

## FOSTERING WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN SUCCESSFUL POLICIES FOR IN-DEPTH TRANSFORMATIONS

7 May 2021 | 12.00-14.00 (CEST)

ZOOM on line platform - [Registration link](#)

### INTRODUCTION

Since its inception in May 2016, the MedThink 5+5 network of think tanks of the Western Mediterranean has organised several annual fora and thematic seminars, during which experts from the whole of the region analysed the factors underpinning economic, human and sustainable development, as well as security and stability in the Western Mediterranean. The MedThink 5+5 network provides a multidisciplinary platform of debate linked to the 5+5 Dialogue, which contributes both to regional cooperation based on a bottom-up approach and to strengthening the network.

In the context of the 2021 Spanish co-presidency of the **5+5 Dialogue** and drawing on the Tunis Declaration adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Western Mediterranean countries on 22 October 2020, the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), founding member of the [Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation](#), is organising an online conference entitled "**Fostering Women's Economic Participation in the Western Mediterranean**". Under the guidance of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, this online conference aims at contributing with policy recommendations to the deliberations that **Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Western Mediterranean** area will conduct in their annual meeting under the Spanish co-presidency of the 5+5 Dialogue.

In line with the **UN 2030 Agenda**, and particularly with the SDG number 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), this online conference seeks to present gender equality as a cross-sectional axis to build more prosperous, inclusive and sustainable societies. Drawing upon the gender indicators validated by the 42 UfM countries in 2020 and presented at the **UfM Regional Dialogue Meeting on Women's Empowerment**, this conference will map the gender economic disparities that traverse the Western Mediterranean area whilst presenting successful practices that foster economic participation of women in the countries of the area. Speakers from different backgrounds, including public decision makers, representatives of international organisations and civil society organisations, will highlight national initiatives that have already made an impact at the economic and public policy levels. The dialogue ensuing from the discussion and the exchange of good practices will lead to the creation of public policy recommendations that aim at paving the way for in-depth economic and social transformations.

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**PROGRAMME**

12.00

**Welcoming Remarks**

**Senén Florensa**, President of the Executive Committee, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

12.05

**Keynote Speeches**

**Cristina Gallach Figueras**, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Government of Spain

**Nasser Kamel**, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

**Carlos Conde**, Head of the Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations Secretariat, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

12.40

**Roundtable - Fostering Women's Economic Participation in the Western Mediterranean: Successful policies for in-depth transformations**

Moderator

**Myriem Ouchen Noussairi**, Programme Management Specialist, UN Women Maghreb

Speakers

**Omayma Achour**, President, Jossour Forum des Femmes marocaines

**Leila Belkhiria Jaber**, President, Chambre nationale des Femmes Cheffes d'Entreprises (CNFCE)

**Hala Bugaighis**, Co-founder, Jusoor Center for Studies and Development

**Fairouz Habache**, President, Women in Business of Algeria (WIBA)

13.25

**Open Discussion**