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# UfM ENERGY & CLIMATE ACTION YOUTH DELEGATE PROGRAMME

INTEGRATING YOUTH VOICES INTO  
REGIONAL CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY

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# 1. WHAT IS THE UfM ENERGY & CLIMATE ACTION YOUTH DELEGATE PROGRAMME?

The UfM Energy & Climate Action Youth Delegate Programme is an initiative by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) to empower young leaders aged 20–30 from the Euro-Mediterranean region. The programme offers capacity-building, leadership development, and structured engagement in regional climate and energy governance processes.

## 2. WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants must:

- Be between 20 and 30 years old at the time of application.
- Hold nationality from a UfM Member State.
- Have academic, professional, or voluntary experience related to climate action, energy, sustainability, or related fields.
- Demonstrate strong motivation and commitment to contribute to regional co-operation and sustainable development.
- Have a good command of English (the working language of the programme).

## 3. HOW CAN I APPLY?

Applicants must complete the online application form, providing:

- Personal and professional information
- Links to three required documents (Statement of Purpose, CV, and Project/Initiative Idea)
- A link to a scanned copy of their passport

All documents must be uploaded to a cloud storage platform (Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive) and shared via public links accessible without a password.

## 4. WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?

You must submit:

- A Statement of Purpose explaining your motivation to join the programme (maximum 1 page)
- Your Curriculum Vitae (CV) (maximum 2 pages)
- A Brief Proposal of an innovative idea or initiative related to climate action or energy in the Mediterranean region (maximum 1 page)
- A scanned copy of your passport (photo page)



## 5. IS THERE ANY FINANCIAL COMPENSATION OR CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION?

No.

This is a voluntary, non-remunerated programme. Delegates will not be considered UfM staff members and will not receive financial compensation. The programme focuses on building capacity, leadership skills, and networking opportunities.

## 6. WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME?

The programme runs for one year (from June 2025 to June 2026), following the UfM's operational and policy cycles. Delegates are expected to remain engaged throughout this period.

## 7. WHAT ARE THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAMME?

Delegates will participate in:

- Virtual training workshops (monthly)
- UfM regional events (e.g., Energy & Climate Business Forum, Green Week, COP30 Mediterranean Pavilion)
- Policy discussions and youth-led activities
- Co-creation of regional initiatives and outputs (e.g., policy white paper)

They will also benefit from mentorship by UfM Energy and Climate Action Division staff.

## 8. WHAT LEVEL OF TIME COMMITMENT IS EXPECTED?

Delegates should be available for:

- 2-4 hours per month for virtual meetings, trainings, and peer work
- Attendance at selected key UfM events (in person or online, depending on possibilities)
- Contribution to policy documents, social media activities, and outreach tasks as agreed with programme coordinators



## 9. WILL TRAVEL COSTS BE COVERED IF I AM INVITED TO ATTEND AN EVENT?

Participation is mainly virtual.

For events requiring in-person attendance (e.g., COP30 or major forums), the UfM will assess the possibility of partial or full travel support, depending on available resources and event arrangements. Further information will be provided where applicable.

## 10. HOW WILL DELEGATES BE SELECTED?

The selection process involves:

- Review of applications by a Selection Committee composed of ECA-UfM staff, regional partners, and youth advisers
- Evaluation based on creativity, technical merit, regional representation, and gender balance
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a short virtual interview
- Final selections will be announced by the end of May 2025

## 11. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I COMPLETE THE PROGRAMME?

Delegates will:

- Receive a Certificate of Participation issued by the Energy and Climate Action Division of the UfM
- Join the ECA Youth Alumni Network for future opportunities
- Be considered for continued voluntary collaboration with the UfM and partner platforms on youth-led initiatives

## 12. WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

For any additional enquiries, please contact the Energy and Climate Action Division of the Union for the Mediterranean at: [climate@ufmsecretariat.org](mailto:climate@ufmsecretariat.org)





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