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Draft PROGRAMME

10 November

Evening *Arrival of participants*

11 November

8.30 - 9 a.m. *Registration of participants*

9 - 11.30 a.m. **Opening Session**

Moderator: Mr Pedro Narro, President of the Euromed Follow Up Committee, EESC

Welcome addresses:

- ❖ **Mr José María Zufiaur Narvaiza**, *President of the External Relations Section, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)*
- ❖ **Mr Marcos Peña**, *President of the Economic and Social Council of Spain*

Keynote speaker:

- ❖ **Mr Fathallah Sijilmassi**, *Secretary-General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)*

The opportunities and challenges facing civil society organisations:

- ❖ **Mr Kacem Afaya**, *Deputy Secretary General, General Union of Tunisian Workers (UGTT)*
- ❖ **Mr Ziad Abdel Samad**, *President, Euromed NGO Platform*
- ❖ **Ms Ruba Jaradat**, *Economic and Social Council of Jordan*
- ❖ **Mr Peter Gebert**, *European External Action Service*

Discussion

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11.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon **Coffee break**

12 noon – 1 pm. **Partnerships between economic and social stakeholders and their current and future involvement in UfM projects**

Moderator: Mr Roger Nasnas, President of the Economic and Social Council of Lebanon

- ❖ **Ms Delphine Borione**, UfM Deputy Secretary-General for Social and Civil Affairs
- ❖ **M. Javier Albarracín**, Director of socio-economic development, IEMed
- ❖ **M. Zufiaur Narvaiza**, President of the External Relations Section, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Discussion

1 - 2.30 p.m. **Lunch at the invitation of the ESC of Spain**

2.30 – 5.15 p.m. **Macroeconomic policy and the youth employment challenge in the north and south of the Mediterranean region**

Moderator: Mr Dimitris Dimitriadis, Member, EESC

Setting the scene: the experts' views:

- ❖ **Mr Senén Florensa**, Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)
- ❖ **Mr Jean Louis Reiffers**, President, Scientific Committee, Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Sciences Institutes, FEMISE
- ❖ **Ms Ummuhan Bardak**, Director, European Training Foundation (ETF)
- ❖ **Mr Claudio Cortese**, UfM Senior Deputy Secretary-General for Business Development

Questions and answers

Contributions by civil society:

- ❖ **Mr Pedro Fernández Alén**, Economic and Social Council of Spain for the Report on youth and employment in the Euro-Mediterranean region
- ❖ **Mr Nickolas Neibauer**, Injaz al Arab, Regional NGO, youth entrepreneurship
- ❖ **Mr Peter Seideneck**, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- ❖ **Mr Khalil Cherry**, Board Member, Association of Lebanese Industrialists (ALI)

Discussion

5.15 – 5.30. p.m. **Coffee break**

5.30 – 6.30 p.m. **The creation and consolidation of ESCs – state of play and perspectives**

Moderator: Mr Michel Coquillion, Vice President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of France (ESEC)

- ❖ **Mr Nizar Baraka**, *President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of Morocco (ESEC)*
- ❖ **Mr Mohammad Ghudeyah**, *Palestinian Authority's technical adviser on the project to create a Palestinian Economic and Social Council (ESC)*
- ❖ **Mr Yehuda Talmon**, *Economic and Social Council of Israel (ESC)*
- ❖ **Mr Ould Haimer**, *President of the Economic and Social Council of Mauritania (ESC)*

7.30 p.m.

Reception and light dinner at the UfM secretariat, Palacio Real de Pedralbes

12 November

9 – 11 a.m.

The economic and social situation of women in the Euro-Mediterranean region

Moderator: Mr Nizar Baraka, President of the ESEC of Morocco

Contributions by civil society:

- ❖ **Mrs Jamal Hermes Ghibril**, *President of the Lebanese Council of Women*
- ❖ **Mrs Helena De Felipe Lehtonen**, *President, Association of Organizations of Mediterranean Businesswomen (AFAEMME)*
- ❖ **Ms Grace Attard**, *Member, EESC*

Responses from the Institutions:

- ❖ **Ms Emanuela Pozzan**, *Senior Gender Specialist, International Labour Organisation (ILO)*
- ❖ **Ms Delphine Borione**, *UfM Deputy Secretary-General for Social and Civil Affairs* and **Mr Boris Dumančič**, *Senior Advisor for Social and Civil Affairs*

Discussion

10.30 - 10.45 a.m.

Coffee break

11 – 1 p.m.

Mobility and migration: challenges and opportunities

Moderator: tbc

Setting the scene: the experts' view

- ❖ **Mr Ilan Chet**, *UfM Deputy Secretary General for Higher Education and Research*

Contributions by civil society:

- ❖ **Ms Afrodite Makrigianni**, *Economic and Social Council of Greece for the monitoring report on Immigration and Cooperation in the Euro- Mediterranean region*
- ❖ **Mr Panagiotis Gkofas** and **Mr Stefano Mallia**, *EESC Members, rapporteurs for the EESC opinion on 'Irregular immigration by sea in the Euromed region'*

Discussion

1 – 2.30 p.m.

Lunch at the invitation of the EESC

2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Water: a scarce resource in the Mediterranean region

Moderator: **Mr Seghir Babes**, President of the National Economic and Social Council of Algeria (CNES)

Setting the scene: the experts' view

- ❖ **Mr Luc Chabason**, Senior Advisor, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations
- ❖ **Mr Shaddad Attili**, UfM Deputy Secretary General for the environment and water (tbc)

Questions and answers

Contributions by civil society:

- ❖ **Ms Le Nouail Marlière**, EESC Member, Rapporteur for the information report on managing water-related challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean region
- ❖ **Mr Leïth Ben Becher**, Synagri, Tunisia

Discussion

4.30 – 4.45 p.m.

Coffee break

4.45 – 5.15 p.m.

Report on the Conclusion of the TRESMED 4 project

- ❖ **Ms Beatriz Prieto** and **Mr Javier Timón**, Coordinators of the TRESMED project, ESC of Spain

5.15 – 6. p.m.

Closing session

Presentation and adoption of the final declaration

- ❖ **Mr Pedro Narro**, President of the EESC's Euromed Follow-up Committee

Useful information:

Meeting venue: Palacio Real de Pedralbes, Av. Diagonal, 686. 08034 Barcelona

Interpretation: Arabic, English, French, Spanish,