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MEBE was a four-year research consortium (2003–2006), comprising a multidisciplinary study of the post-Palaeozoic tectonic evolution of the Middle East, spanning the Arabian–Peri-Arabian and Caucasian–Caspian areas and funded by several major oil companies and French research organizations (see below). It was led by E. Barrier (CNRS-Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France) and M. Gaetani (University of Milan, Italy). More details can be found in the preface of Brunet *et al.* (2009).

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