

## AGENDA

### UfM-Regional dialogue with social partners:

Enhancing skills for better employability; July 8, 2021

#### Opening Session

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| <p><b>Welcome and Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, Union for Mediterranean</li> <li>● Mr Jordi Curell, Director for Mobility, Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</li> <li>● Ms Barbara Beltrame Giacomello, President, BUSINESSMED, Vice President International Affairs Confindustria (Italy)</li> </ul> | <p><b>09:00 – 9h30</b></p> |
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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Panel: Social dialogue as driver of change

As change has become an essential element in preparing the post-pandemic era, thereby calling for common reflection on past and current initiatives, regional partners will seize this opportunity to discuss how their respective initiatives for social dialogue helped addressing the skills challenge, and what shift at the policy level must be operated.

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| <p><b>Moderator: Mr Mohammed El Razzaz - UfM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms Henrike Trautmann, acting Director Neighbourhood South, Directorate General Neighbourhood, EUROPEAN COMMISSION</li> <li>● Dr Tarek Tawfik, Vice President BUSINESSMED, Vice President FEI (Egypt)</li> <li>● Mr Patrick ITSCHERT, ETUC (tbc)</li> <li>● ILO</li> </ul> | <p><b>9h30 – 10:30</b></p> |
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Panel: Social dialogue to overcome the skills mismatch**

The skills mismatch has progressively emerged as one of the major challenges to address for the future of the Mediterranean region, and thus saw increasing attention from the various actors of social and economic change. As such, there is a common understanding from social partners, public authorities, and international partners that the issue must be addressed at the regional level. In this context, partners will engage in an open discussion on common actions to undertake from both South and North Mediterranean sides with respect to the issue of qualifications how it can be solve to anticipate and meet current and future needs.

**Moderator: Abdelaziz Jaouani, Sabina Nari ETF (tbc)**

- Mr Mustapha Tlili, SOLiD II Project Director, Executive Secretary of the Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC)
- BUSINESSEUROPE (Maxime or a chair of BUSINESSEUROPE Education and Training working group – tbc)
- European Commission (EMPL/E2 – tbc)

**10:30 – 11:30**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Panel: Social dialogue to facilitate low-skilled workers' transition from informal to formal economy**

The regional economic context and the recent global pandemic had an unprecedented impact on social and economic challenges, particularly on marginalized and most fragile populations, leading more and more people to opt for informal and precarious activities in times of uncertainty when governments, agencies and organizations supporting job seekers faced consequent difficulties in responding to their challenges. This last panel will look into practical examples of collaboration between governments, private sector, social partners and international cooperation agencies that opted for different approaches for skills development.

**Moderator: EMPL/D3**

- Ms Siria Taurelli, ETF
- ILO
- Mr Pierre Lucante, GIZ (tbc)

**11:30 – 12:30**

**Closing Remarks: Operational conclusions**

- ETF - Abdelaziz Jaouani, Sabina Nari ETF (tbc)

**12:30 – 13:00**

***\*The event will be chaired by Ms. Jihen Boutiba, Secretary General of BUSINESSMED***