

# 7<sup>th</sup> UfM Med4Jobs Advisory Board Meeting: *Connecting the Dots*

# Agenda

#### Thursday, 25 March 2021

09h45 – 10h00 Access of participants to the online event

10h00 – 10h10 Welcome Address

H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

10h10 – 10h30 Introductory remarks

The European renewed Strategy for the Southern Neighbourhood - a New Agenda for the Mediterranean

Mrs. Emmanuelle Roure, Neighbourhood Coordinator, International Relations Unit, Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

#### **Presenting the Two Rounds of Presentations**

**Mr. Mohammed Elrazzaz,** Project Analyst, Economic Development and Employment, UfM Secretariat

10h30 - 11h25

#### **Presentations by Participants – First Round**

"The future of work and skills in specific economic sectors: ETF research findings" Mrs. Francesca Rosso, Labour Market Specialist, European Training Foundation (ETF)

Video on main findings of the ETF Report on Youth situation in the SEMED region

"YouMatch – A contribution to the implementation of the Cascais commitment by strengthening employment and labour market policies and practitioners"

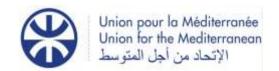
**Ms. Britta van Erckelens,** Deputy Programme Manager, YouMatch - Global Initiative on Employment Services for Youth - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

"The new normal with regards job matchmaking and employment by conducting the online job matchmaking events using tech platforms"

Mr. Nayef Stetieh, President and CEO, Business Development Center (BDC Jordan)

"Main Outcomes and Impact of THE NEXT SOCIETY"

Mr. Mathias Fillon, Coordinator, THE NEXT SOCIETY (funded by DG NEAR)



11h25 - 11h35

Virtual Coffee Break

11h35 - 12h30

#### **Presentations by Participants – Second Round**

## "The COVID-19 crisis and informal work in the MENA region"

**Ms. Mariarosa Lunati,** Senior Advisor, Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations Secretariat, Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

## Title of the Presentation TBC

**Mr. Vito Intini,** Regional Chief Economist, Inclusive Growth Team Leader, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS) / Regional Bureau for Arab States (RBAS) Regional Hub - United Nations Development Programme — UNDP, Amman, Jordan

"Gender-sensitive value chain development approaches as powerful lever of women's economic empowerment in the MENA region"

**Ms. Faten Khamassi,** International Value Chain Development Expert, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

"Science diplomacy to boost cross border Blue Economy alliance for youth employability in the Mediterranean"

**Dr. Mounir Ghribi, Director**, Internazionalizzazione, Comunicazione, Alta formazione e Promozione della ricerca – ICAP Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale - OGS

12h30 - 13h10

#### **Open Discussion**

Follow-up questions, reflections and comments emanating from the presentations.

13h10 - 13h20

#### **Closing Remarks**

**Mohammed Elrazzaz,** Project Analyst, Economic Development and Employment Division, UfM Secretariat