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Opening Remarks

Moderator

Ms. Aya Serragui



Ms. Aya Serragui, Student, Mediterranean and Middle Eastern programme, Sciences Po

Aya Serragui is a second-year student in the Dual Degree program between Sciences Po Paris, Menton Campus and Columbia University. Born and raised in Casablanca, Morocco; she is passionate about the development of social justice and public health in the South Mediterranean region. A UN Women and ECOSOC Youth Forum delegate, while also pursuing a law degree in parallel, she strongly believes in the importance of legal affairs in civil society.



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H.E. Mr. Nasser Kamel



H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

A career diplomat for the Egyptian government, Nasser Kamel held the position of Ambassador of Egypt to the United Kingdom from 2014 to 2018. He was also Ambassador to France in the period 2006-2012, during which he took part in the drafting of the Joint Declaration of the 2008 Paris Summit that marked the launch of the Union for the Mediterranean. Furthermore, between 2012 and 2014, he was Assistant Minister for Arab and Middle Eastern Affairs. From 2004 to 2006, he was the Director of Egypt's Public Information Service. Prior to this position, H.E. Kamel served in various embassies.

H.E. Ms. Bora Muzhaqi



H.E. Ms. Bora Muzhaqi, Minister of State for Youth and Children, Albania

As of September 2021, Ms. Bora Muzhaqi holds the position of the Minister of State for Youth and Children of Albania. Prior to that she was Deputy Minister of Education, Sports and Youth where she covered youth. Bora has a background in tax advisory, and worked in the private sector, in EY, PwC and EBRD, and is also an accredited auditor both in the UK and Albania. Ms. Muzhaqi has a Masters in International Business from Hult International Business School and a BSc degree in Economics from London School of Economics.



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Mr. Fakhri Altwal



Mr. Fakhri Altwal, Youth Expert, Minister Office, Ministry of Youth, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Fakhri ALTwal, a graduate in Political Science and International Relations, currently holds the position of Advisor to the Minister of Youth in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Fakhri's professional journey is marked by several significant stations, including his tenure in the Ministry of Political & Parliamentary Affairs and his role as a political researcher at the Al Quds Center for Political Studies. His diverse career has also encompassed roles as a master trainer and curriculum developer at the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD). Furthermore, he has worked as a Parliamentary Affairs Researcher in civil society organizations, such as Al Hayat Center. Notably, Fakhri has represented the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in various Regional and International unions, organizations, and forums, including the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). His areas of expertise span political and parliamentary affairs, international relations, research, and youth development.



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Ms. Yasmeen ElSayed



Ms. Yasmeen ElSayed, Vice President, Mediterranean Youth Foundation

Yasmeen ElSayed is a distinguished Feminist Scholar and Activist whose academic and professional journey reflects a deep commitment to gender equality and women's rights. She earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Cairo University, graduating with top honors and a first-class distinction within the department. Subsequently, Yasmeen pursued her master's degree in Political Science with excellence.

Currently working as a Teaching Assistant in Political Science at Cairo University's Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Yasmeen also holds the esteemed position of Vice President at the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development. Notably, she is the sole Egyptian recipient of the Erasmus Mundus scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies for the years 2023-2025.

Throughout her career, Yasmeen has actively participated in various organizations dedicated to women's rights and gender equality. She has made substantial contributions to numerous international projects, research endeavors, and reports in the field of women's rights within the MENA region, both in published and unpublished capacities, and moreover, served in civil/gender activities for more than five years.



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H.E. Dr. Ashraf Sobhy



H.E. Mr. Ashraf Sobhy, Minister of Youth and Sports, Arab Republic of Egypt

His Excellency Dr. Ashraf Sobhy is the Egyptian Minister of Youth & Sports since 2018. His previous experience includes working as Assistant to the Minister of Youth & Sports, as Executive Director of the International Cairo Stadium, and as Executive Director of Baniyas Club for football in the UAE 2009 – 2010.

His Excellency holds a Ph.D. in Sports Management – Public Relations & Sports Marketing from Ottawa University, Canada & Helwan University, Cairo, a Master of Public Relations & Administration from Helwan University, and a Bachelor of Physical Education College, Helwan University.

His academic experience includes working as Professor Dr. in Sports Business Administration at Physical Education College, Helwan University, and a Member of the Supreme Council of Universities (Physical Education Committee).



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H.E. Ms. Roberta Metsola



H.E. Ms. Roberta Metsola, President, European Parliament

Roberta Metsola was first elected to the European Parliament in 2013, becoming one of Malta's first female Members of the European Parliament. She was re-elected as an MEP on the Partit Nazzjonalista ticket with a record amount of votes for a female candidate in 2014. Professionally she is a lawyer who has specialised in European law and politics.

Ms Metsola served within the Permanent Representation of Malta to the European Union from 2004 to 2012 as Malta's Legal and Judicial Cooperation Attaché and Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Unit there. Following that, she joined the team of the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, as a legal advisor. She left that role to fill the vacant seat of then Opposition Leader in Malta, Simon Busuttil, as an MEP within the EPP Group.

MEP Metsola is a Member of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee where she is Coordinator for the EPP Group. She is a Member of the Terrorism Committee and the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the United States. She is also a substitute Member in the Committee for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and a Vice-Chair on the Petitions Committee. She was also a member of the Special Committee of Inquiry into the Panama Papers before its mandate came to a close.

In her student years, she was highly active in various organisations, acting as the Secretary-General for the European Democrat Student organisation between 2002-2003. Born in 1979, Roberta Metsola is married to Ukko Metsola and is the mother of four boys. She graduated in law from the University of Malta and the College of Europe in Bruges.



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Presentation of the Mediterranean Youth Academy

Mr. Youssef Aroog



Mr. Youssef Aroog, Co-Founder and President, Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development Climate and Energy

Mediterranean Civil Activist, King Hamad SDGs Awardee, and IIA-UNAOC/BMW Awardee hailing from the culturally rich Sinai Peninsula in Egypt. As a dedicated researcher, my focus lies in the field of European youth policies and strategies. My passion for fostering positive change and development in the EuroMed region led me to establish the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development in both Egypt and Estonia. Equipped with a prestigious academic background, I hold a master's degree in European Integration and global studies, where I was honoured as a Jean Monnet Scholar.



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Setting the Scene

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H.E. Mr. Senen Florensa



H.E. Mr. Senén Florensa, Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean

Senén Florensa is President of the Executive Committee of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), President of the General Assembly of EuroMeSCo and Director of the quarterly magazine afkar/ideas and of the IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook.

A career diplomat with Ambassador's rank, he graduated in Economics and Law from the University of Barcelona. He completed his PhD studies in Economics at the University of Paris I Pantheon–Sorbonne, as a Fulbright Scholar at New York University, Ph. D. Program, and at the Complutense University of Madrid, where he read his Doctoral Thesis in 1979 with the highest qualification Summa Cum Laude. Diploma of International Studies from the Diplomatic School, Madrid.

He has been Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations and the International Organizations based in Vienna, President of the Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and President of the Convention of the Parties to UNODOC. He has also been Ambassador of Spain to Tunisia, Director General of the Institute for Cooperation with the Arab World, Mediterranean and Developing Countries (ICMAMPD) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consul General of Spain in Rome and in Berlin, Member of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games of Barcelona COOB 92, First Secretary of the Embassy of Spain at UNESCO and Advisory member in the Cabinet of the President of the Government with Presidents Suárez and Calvo Sotelo.

He has also been Director of Studies at the Diplomatic School and Professor of International Economics at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Governing Council of the Antonio de Nebrija University.



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Mr. Johannes Laepple



Mr. Johannes Laepple, Head of UfM Hub for Jobs, Trade, and Investment, GIZ

Johannes Laepple heads the GIZ office in Spain and the GIZ Project “UfM Hub for Jobs, Trade and Investment”, which supports the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) in Barcelona. He is a trade policy expert with over 15 years of professional experience in EU policy and development cooperation. Prior to his work at GIZ, he worked as a political advisor in the European Parliament and as Head of Office to the Chairman of the European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade. He holds degrees in Political Science and Governance and Development Policy, as well as an MPA from Harvard University.



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Mr. Josep Ferre



Mr. Josep Ferré, Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation

Mr. Ferré has more than 17 years of experience in conceptualising and leading policy-oriented research projects and an extensive background in cooperation development programmes and networks management.

He has coordinated numerous publications related to the main issues of the Euro-Mediterranean agenda. He was the Director General (2017-2021) and the Managing Director (2007-2021) of the European Institute of the Mediterranean. He was the Director General of the Spanish branch of the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) (2004-2006) and the Executive Secretary of the Azahar Program of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) (2001-2004), promoting sustainable development in the Mediterranean. He also worked as Head of Mission of the Spanish International Cooperation in Mauritania (1999-2001) and Programme Coordinator at the Technical Cooperation Office of the Spanish Embassy in Morocco (1995-1999), where he also held a position of Deputy Market Analyst at the Economic & Commercial Office (1994-1995). Josep Ferré is an agronomical engineer.

Mr Ferré is the Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation from 1st September 2021.



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Presentation of UfM Youth Agenda: Call for Action

Panelists

Ms. Anna Dorangricchia



Ms. Anna Dorangricchia, Project Manager, Social and Civil Affairs Division, Union for the Mediterranean

As Programme Manager on Gender Equality at the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, Anna Dorangricchia works more specifically on women economic empowerment, female entrepreneurship, and gender-lens investments.

She has a long-lasting experience as Senior expert in programming, monitoring, and the evaluation in the area of economic inclusion of women and youth under the framework of European Neighbourhood Instrument. Her professional career has been focused on supporting the cooperation among EU and non-EU national and regional authorities, NGOs, universities and the private sector in the area of inclusive development.



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Mr. Graziano Tullio



Mr. Graziano Tullio, External Youth Expert, Union for the Mediterranean

Graziano Tullio brings over 15 years of experience in project management in the in the field of youth empowerment and human rights. Throughout his career, he has collaborated with a wide array of organizations, including youth associations, NGOs, regional entities, universities, and intergovernmental institutions.

As a seasoned trainer and youth worker, Graziano has conducted numerous training and mentoring programs for young professionals across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, covering topics related to youth work, intercultural dialogue, and sustainable development.

For the past five years, Graziano held the position of Youth Cooperation Programme Officer at the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. In this role, he coordinated initiatives of interregional cooperation in youth field, promoting confidence building initiatives between decision-makers and youth organizations.

Graziano holds two master's degrees (one in International Relations and the other in Communication for International Institutions) and his expertise lies in youth policies analysis and strategic partnerships building.



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Panel 1 – Empower young people to lead the green transition

Moderator

Mr. Mohammed ElRazzaz



Mr. Mohammed ElRazzaz, Head of Sector, Economic Development and Employment, Union for the Mediterranean

Prof. Mohammed Elrazzaz (Cairo, 1976) is a Barcelona-based staff member of the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) since 2013. Part of the Economic Development and Employment Division at the Secretariat, he is the Head of Sector for Regional Integration, Global Value Chains and Digital Transformation. In parallel, he is Professor of Mediterranean Heritage at the International University of Catalonia in Barcelona (UIC) since 2015. His second book, titled “The Mediterranean: A Shared Heritage”, was published by the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI, Slovenia) in 2018.

Elrazzaz has a vast financial expertise on the back of a decade that he spent working for Egyptian and International banks. He was awarded the 2007 Goldman Sachs “Transaction of the Year” Prize for the MENA Region in the Investment Banking category.



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Panelists

Mr. Bulut Altun



Mr. Bulut Altun, Youth and Sports Expert, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Republic of Türkiye

Bulut Altun has been serving as a Youth and Sports Expert since 2012 in the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Türkiye. He took part in the preparation of National Youth and Sports Policy Document of Türkiye and assumed certain roles in the programming and coordination of National Grant Programme for Youth Projects. Currently, he works in the General Directorate of International Organisations and Foreign Relations within the Ministry of Youth and Sports. In this capacity, he is assigned the task of coordinating youth and sport-related activities with international organisations. He holds a master's degree in political science from Ankara University. Also he currently pursues his PhD studies in political science department of Ankara University. His field of interest covers political philosophy, transnational and international politics.



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Mr. Jabra Dukmak



Mr. Jabra Dukmak, Co-founder, Laheq Halak

Jabra Dukmak from Bethlehem, Palestine, holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in environmental engineering from University of Perugia in Italy. He is currently working as Research and Development Engineer at TEA Group in Florence, Italy, with a focus on air quality monitoring. In particular, at TEA Group, Mr. Dukmak contributes to developing "Air2Green," an innovative environmental monitoring app that uses advanced technology to raise global awareness of air quality, encouraging businesses to engage in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Besides his work as engineer, Mr. Dukmak co-founded EarthWise for Green Technology Solutions, a start-up dedicated to innovating sustainable solutions in Palestine. With his team in Palestine, they launched the Laheq Halak mobile app which connects surplus food providers with eco-conscious consumers, offering affordable meal options while actively contributing to a greener and more sustainable future.



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Mr. Saad Uakkas



Mr. Saad Uakkas, Regional Coordinator for North Africa, African Youth Initiative on Climate Change

Saad is a youth empowerment and engagement activist focusing on health and climate. He is a medical doctor and public health master's holder from LSHTM. He is an international trainer, TEDx speaker, Diana awardee, One Young World ambassador, UNESCO young researcher, WHO infodemic manager, Gates foundation goalkeeper, Clinton global initiative fellow, and Chevening scholar. He had leadership positions representing youth in 60 global meetings. He organized 35 campaigns, and events both in-person and online. He occupied leadership positions for 3 years in the international federation of medical students associations IFMSA, led global campaigns, and coordinated the global medical students' COVID-19 response. He is the North Africa Coordinator of the African Youth Initiative for Climate Change and the program lead of the COP27 and COP28 children and youth pavilion.



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Ms. Samira Shaban Pina



Ms. Samira Shaban Pina, Project Analyst, Water, Environment and Blue Economy Division, Union for the Mediterranean

Samira Shaban Pina is Project Analyst in the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and has been working for the last 8 years in water, blue economy and environment related issues in the UfM, where her main role is promoting the implementation of the UfM Water Agenda and the UfM Water and Youth Engagement Strategy 2023-2028.

Samira previously worked as the coordinator of a project linked to a Council of Europe's non-hate speech movement and was research assistant at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain) within the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration (GRITIM-UPF).

Samira holds a Master of Science (MSc) in Public Policy and Human Development from the Maastricht University and a Bachelor's (BSc) in Political Science from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.



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Ms. Ananda Alonso Nácher



Ms. Ananda Alonso Nácher, Project Manager, Impact Investment, MedWaves – The UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP

Ananda Alonso Nácher is the Impact Investment Manager at MedWaves, the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Center for SCP, where her main role is promoting access to finance for sustainable entrepreneurs. Previously she has worked in MedWaves' Policy Area and managing the Switchers Community.

She has over 8 years of experience working in sustainable development in different countries. She was responsible for the Youth Leadership Program at UNDP Morocco and implemented agribusiness and youth democratic engagement programs in Kenya. Ananda is a trained political scientist and holds a Master's Degree in International Development, with a specialization in Innovation and Sustainability.



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Ms. Fayrouz Ossama



Ms. Fayrouz Ossama Bahaeldin Noureldin Eldabbagh, National Researcher, International Water Management Institute - MENA Office

Ms. Eldabbagh Fayrouz is a Political Science Researcher at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI). Fayrouz is a holder of a master's degree in political sociology from Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne. She has a proven professional experience in evidence-based policy analysis, research, monitoring, and evaluation with several international organizations, including the Catholic Relief Services, The Public Policy HUB at the American University in Cairo, the UN-Habitat Regional Office for the Arab States, and the GIZ. She worked on researching and evaluating various sustainable development sectors addressing gender equality, peacebuilding, and urban and rural development. She also published policy papers on rural productivity and entrepreneurship and disseminated them in a multi-stakeholder conference. With IWMI, the key areas of focus of Ms. Eldabbagh are related to water governance and policy coherence across food, land, and water systems.



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Panel 2 – Young men and women as active shapers of the Euro-Mediterranean society

Moderator

Ms. Paqui Santonja Mayor



Ms. Paqui Santonja Mayor, Senior Advisor, Casa Mediterráneo

Paqui Santoja is Executive Advisor at Casa Mediterráneo. From October 2021 to April 2022, she was an advisor in the Cabinet of the Minister of Finance and Public Administration of the Government of Spain. In the General State Administration in Madrid, after passing through the Office of the Secretary of State for the European Union of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the preparation and development of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU (2009-2010), he has had various positions in the Ministry of Territorial Policy: advisory member in the DG for Regional and Local Cooperation (2010-2015) and advisor in the Cabinet of the Minister of Territorial Policy and Public Function (2018-2021). From February 2015 to August 2018, she was Project Manager at the Public Governance Studies Unit at the OECD Directorate for Public Governance in Paris. She graduated in Law from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, specialising in international relations.



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Panelists

Ms. Miriam Teuma



Ms. Miriam Teuma, CEO, Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ - The National Youth Agency of Malta

Miriam Teuma has been Chief Executive of Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ, Malta's national youth agency, since her appointment in 2010. As Chief Executive she is responsible for implementing Malta's national youth policy Towards 2030 - Reaching out to, working with and supporting young people. She is also Visiting Senior Lecturer in Youth and Community Studies at the University of Malta.

Ms. Teuma has extensive experience at European Union, Council of Europe, Commonwealth and international level on youth related issues and has contributed papers on youth work policy and practice to a number of international studies.

She has been the chairperson of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Chair of the Joint Council for Youth for two mandates and presently she is active in Council Of Europe CDEJ bureau. She is also the vice chair of the EU expert group of Youth work.



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Ms. Pilar Morales



Ms. Pilar Morales, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis, Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean, Council of Europe

Pilar Morales is Co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis, and Senior Coordinator of the activities of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

Pilar Morales holds a master's degree in Political Science and Sociology (Universidad Complutense, Madrid), a Master's degree in Advanced European Studies (College of Europe, Bruges), a Master's degree in International Relations (CSIC, Madrid) and an MBA (IADE, Madrid). She has held several positions within the Council of Europe since 1993, and since 2011 is in charge of programming with the Council of Europe's neighbourhood countries. Since July 2021 she is based in Tunis as the Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean and Head of the Council of Europe Office.

As from November 2023, Pilar is also the Executive Director of the North-South Centre.



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Ms. Maria Jesus Herrera



Ms. María Jesús Herrera, Head of Office, International Organization for Migration Spain

For 20 years, Maria Jesús Herrera has held responsibilities related to migration, the social sector, humanitarian assistance, and development cooperation. She currently serves as the Chief of Mission for the International Organization for Migration in Spain, a position she has held since 2010.

She holds a degree in Law from the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain. She has completed a Postgraduate program at the School of Legal Practice in Córdoba, a Postgraduate course in Foreign Trade (ACADE Madrid), a course in the management and direction of NGOs (ESADE Madrid), and a UN (OCHA) Civil-Military Coordination course in Barcelona.

Throughout her international career, she practiced law in the private sector in Brussels and worked at the Permanent Representation to the European Union in the Belgian capital as an assistant to the diplomatic counselor for Latin America. From 2003 to 2010, she held various responsibilities in the social sector, including serving as a board secretary for the Yehudi Mehunin Foundation and as the general coordinator of the Movement for Peace (MPDL).

In 2010, she began working as the Chief of Mission in Spain at the International Organization for Migration (IOM), where she coordinates migration management programs, addresses migration challenges, and contributes to strengthening political dialogue with all government actors at various levels, including national, regional, and local, as well as with civil society, through inclusive and participatory processes that enable safe, orderly, and regular migration.



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Ms. Ines Tamourt



Ms. Ines Tamourt, Co-Vice-President, Mediterranean Youth Council

Ines TAMOURT, a student at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, is a dynamic professional with a strong passion for Technology and Social change. With a background in Electronics Engineering, she began her professional journey as an Information Systems Consultant three years ago. Her expertise quickly propelled her into a role as a Project Leader for Microsoft 365 tools, where she champions innovation within her organization. Beyond her technical skills, Ines is a dedicated advocate for youth empowerment and regional cooperation, serving as the Co-Vice-President of the Mediterranean Youth Council. In this role, she amplifies the Mediterranean's voice and addresses critical regional issues. Ines collaborates with her peers to drive positive change, contributing to the betterment of the entire Mediterranean area. Her unique blend of technical proficiency, leadership, and commitment to social causes positions her as a valuable asset in advancing transformative initiatives both professionally and in the broader context of regional collaboration.



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Ms. Selma Bichbich



Ms. Selma Bichbich, MENA Youth Network

Selma Bichbich is a highly active social and climate youth activist who has devoted herself to promoting positive change and advancing the SDGs. She has been involved in a wide range of programs and organizations, including serving as an SDSN fellow, the previous contact point for the Human Rights Working Group at YOUNGO, and the current focal point of the Environment and Human Rights WG at Major Group for children and youth in addition for being the GST Communication Officer at SDG7 Youth Consistency.

In addition, Selma is a board member and co-founder of the MENA Youth Network, founder of the Together for Blue and Green youth-led initiative (NGO) in Algeria, and a Max Thabiso Edkins Global Climate Ambassador. She also represents North Africa at the Global Youth Leadership Council in the EarthUprising NGO, a previous delegate at COP27.

She has been invited by Prima to discuss the future of water in the Mediterranean at the UN Water Conference, given the fact that she has made several contributions to numerous EU programs and events, the reason why she will be hosting host a side event at the Youth&Children pavilion during Cop28 to explore the challenges faced in the Mediterranean region and discuss strategies for achieving unity.

Selma has participated in several international events, including serving as the delegate of Algeria at the PreCop26 Youth4Climate Summit in both Milan and New York editions. She also organized the first edition of the MENA Youth Environmental Assembly in collaboration with YOUNGO, the Swedish Institute, and Peace First, she is also a board member of the MENA Coalition on Youth, Peace, and Security and ProVeg NGO.



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She was nominated to represent Africa at the Informal Regional Dialogues with UNFCCC Constituencies at Cop27. Additionally, Selma is one of the CUNCR (Center of United Nations Constitutional Research) delegates.

Currently based in Lebanon, Selma is working on a new environmental campaign to ban the use of Plastic bottles inside AUB which is under the approval to be turned into a policy inside campus. She was also among the funded youth to attend the Stockholm+50 conference and organized a side event as the contact point of the HR WG with YOUNGO.

Furthermore, Selma has been nominated and funded by UNEP to attend the SAICM IP4.2, where she contributed to drafting the final declaration of the use of chemicals in the region. Her extensive experience and dedication to climate activism make her a valuable asset in the fight against climate change.



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Ms. Amira Soror Labiod



Ms. Amira Soror Labiod, Co-founder, Second Chance Initiative

Amira Soror Labiod, a 25-year-old, is a passionate advocate for change and empowerment. As a co-founder and manager of the "Second Chance - Empowering Algerian Women" initiative, she champions the rights of divorced/custodial women and their children. Her journey includes representing Algeria in the second edition of the world youth forum that included the Union for the Mediterranean simulation and participating in the MENA Leadership Academy, where she honed her leadership skills.

Soror's dedication extends to advocating for the Mediterranean region, with a specific passion for empowering youth and promoting social inclusion. Her commitment to fostering understanding and creating a brighter future for all is exemplified through her tireless efforts in these areas.



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Panel 3 – Bridging the skill gap towards youth employability and entrepreneurship

Moderator

Mr. Johannes Laepple



Mr. Johannes Laepple, Head of UfM Hub for Jobs, Trade, and Investment, GIZ

Johannes Laepple heads the GIZ office in Spain and the GIZ Project “UfM Hub for Jobs, Trade and Investment”, which supports the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) in Barcelona. He is a trade policy expert with over 15 years of professional experience in EU policy and development cooperation. Prior to his work at GIZ, he worked as a political advisor in the European Parliament and as Head of Office to the Chairman of the European Parliament’s Committee on International Trade. He holds degrees in Political Science and Governance and Development Policy, as well as an MPA from Harvard University.



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Panelists

Mr. Igor Jesih



Mr. Igor Jesih, Youth Expert, Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Republic of Slovenia

I'm Igor Jesih, and I'm from Slovenia. I work at the Ministry of Education, specifically at the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth. In my day-to-day work at the national level, I mainly collaborate with the National Youth Council of Slovenia and various national youth organizations. This means I'm heavily involved in activities organized by and for young people.

Beyond that, a significant part of my work involves international affairs. I'm a delegate at the Council of Europe, where I serve on the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ). I'm also the national contact point for the DemocracyHere.DemocracyNow campaign. As part of my work, I partner with young delegates who work with the United Nations and the OECD.

In 2022, I had the privilege of coordinating the European Year of Youth, during which we organized numerous events and activities for young people. I'm also engaged in the Youth Working Party within the Council of the European Union, where I aim to establish connections between the Council of Europe and the European Union, aligning our shared goals to better address youth-related issues.

To sum it up, my professional journey is all about connecting with and supporting young people on a national and international scale, working to strengthen democracy and tackle crucial issues.



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Mr. Xavier Matheu de Cortada



Mr. Xavier Matheu de Cortada, Head of the Knowledge Hub Department, European Training Foundation

Xavier Matheu was born in 1961 in Barcelona (Spain) and holds qualifications in geography and history, social education and in-company training management. For 14 years he worked in Barcelona on technical assistance projects in the fields of vocational education and training reform and employment. In 2004, he joined the ETF as an expert in vocational education and training reform and from 2008 he worked in corporate planning, monitoring and evaluation. From January 2015 to December 2020, he was Head of the Policy Unit under the Operations Department. In January 2021, he became Head of the Knowledge Hub Department, which ensures the co-creation, management and sharing of ETF knowledge on human capital development (HCD) in partnership with European Commission services, our partner countries and international community stakeholders. It also provides updated and relevant factual information, monitoring, analysis and assessment on HCD in the countries with which the ETF works. On 16 February 2022 Xavier Matheu also took up the post of Director ad interim of the ETF, until 16 April 2023 when Dr. Pilvi Torsti started as new ETF Director.



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Mr. Roger Albinyana



Mr. Roger Albinyana, Managing Director, European Institute of the Mediterranean

Roger has been working at the IEMed since 2016 and as an associate professor at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Barcelona, where he teaches international economic policy. He has published numerous papers and articles in his fields of expertise. Roger is also a board member at CIDOB and a member of the Advisory Council of EMEA.

Prior to joining the IEMed, Roger served as Secretary for Foreign and EU Affairs of the Government of Catalonia (2013-2016) and was a member of the EU Committee of the Regions. From 2010 to 2013 he served as advisor on private sector development at the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean.

He holds an MA in Economic History from the University of Barcelona, a BA in Economics from Pompeu Fabra University and a BA in Business Administration and Management from the Open University of Catalonia (UOC).



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Ms. Guadaluna Chaer



Ms. Guadaluna Chaer, Co-founder, LUXEED Robotics

Guadaluna Chaer is a young tech entrepreneur, the Cofounder and CEO of LUXEED Robotics, an earlystage agtech startup aiming to disrupt the herbicides industry through lasers and AI. With her mechanical engineering background and project management expertise, Guadaluna drives the company's vision and strategy, securing funding for R&D and market development. She is also a mentor to other startups and an active advocate for women in tech and speaker on Agriculture and AI. Her accomplishments have been recognized by the She Wins Arabia Initiative, which named her as the youngest female entrepreneur among 100 others participating in the 2023 program.



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Ms. Cristina Navarro Martínez



Ms. Cristina Navarro Martínez, El Día Después Initiative

Cristina Martínez Navarro, a Civil Engineering graduate from the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM), holds master's degrees from both UPM and the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Chicago. Transitioning from her civil engineering career in the U.S., she embraced humanitarian work and sustainable development. After deepening her understanding of sustainable practices at Earthship Biotecture in New Mexico, she channeled her passion into real-world change, relocating to Guatemala to collaborate closely with AECID, the Spanish Agency for International Development. Currently, she leads AECID's Public Innovation Laboratory in Circular Economy for Latin America and the Caribbean, while also consulting on circular economy strategies and evaluating transport investments for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

An advocate for human rights and climate justice, Cristina co-founded the "Asociación de Cooperación Caminos" and has actively contributed to various NGOs in Spain, U.S., Tanzania, and Guatemala. She is also part of the Latin American Network of Bioeconomy and "El Día Después" association, embodying professionalism and a heartfelt commitment to every project, driving towards genuine, equitable change.



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Ms. Marwa Ahmed



Ms. Marwa Ahmed, Global CSR Gender Specialist - Youth Education & Entrepreneurship, Schneider Electric

Marwa Ahmed is a devoted advocate for youth education and empowerment, hailing from an Egyptian Francophone background enriched by Mediterranean culture. Her journey in this field started 5 years ago when she took on the role of Project Director at a community school, which served African refugees in Egypt, where she dedicated her efforts to empowering underprivileged and displaced individuals. Marwa's commitment to community service and academic excellence earned her the Eiffel Excellence Scholarship, which enabled her to get a Master's degree in Development and Humanitarian Action at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in France.

Marwa's passion further continued to evolve during her tenure as Project Manager of the Young Leaders Program at the African-French Foundation, where she was based in Senegal. An exemplary achievement in her career includes her role as the Head of the Gender Strategy at the Schneider Electric Foundation, where she reached a significant milestone by crafting the first-ever gender strategy for corporate citizenship within the Global Youth Education and Entrepreneurship Program. This initiative is committed to provide TVET for 1 million individuals by 2025. Marwa's diverse experiences underscore her dedication to bridging the skill gap for youth employability and entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean region.



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Closing remarks

H.E. Mr. John Paul Grech



H.E. Mr. John Paul Grech, Deputy Secretary General, Social and Civil Affairs Division, Union for the Mediterranean

John Paul Grech is the Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean in charge of Social and Civil Affairs since September 2021.

His diplomatic career spans over 30 years of service during which he has served as Head of Mission in both bilateral and multilateral missions overseas. In addition, he also held various positions within the Ministry of Foreign & European Affairs of the Republic of Malta, including that of Permanent Secretary. He has served as ambassador of Malta to Germany, Poland and Belarus. He also served as Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations Specialized Agencies in Geneva and Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE and UN Agencies in Vienna. Besides, he has been assigned duties as Special Envoy on behalf of the Government of Malta on a number of assignments.