

**Euromed Summit of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions  
Marrakesh (Radisson Blu), 31 May-1 June 2022**

## PROGRAMME

### 31 May 2022

- 09:15–10:00** *Registration and welcome coffee*
- 10:00–11:00** **Opening session**
- Moderator: **Dimitris Dimitriadis**, president of the section for External Relations of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- ❖ **Christa Schweng**, president of the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**
  - ❖ **Aawatif Hayar**, Moroccan Minister of **Solidarity, Social Integration and Family**
  - ❖ **Ahmed Réda Chami**, president of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**ESEC**) **Morocco**
  - ❖ **Abdelkader El Khissassi**, deputy secretary-general of the **Union for the Mediterranean**, head of the Economic Development and Employment division
- 11:00–11:30** *Coffee break/press conference with opening session panellists*
- 11:30–11:45** Special Session: Debriefing on disaster management in the Mediterranean
- ❖ **Mustafa Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu**, co-chair of the **Turkey-EU Joint Consultative Committee**
  - ❖ **Violeta Jelić**, co-rapporteur, REX/542<sup>1</sup>, **EESC**
- 11:45–13:00** **Session 1: COVID-19: The role of civil society in the reconstruction and resilience of the Euro-Mediterranean region**
- This session will be based on draft information report REX/537 on the same subject, which was drawn up by the EESC and sent to the delegations before the summit. It will provide an opportunity to address a number of issues in a broad discussion with the audience.*
- Moderator: Mouhamad El Jouzo**, rapporteur and member of the Economic Committee, Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**ESEC**) of **Lebanon**
- ❖ **Thomas Wagnsonner**, study group member REX/537<sup>2</sup>, **EESC**
  - ❖ **Moncef Ziani**, member, **ESEC Morocco**
- Debate with national ESCs and similar institutions*

<sup>1</sup> EESC opinion REX/542 - Improving the EU's capacity to react in the face of extreme events occurring outside its territory.

<sup>2</sup> EESC information report REX/537 - COVID-19: The role of civil society in the reconstruction and resilience of the Euro-Mediterranean region.

13:00–14:30 *Networking lunch hosted by the EESC*

14:30–16:00 **Session 2: Workshops**

*This session is dedicated to work in smaller groups, in order to develop more specific recommendations.*

<b>Workshop 1</b>	<b>Workshop 2</b>	<b>Workshop 3</b>
<p><b>The road to economic recovery</b></p> <p>Languages: AR/EN/FR</p> <p>Key speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Dan Catarivas, ESC Israel</b></li><li>❖ <b>Adrien Labaune</b>, Head of the Diplomatic service, <b>CESE France</b></li><li>❖ <b>Mariarosa Lunati</b>, senior advisor, Middle East and Africa Division, <b>OECD</b></li></ul> <p><i>Debate</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dolores Sammut Bonnici</b>, EESC member and executive board member of <b>BUSINESSMED</b></p>	<p><b>Mitigating the social impact of COVID-19</b></p> <p>Languages: AR/EN/FR</p> <p>Key speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Mohamed Abdallahi Siyam</b>: vice-president, <b>ESC Mauritania</b></li><li>❖ <b>Patrick Itschert</b>, deputy secretary-general, <b>ETUC</b></li><li>❖ <b>Ricardo Irra</b>, social protection specialist, <b>ILO</b></li></ul> <p><i>Debate</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Majed Al-Helou</b>, member, <b>ESC Palestine</b> and chairman, Palestinian Pension Agency</p>	<p><b>The impact of COVID-19 and the Ukraine war on sustainable development</b> in Euromed</p> <p>Languages: AR/EN/FR/ES</p> <p>Key speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Cristina Estévez Navarro</b>, vice-president, <b>ESC of Spain</b></li><li>❖ <b>Gian Paolo Gualaccini</b>, coordinator, Commission for European Affairs and International Cooperation, <b>CNEL Italy</b></li><li>❖ <b>Rym Ayadi</b>, founder and president, Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (<b>EMEA</b>)</li></ul> <p><i>Debate</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Lidija Pavić-Rogošić</b>, EESC rapporteur REX/526<sup>3</sup></p>

16:00–16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30–18:00 **Session 3: Restitution of the workshop conclusion**

*In this session, the moderators of session 2 will present the main recommendations developed in their respective workshops.*

Moderator: **Milena Angelova**, member, **EESC** Euromed Follow-Up Committee

*Debate with national ESCs and similar institutions*

20:00–22.00 *Dinner hosted by the ESEC Morocco*

<sup>3</sup> EESC information report REX/526 - Sustainable development in the Mediterranean region.

09:00–09:10

**Opening remarks**

- ❖ **Jan Vandenberghe**, Head of the Trade Section, **EU Delegation** to Morocco

09:10–10:30

**Session 4: Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood**

Session 4 focuses on the strengthened Mediterranean partnership with a budget of up to € 9 billion (2021-2027). Participants will be able to debate its potential to alleviate the economic and social impact of COVID-19 and to foster integration within the Mediterranean region.

Moderator: **Metri Mdannat**, secretary-general, **ESC Jordan**

- ❖ **Ioannis Paidas**, president, **ESC Greece**
- ❖ **María Helena de Felipe Lehtonen**, rapporteur REX/540<sup>4</sup>, **EESC**
- ❖ **Roger Albinyana**, managing director, European Institute of the Mediterranean (**IEMed**)

*Debate with national ESCs and similar institutions*

10:30–11:00

**Coffee break**

11:00–12:15

**Session 5: Networks in the Euro-Mediterranean area – developing regional cooperation**

Session 5 gives the floor to regional networks to present their activities and enhance their visibility.

Moderator: **Apostolos Xyrafis**, secretary-general, International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (**AICESIS**) and ESC of Greece

- ❖ **Arianna Censi**, vice-president, Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (**ARLEM**) of the European Committee of the Regions; city councillor responsible for mobility, City of Milan
- ❖ **Josep Ferré**, executive director, **Anna Lindh Foundation**
- ❖ **Marion Steff**, manager for international cooperation, European Disability Forum, presenting the **Euro-Mediterranean disability rights network**
- ❖ **Vicent Garcés Ramón**, president, Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly Foundation (**MCAF**)

*Debate with national ESCs and similar institutions*

12:15–12:30

**Closing session/Euromed Summit 2022**

- ❖ **Ioannis Vardakastanis**, president, Euromed Follow-Up Committee, **EESC**
- ❖ **Mohamed Alaoui**, bureau member, **ESEC Morocco**

12:30–13:30

*Networking lunch hosted by the **EESC***

<sup>4</sup>

EESC information report REX/540 - Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood - A New Agenda for the Mediterranean.

**Practical information:**

*Venue:* Marrakesh (Morocco)

*Interpreting:* You can speak and listen to **Arabic/English/French/Spanish**.

*In addition, you can speak **Turkish** during **session 1** and **Greek** during **session 4**.*

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