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21 March 2022, 12h00 am- 13:00 (CET) Implementing a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) for Higher Education in Emergencies in the Euro-Med Region

DRAFT PROGRAMME¹

Moderator: Isabel Marques da Silva

12:00- 12:10

Setting the scene – Watching a documentary on Syrian students in Portugal (4 minutes) - Short comments by Walaa (Master's degree at the University of Porto) and Mohamad (Master's degree at Nova University, Lisbon) (6 minutes)

12:10 – 12:30

Panel Discussion among key players and decision-makers from the ground: Higher Education matters in crisis situations (20 minutes)

Panelists: Manal Stulgaitis (UNHCR), Margarida Marques (former Secretary of State for European Affairs and Member of the EU Parliament, Portugal), Ariadna Bardolet (Fundacion La Caixa, Spain)

Annick Suzor Weiner (Agence Universitaire pour la Francophonie)

12:30- 12:40

The RRM project and its extension to the Euro-Med region – What is it all about? (10 minutes)

Speakers: Ambassador Moraes Cabral, Special Envoy for Higher Education in Emergencies, Portugal (Portugal) and Helena Barroco (Global Platform)

12:40-12:55

Short feed-back on the project of setting up a RRM in the Euro-Med region

Participants: João Lobo (Project Analyst – Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean), Marcelo Scalisi (UNIMED), Ibraheem (PhD student at Lisbon University) and Arwa (civil eng, alumna)

12:55- 13:00 – Wrap up and what's next by Helena Barroco and Dalia Sendra (Global Platform)

¹Subject to change.