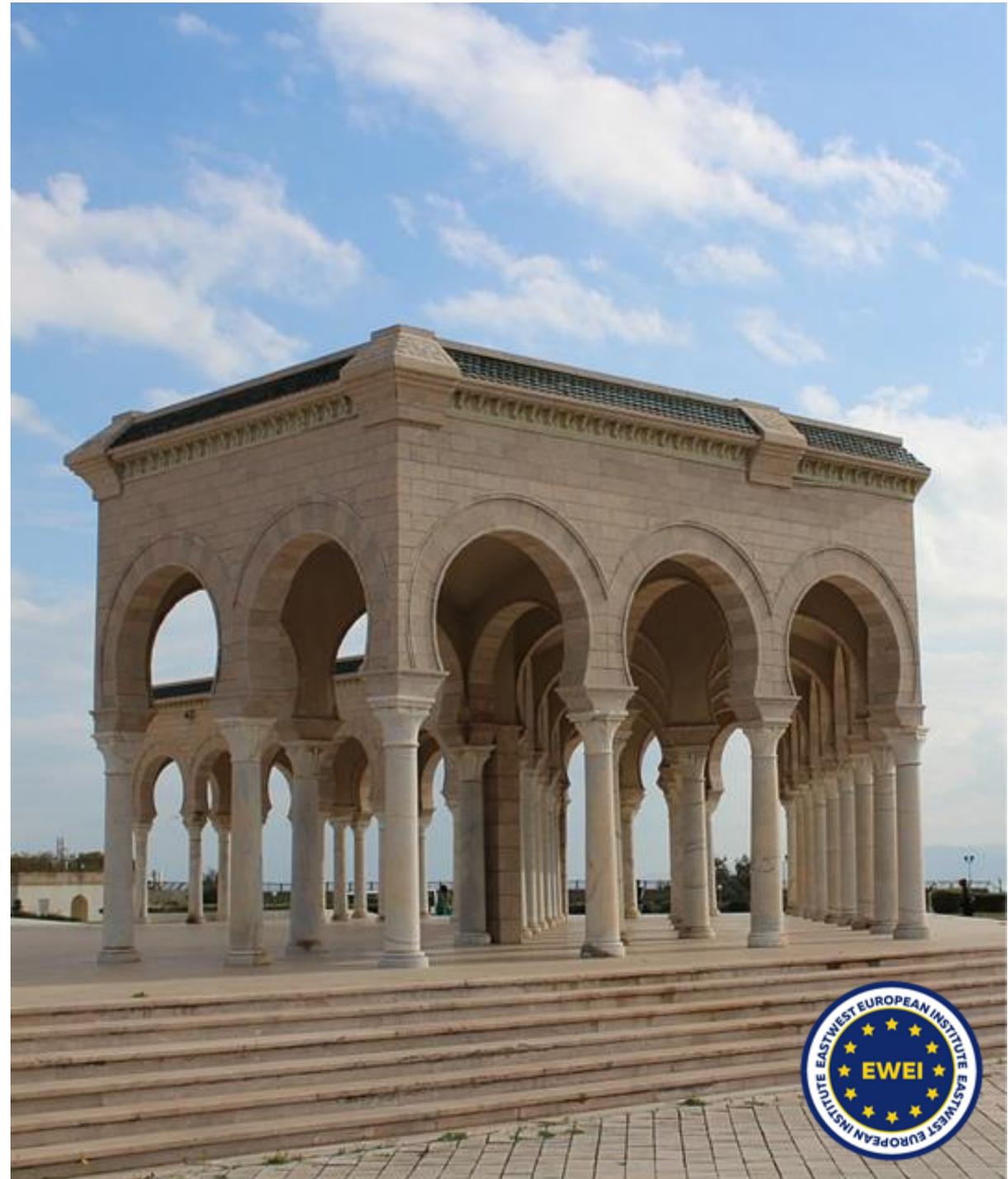
11.00 – 12.30 ***Meeting with Fabiana De Luca, Chief of the Economic Section at the Italian Embassy***

Afternoon:

15.00 – 16.30 ***The European Union's work in Tunisia: politics and cooperation***
Meeting at the EEAS – EU Delegation to Tunisia.

Location: European Union Delegation to Tunisia
Rue du Lac Biwa - Les Berges du Lac - 1053 Tunis - Tunisia

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Itinerary plan

Tuesday February 22

Morning

9.30 – 11.00 ***The UNDP work in Tunisia: the example of governance***

Meeting with Mr Steve Utterwulge
Resident Representative for UNDP Tunisia

Location: UN House
Rue du Lac Windermere,
Immeuble le Prestige Business Center, Tour A
Les Berges du Lac 1053, Tunis, Tunisie

11.30 – 13.00 ***Tunisia and the refugees crisis: Visit to UNHCR Center and meeting with UNHCR Representatives***

Location: UNHCR Tunisia Country Office. 20, Rue des Lacs Mazouries. Les Berges du Lac 1. 1053 Tunis, Tunisia.

Afternoon:

16.00 – 17.15 ***Chamber of Commerce Italy-Tunis***

Meeting with the President Mourad Fradi and the General Secretary Denise Salustri.

Location: 8 Rue Ibn Khaldoun, 1004 El Menzah IV – Tunis

17.30 – 19.00 ***Aperitif with His Excellency Lorenzo Fanara and selected exponents of the Italian business world in Tunisia***

Location: Residency of Italy in Tunis
20, rue Francois Challaye, Mutuelleville, Tunis

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Itinerary plan

Wednesday February 23

Morning:

09.30 – 11.00 **Jasmine Foundation**

Meeting with Mrs Tasnim Chirchi (Director) and Mrs Intissar Kherigi (Director of programs)

Location: Jasmine Foundation, 4 Rue des Ottomans, El Menzah, Tunis

11.30 – 13.00 **Meeting with HE Mr Rached Ghannouchi**

Location: Ennahdha Headquarters

Rue Elless, Av. Mohamed V Montplaisir 1073 Tunis

Afternoon:

15.00 – 16.30 **Good governance and Anti-corruption :**

Meeting with Dr. Alessandro Bozzini, OECD Representative

Location: Embassy of Italy in Tunis

1, rue de Florence, Tunis 1002, Tunisia

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Itinerary plan

Thursday February 24

Morning:

12.00 – 13.30 **Maghreb Economic Forum**

Meeting with Slim Bahrini (Executive Director), Nizar Ben Salah (Lead Researcher on the project Tracking Youth Exclusion) and Imen Al Nighaoui (Research Analyst and Data Collector)

Location: Maghreb Economic Forum, Résidence les Rosiers - Bloc A - Appart A01 ,Tunis 1053, Tunisia

Afternoon:

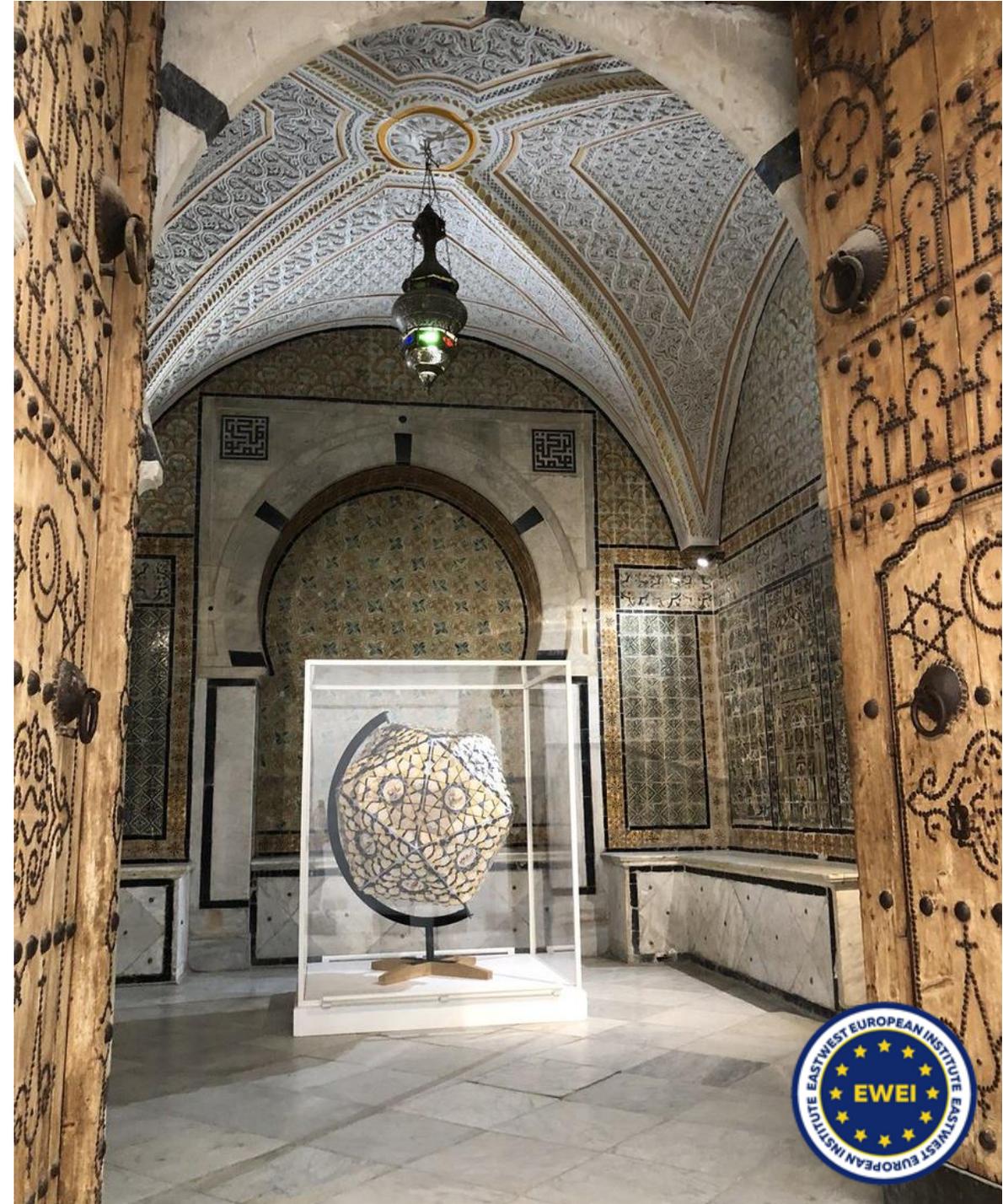
15.00 – 16.30 **Meeting with Mrs Basma Jebali**

Location: Ennahdha Headquarters
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17.00 – 18.30 **Meeting with Dr Khalid Amiri**

Location: Ennahdha Headquarters
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Itinerary plan

Friday February 25

Monastir

Morning:

9:00 – 11:00 Transfer from Tunis to Monastir

11.15 – 12.45 ***Commented visit of the local Headquarter of Benetton***

Location: Rte de Sousse Mahdia; ML 82 5012, SAHLINE MONASTIR

13:00-13:45 Lunch offered by Benetton Tunisia

Afternoon:

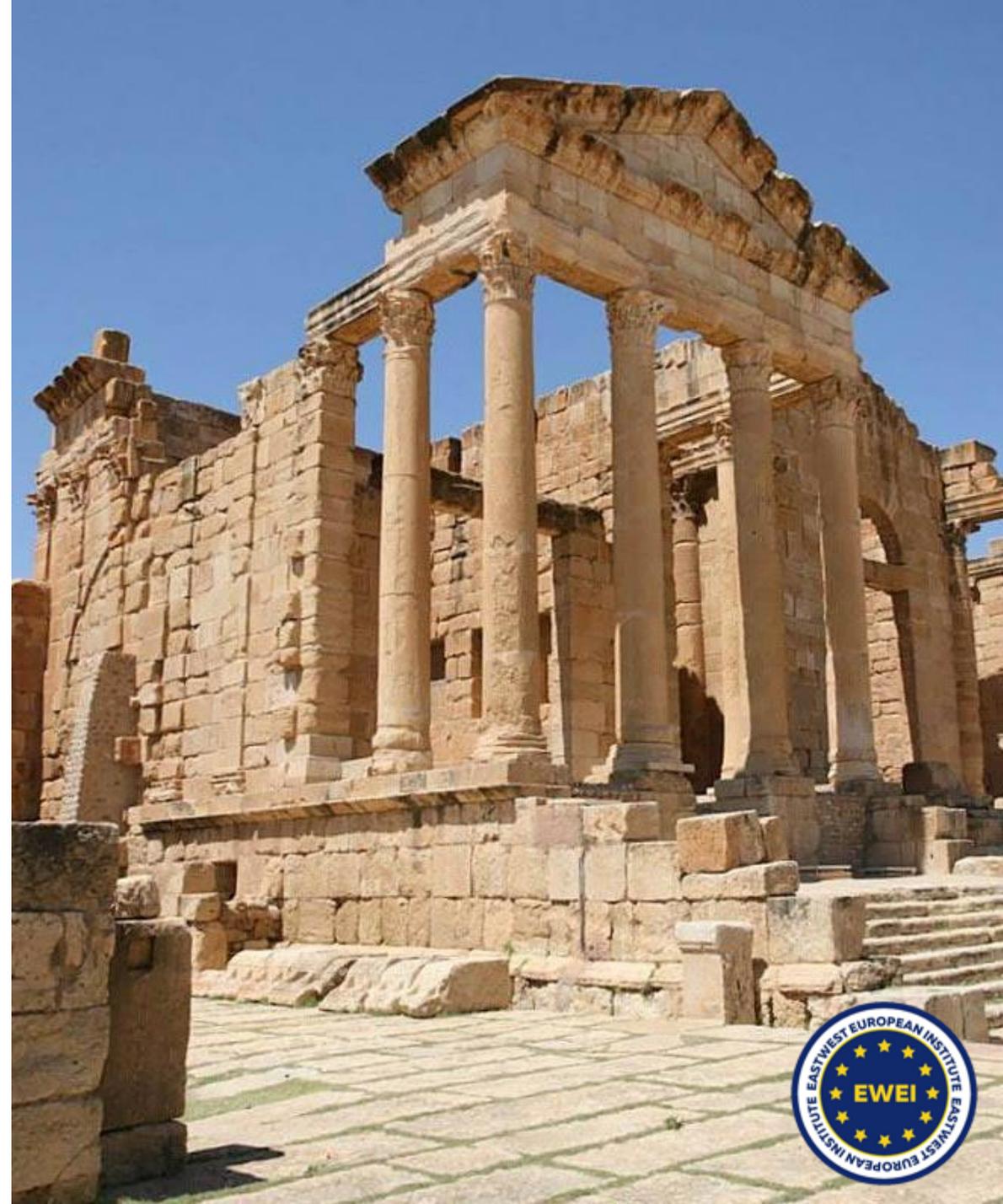
14.00 – 17.00 ***Simulation of Diplomatic negotiations on “The Future of democracy in Tunisia”.***

Tunisia (2), Italy, France, Egypt, Libya, Turkey, USA, Russia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, EU and representatives from UN and the Arab League.

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17.30 – 19.30 Return to Tunis

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Itinerary plan

Saturday February 26

Free day/ City tour

Suggested visits to historically important areas of the city, exploring secrets and peculiarities of the local communities, religion and culture.

- Bardo National Museum
- Carthage
- Old Medina (including Bab el Bahr and the Souk de Chéchias)
- La Goulette port

Sunday February 27

Return trip

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Useful Information

1

Documents:

Italian citizens will need a valid **Passport** with **residual validity of at least six months** upon arrival in the country

2

Currency Exchange:

Tunisian Dinar: **1€ = 3,27 TD**

3

What is included in the participation fee?

- Preparatory course
- Hotel stay
- Breakfast
- All meetings and activities listed in the itinerary
- Certification of participation

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What is not included in the participation fee?

- Round-trip airfare to/from Tunis
- Cost and support to obtain Visa
- Lunches and dinners
- Museum fees
- Airport-hotel transfers and short city transfer



Scholarship Credits

The goal of **eastwest European Institute** is to involve students, selected on merit, providing them with specialized training, finalized to a career in diplomacy, international affairs, advocacy and international business.



EWEI's very own scholarships cover partially the participation fee.

Credits will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✓ Previous participation to an EWEI or Associazione Diplomatici course;
- ✓ Interview on general knowledge of International relations;
- ✓ English language at C1 level;
- ✓ Single – income family.

Any documents to prove the indicated criteria may be randomly asked, but we will mainly count on the responsible statements of the candidates.



Internship opportunities

The eastwest European Institute sponsors the application for an internship in one of the following partner Companies and Associations for the 5 best participants to each WiP - Study Mission



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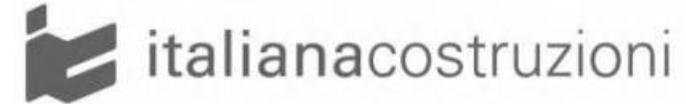
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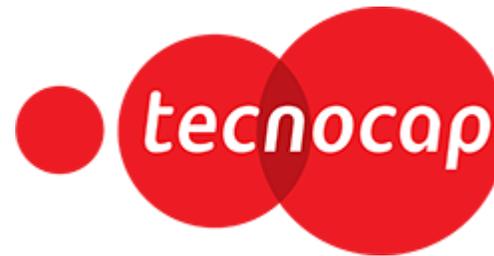
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Publication opportunity

A group of 2 to 5 participants can apply to write a common article on the geopolitics of Tunisia for publication in the *eastwest* magazine. An editorial coordinator should be appointed within the team.





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