

Horizon 2020: Addressing Euro-Mediterranean Common Challenges through Research and Innovation Cooperation

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Tuesday, 22 January 2019

8.30 – 14.00

EuroMed University of Fes, Morocco

The Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and the European Commission, in partnership with the Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Euro-Med University of Fes (UEMF), jointly organise on the **22nd of January 2019 in Fes, Morocco**, a regional seminar on the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme of the European Union.

The seminar, hosted at the eco-campus of the UEMF, will provide updated information on the upcoming **Horizon 2020 funding opportunities**, hands-on advice from current project coordinators as well as matchmaking opportunities for the development or consolidation of Euro-Mediterranean research partnerships. The seminar will address the following topics: migrations; drivers and contexts of violent extremism; human dynamics of climate change; sustainable agriculture; food systems; energy performance in buildings; urban mobility. **About 130 participants from Algeria, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Norway, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Tunisia are expected.**

The EuroMed University of Fes was labelled by the 43 countries of the Union for the Mediterranean in 2012. A flagship project of the UfM, this regional centre of academic and scientific excellence educates a new generation of highly qualified young people with a unique Euro-Mediterranean vision. It is the perfect location to address the call for proposition for the Horizon 2020 fund, the largest and most open research and innovation programme in the world.

Over the past years, close to 580 public and private entities from the South Mediterranean rim participated in collaborative research projects under the EU research and innovation previous framework programme. Currently, more than 100 entities from South Mediterranean partner countries are benefitting from H2020. Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in research and innovation is of strategic importance to address current societal challenges faced by both Northern and Southern Mediterranean countries, and consequently, to the EU policies and UfM mandate and priorities.

AGENDA

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 - 9.30 Opening Session

- Prof. Mostapha Bousmina, President of the EuroMed University of Fes
- Mr. Philip Mikos, Chief of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Morocco

- Mr. Ahmed Hammouch, Director of Scientific Research and Innovation, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Kingdom of Morocco
- Mr. Andrea Carignani di Novoli, Head of Unit for European Neighborhood, Africa and Gulf, Directorate- General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Ms. Emmanuelle Gardan, Head of Sector, Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean

9.30 - 10.30 Opportunities for Euro-Med collaborations under the 2019 calls of Horizon 2020

- Ms. Heba Gaber, Research and Innovation Regional Officer, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Q&A Session

10.30 - 11.00 Capacity building - Networking as a tool to strengthen participation in Horizon 2020

- Ms Katalin Alföldi, Policy Officer, COST Association
- Q&A Session

11.0 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00 Lessons learnt and advice: Testimonies from Horizon 2020 project coordinators

- Dr. Haris Kontoes, National Observatory of Athens (*GEO-Cradle* project)
- Prof. Gabriel Acien, University of Almeria (*SABANA* project)
- Dr. Walter Gaggioli, Agenzia Nazionale per le Nuove tecnologie, l'Energia e lo Sviluppo economico sostenibile (*ORC-PLUS* project)
- Dr. Wahid Mellouki, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (*MARSU* project)
- Ms. Fabienne Trotte, R&I Manager, Relais Culture Europe (*Trans-making* project)
- Q&A Session

13.00 - 14.00 Networking lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Thematic round table discussions for collaboration under Horizon 2020 (*upon prior registration*) - Facilitators and rapporteurs from the EuroMed University of Fes

•Food Systems Africa

- Facilitator: Prof. Salim Bounou
- Rapporteur: Prof. Said El Kazzouli

•Sustainable Intensification in agriculture in Africa

- Facilitator: Prof. Sandrine Simon
- Rapporteur: Prof. Saâdia Benmoussa

•Bioclimatic approaches for improving energy performance in buildings in Africa and Europe

- Facilitator: Prof. Mostapha El Jai
- Rapporteur: Mr. Mehdi Benabdellah



• **Urban mobility and sustainable electrification in large urban areas in developing and emerging economies**

- Facilitator: Prof. François Kiefer

- Rapporteur: Prof. Chakib Alaoui

• **Migration mobility patterns and international protection of refugees**

- Facilitator: Prof. Sanae Kasmi

- Rapporteur: Prof. Mounia Slighoua

• **Human dynamics of climate change**

- Facilitator: Prof. Othmane Benmoussa

- Rapporteur: Prof. Housseine Bachiri

• **Drivers and contexts of violent extremism in the broader Middle-East and North-Africa region**

- Facilitator: Prof. Said Sabia

- Rapporteur: Prof. Rachid Benfares

15.30 - 16.30 Coffee Break / Matchmaking Session

16:30 - 17:00 Plenary reports from the thematic round tables

17.00 - 17.30 Conclusions

PRESS REGISTRATION

Accreditation

Journalist and media technical staff planning to cover the seminar must be accredited by 18 January 2019 by sending an email to Mr. Brahim Seddouki, b.seddouki@ueuromed.org with the following information:

- Name and Surname
- ID Number
- Media and position
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More information

<https://ufmsecretariat.org/horizon-2020-regional-seminar/>