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 Rêda 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 Hisarcıklıoğlu, co-chair of the Turkey-EU Joint Consultative Committee
❖ Violeta Jelić, co-rapporteur, REX/542¹, 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/537², EESC
❖ Moncef Ziani, member, Moroccan ESEC tbc

Debate with national ESCs and similar institutions

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

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¹ EESC opinion REX/542 - Improving the EU's capacity to react in the face of extreme events occurring outside its territory
² 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.

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**Key speakers**
- Dan Catarivas, ESC of Israel tbc
- Thierry Beaudet, president, CESE France tbc
- Carlos Conde, head of the Middle East and Africa Division, OECD

**Debate**

**Moderator:**  
Dolores Sammut Bonnici, EESC member and executive board member of BUSINESSMED

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**Key speakers**
- Mohamed Abdallahi Siyam: vice-president, ESC of Mauritania tbc
- Mustapha Tili, executive secretary, ATUC
- Ricardo Igra, social protection specialist, ILO

**Debate**

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**Key speakers**
- Francisco Carbonero Cantador, vice-president, ESC of Spain tbc
- Gian Paolo Gualaccini, coordinator, Commission for European Affairs and International Cooperation, CNEL Italy
- Rym Ayadi, founder and president, Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association

**Debate**

**Moderator:**  
Lidija Pavić-Rogošić, EESC rapporteur REX/526

**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

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3 EESC information report REX/526 - Sustainable development in the Mediterranean region.
09:00–09:10 Opening remarks
   - Patricia Llombart 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, 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

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4 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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