



UfM Higher Education Stakeholders' Meeting

Casa Mediterráneo, Alicante, Spain, 17 March 2023

AGENDA

09.30 – 09.45
15'

Welcome & Opening Remarks

5 minutes each

- **Andrés Perelló Rodríguez**, Director, Casa Mediterraneo
- **Filip Van Depoele**, Deputy Director and Head of the International Cooperation Unit, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), European Commission
- **Álvaro Albacete**, Deputy Secretary General in charge of Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

09.45 – 10.05
20'

Presentation of the results of the Public Consultation in view of a 1st UfM Ministerial Meeting on Higher Education

- **Filip Van Depoele**, Deputy Director and Head of the International Cooperation Unit, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), European Commission
- **Yoran Beldengrün**, Policy Consultant, SIRIS Academic

10.05 – 10.25
20'

Achievements and challenges of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in the field of Higher Education since 2007 and the Euro-Med Declaration of Cairo

- **Mostapha Bousmina**, President, Euromed University of Fez (UEMF)
- **Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry**, President, Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)

10.25 – 11.15
50'

Session 1. Looking at the future: Internationalisation, Governance, Digital Education

Speakers: 5 minutes each (20 minutes total) / Open Debate: 30 minutes

Moderator: **Itaf Ben Abdallah**, Senior Advisor on Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

Internationalisation / Mobility:

- **Giorgio Marinoni**, Manager of Higher Education and Internationalization, International Association of Universities
- **Juan Rayón**, President, Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

Governance :

- **Naouel Abdellatif Mami**, University Setif 2, Algeria

Digital Education:

- **Cristina Stefanelli**, Project Manager, Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED)

Open Debate with all the participants



11.15 – 11.35 **Coffee break**
20'

11.35 – 12.20 **Session 2. Looking at the future: Education for Sustainable Development, Social inclusion and gender, Fundamental academic values**
45'
Speakers: 5 minutes each (15 minutes total) / Open Debate: 30 minutes

Moderator: **Giuseppe Provenzano**, Project Manager, Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

Education for sustainable development:

- **Aravella Zachariou**, Chair of the UNECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development

Social inclusion and gender:

- **Anastasia Zabaniotou**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, President of the Network of Mediterranean Engineering and Management Schools (RMEI)

Fundamental academic values:

- **Olfa Zéribi**, Director for Western Europe, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie

Open Debate with all the participants

12.20 – 12.35 **Wrap-up and suggestions for the future**
15'

- **Marcello Scalisi**, Director, Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED)
- **Itaf Ben Abdallah**, Senior Advisor on Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

12.35 – 12.45 **Closing Remarks**
10'

- **Álvaro Albacete**, Deputy Secretary General in charge of Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

12.45 – 13.10 **Press Conference - TBC**

13.10 – 14.30 **Lunch**

Master of ceremonies: **João Lobo**, Project Analyst, Higher Education and Research Division, Union for the Mediterranean

Working languages: English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.



Other stakeholders participating in the open debates:

- **Roger Albinyana**, Managing Director, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMED), Spain
- **Bassam Badran**, Rector, Lebanese University, Lebanon
- **Hmaid Ben Aziza**, Secretary General, UNIMED Tunisia
- **Germán Bernal Ríos**, Policy Officer International Cooperation, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC)
- **Olfa Bouallegue**, Vice-President in charge of the International Relations Office, Université de Sousse, Tunisia
- **Mauve Carbonell**, President, Téthys Consortium of Euro-Mediterranean Universities, France
- **Carlogiovanni Cereti**, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
- **Aïda Díaz**, Director of the Internationalisation Programme, Department of Research and Universities, Government of Catalonia, Spain
- **Elie Hajj Moussa**, Director of the Faculty of Science, Lebanese University, Lebanon
- **Cristina Juanrranz de la Fuente**, Assistant Director and Programming Coordinator, Casa Árabe, Spain
- **Hicham Lakhssassi**, Université Mohammed V- Rabat & Consortium Euro-méditerranéen Droit et Famille, Morocco
- **Francisco Matte Bon**, Rector, Università Internazionale di Roma, Italy
- **Abdelwahed Mokni**, President, University of Sfax, Tunisia
- **David Naranjo Gil**, Vicerrector de Internacionalización, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain
- **Olivia Orozco de la Torre**, Coordinator of Education and economics, Casa Árabe, Spain
- **María Jesús Periago Gastón**, Coordinadora Campus Mare Nostrum de Ciencia y Tecnología, Universidad de Murcia, Spain
- **Kherieh Rassas**, Vice-President, University of Najah, Palestine
- **Sara Tagliabracchi**, Student, Erasmus Student Network (ESN)
- **Josep Maria Vilalta**, Director, Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) and Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP), Spain

Will also be attending the event representatives from ministries in charge of higher education that participated in the ad hoc Senior Officials' Meeting on 16 March, aimed at preparing the 1st UfM Ministerial Conference on Higher Education.