

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

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**31 May 2022**

**9:15–10:00** *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)**
- ❖ **Ghita Mezzour**, **Moroccan Minister** of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform *tbc*
- ❖ **Ahmed Réda Chami**, president of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**ESEC**) of **Morocco**
- ❖ **Nasser Kamel**, secretary-general of the **Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)**

**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 Hisarcikloğlu**, 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: **ESC of Lebanon** *tbc*

- ❖ **Angelo Pagliara**, rapporteur REX/537<sup>2</sup>, **EESC**
- ❖ **Moncef Ziani**, member, **Moroccan ESEC** *tbc*

*Debate with national ESCs and similar institutions*

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

<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.

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>Language: AR/EN/FR</p> <p>Key speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Dan Catarivas</b>, ESC of Israel <i>tbc</i></li><li>❖ <b>Thierry Beaudet</b>, president, CESE France <i>tbc</i></li><li>❖ <b>Carlos Conde</b>, head of the Middle East and Africa Division, OECD</li></ul> <p><i>Debate</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dolores Sammut Bonnici</b>, EESC member and executive board member of BUSINESSMED</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, ESC of Mauritania <i>tbc</i></li><li>❖ <b>Mustapha Tlili</b>, executive secretary, ATUC</li><li>❖ <b>Ricardo Irra</b>, social protection specialist, ILO</li></ul> <p><i>Debate</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Shaher Saed</b>, member, ESC of Palestine <i>tbc</i></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 – An opportunity for sustainable development?</b></p> <p>Language: AR/EN/FR/ES</p> <p>Key speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Francisco Carbonero Cantador</b>, vice-president, ESC of Spain <i>tbc</i></li><li>❖ <b>Gian Paolo Gualaccini</b>, coordinator, Commission for European Affairs and International Cooperation, CNEL Italy</li><li>❖ <b>Rym Ayadi</b>, founder and president, Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association</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 Moroccan ESEC*

<sup>3</sup>

EESC information report REX/526 - Sustainable development in the Mediterranean region.

09:00–09:10

**Opening remarks**

- ❖ **Patricia Lombart Cussac**, head of delegation, EU Ambassador 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 about 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 of Jordan *tbc*

- ❖ **Ioannis Paidas**, president, ESC of 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 councilor 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
- ❖ **Younes Benakki**, secretary-general, Moroccan ESEC

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** (on 31 May 2022) and **Greek** (on 1 June 2022).

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