



Reinforcing the Innovation-Employability Nexus in the Mediterranean

Digital Steering Committee Meetings *

5 and 19 May 2020

Draft agendas

5 May (Session 1)

10.45h	<i>Connection to the digital platform and double check for technical issues by participants.</i>
11h.	Welcome.
11.05h	Opening (10 minutes) Institutional opening of the Steering Committee session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, UfM • Johannes Laepple, GIZ
11.15h	Opening and explanation of the format (5 minutes) Brief presentation of the initiative, of the topic of the session and how the meeting will contribute to the foreseen activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giuseppe Provenzano, Expert, UfM
11.20h	Presentation of Publication Proposal (15 minutes) Methodology of publication concept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Volles, UfM consultant
11.35h	How to promote employability and digitalisation (1 hour). The role of Universities and Research centres. How to create partnerships with the private sector. The role of intermediary institutions. Boosting digital skills and digitalisation of Higher Education Institutions in the context of COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief introduction by keynote speaker(s) (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roberto Martino, European Commission ○ Sélim Mekdessi, Lebanese University, UNIMED SubNetwork on Employability ○ TBC - Tour de table <p>Guiding questions: What are the main challenges related to employment after education and research in the Mediterranean? What instrument can be deployed by universities, research centres and other stakeholders, to increase employability in the region of graduates and researchers? What is the role of education and research and which best practices could be more easily adapted and replicated in the region? How is the current crisis reconfiguring universities and research centres and how can we exploit such changes for reinforcing digital skills?</p>
12.35h	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Itaf Ben Abdallah, Senior Advisor, UfM



19 May (Session 2)

10.45h	<i>Connection to the digital platform and double check for technical issues by participants.</i>
11h.	Welcome.
11.05h	Opening (10 minutes) <i>Institutional opening of the Steering Committee session</i>
11.15h	Opening and explanation of the format (5 minutes) <i>Brief presentation of the initiative, of the topic of the session and how the meeting will contribute to the foreseen activities</i>
11.20h	Presentation of Training Proposal (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of two national training and a regional seminar by a UfM consultant - Discussion.
11.35h	How to promote entrepreneurship and start-up creation in Research and Innovation (1 hour) Industrial doctorates, connections between universities and Research centres with private sectors, online platforms, initiatives open to join, how to create new partnerships in the Mediterranean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief introduction by keynote speaker(s) (5 minutes) - Tour de table <p>Guiding questions:</p> <p>What tools have proved to be easily adaptable in promoting entrepreneurship and digital innovation among students and researchers?</p> <p>What actions can be implemented by universities and research centres in order to increase their partnerships with business centres, accelerators, innovation units, chambers of commerce, employers' associations and other intermediary institutions?</p> <p>What is already existing in the region, what initiatives can be joined by interested stakeholders, how to promote new partnership?</p>
12.35h	Conclusion and way forward

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