



# Agenda

## Event

**5<sup>th</sup> UfM Regional Forum -**  
*25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the*  
**Barcelona Process**

## Date

**24-25 November 2020**  
**Online**

## Preceded by

**Civil Society Forum: *The future of***  
***Euromed civil society +25***

## Website

[www.ufmsecretariat.org/event/regional-forum-2020](http://www.ufmsecretariat.org/event/regional-forum-2020)

## 24 November

**Pre-Forum: Working sessions**  
***Future perspectives on the role of civil society in the EuroMed region***  
*(by invitation only)*

**14h-15h30: Working session 1 - Civil society & environment and climate action**  
*In partnership with ENI CBC "Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme"*

**15h30-17h: Working session 2 - Civil society & gender equality**  
*In partnership with the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe*

**17h-18h30: Working session 3 - Civil society & social inclusion**  
*In partnership with the Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement*

## 25 November

**Forum**  
***The future of Euromed civil society +25***

**14h30-14h45: Opening remarks**

**Nasser Kamel**, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean  
**Olivér Várhelyi**, European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement

**14h45-15h45: People-to-People cooperation – lessons learned from the Barcelona Process**

The contribution of civil society has been recognised by the signatories of the 1995 Barcelona Declaration as fundamental in the process of development of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and as an essential factor for greater understanding and closeness between the people.

Since the inception of the Barcelona Process, civil society has been playing a key role. On 29 November and 1 December 1995, Barcelona hosted the 1st Euromed Civil Forum, where over 1000 representatives of Mediterranean civil society brought their ideas to the new framework of debate and cooperation offered by the new Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. Since then, the Euromed Civil Forum has accompanied a majority of EuroMed ministerial conferences.

The Union for the Mediterranean reaffirmed the political will of Euro-Mediterranean partners to strengthen their regional cooperation framework through the incorporation of more relevance, visibility and concrete impact for the citizens of the region. The link between governments and civil society was consequently strongly reinforced.

This panel will underline the impulse given by the Barcelona Process to civil society across the Euro-Mediterranean region, and review the important role played by CSOs since 1995 in regional cooperation.

*Moderator:*

**Michael Köhler**, Deputy Director-General of European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations at the European Commission



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*Panelists:*

**Elisabeth Guigou**, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation  
**Blanca Moreno-Dodson**, Manager of the Center for Mediterranean Integration, the World Bank  
**Ziad Abdel Samad**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Arab NGO Network for Development  
**Barik Mhadeen**, Senior Researcher, Human Security, West Asia - North Africa (WANA) Institute

— Q&As session – 20'

**16h-16h30: Promoting intercultural dialogue in the EuroMed region – Presentation by the Anna Lindh Foundation**

The Anna Lindh Foundation will present its reflections and orientations on the future of social and cultural cooperation across the Euro-Mediterranean region, through the testimonies of actors that will share their direct experience on the ground as well as results of regional consultation processes and research carried out in the field of intercultural relations in the past years.

*Moderator:*

**Eleonora Insalaco**, Head of Operations and Intercultural Research, at the Anna Lindh Foundation

*Panelists:*

**Dr Nabil Al Sharif**, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation  
**Josep Ferré**, Director General of the European Institute of the Mediterranean - Head of the ALF Spanish National Network  
**Fatima Zuhra Outaiss**, Young Mediterranean Voices Leader - Morocco  
**Zeina Dbouk**, ALF Trainer of trainers on Intercultural Citizenship Education - Assistant Principal at Lycée Celestin Freinet-Bramieh - Lebanon

**16h45-17h45: Panel 2 / Future perspectives for civil society cooperation in the Mediterranean**

Since the launch of the Barcelona Process, new challenges have arisen throughout the Euro-Mediterranean region, threatening the stability, security and prosperity of the area and calling for reinforced cooperation.

Among these challenges, the high levels of socio-economic inequality and the pressing climate change emergency expose and exacerbate vulnerabilities within and among UfM countries. They reconfirm that the systems on which we depend, are not only increasingly interdependent, but also growingly vulnerable.

This reality, valid at a global scale, is nonetheless a more urgent one for the Mediterranean region, where conditions of fragility and exposure are further concentrated. The role of civil society, in the face of these challenges, seems pivotal.

This panel will tackle the role of civil society in addressing emerging challenges across the Euro-Mediterranean, and the forms it will take in years to come.

A keynote speech will be delivered by Nobel Prize Laureate and coordinator of the Sommet des Deux Rives steering committee, Ms. Ouided Bouchamaoui, followed by presentations of three participants of the working sessions that took place on 24 November, namely on sustainable development, gender equality and social inclusion, which will discuss the outcomes and operational recommendations of these sessions.

*Moderator:*

**Senen Florensa**, President of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

*Keynote speech:*

**Ouided Bouchamaoui**, Nobel Peace Prize laureate 2015

*Panelists:*

**Hajar Khamlichi**, President of the Mediterranean Youth Climate Network  
**Mariam Khalaf**, Project Coordinator at the Euromed Feminist Initiative  
**Guillaume Thureau**, Director of the Spanish Association of Second Chance Schools E2O España

— Q&As session – 20'

**18h: Closing remarks**

Closing remarks by **Marisa Farrugia**, Deputy Secretary General for Social and Civil Affairs