



## IV EuroMeSCo Youth Forum - CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Green and Digital Transition in the Euro-Mediterranean: Youth Connecting the Dots Across Economic Development, Migration and Security

October 2021, Barcelona (Date TBC)

Deadline to apply: 18 July 2021, 23:59hrs CET

Are you a **young researcher from the Euro-Mediterranean region**? Are you interested in exploring the green and digital transition nexus with economic, migration and security developments?

The EuroMeSCo Youth Forum is part of the **Euromed Young Researchers Lab**, an initiative of the [EuroMeSCo: Connecting the Dots](#) project, co-funded by the European Union and the European Institute of the Mediterranean. The Euromed Young Researchers Lab aims to **boost the research capacities of young experts** across the Mediterranean, **give visibility and recognition to their work**, strengthen exchanges and stimulate research on issues of common interest, in particular in the fields of economic development, migration and security.

Conceived and funded by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), the EuroMeSCo Youth Forum gathers over **40 participants from across the Mediterranean and its neighbouring regions** every year. Participants have the opportunity to exchange with policy-makers, practitioners and other young experts on key issues in the Euro-Mediterranean area and contribute to policy shaping in the region.

Organised around three parallel Working Group Sessions, the Forum offers a chance to **share your experiences** and **issue concrete proposals** on relevant topics. Additionally, you will be given the opportunity to engage in an open exchange with policy-makers as well as green/digital practitioners and entrepreneurs to share ideas and experiences. The Forum will end with two parallel trainings on infographics and data visualisation tools to boost your



research communication skills, as well as techniques and methodologies to write impactful policy briefs.

This year's edition of the Forum will be about **"Green and Digital Transition in the Euro-Mediterranean: Youth Connecting the Dots Across Economic Development, Migration and Security"**. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the urgency of accelerating the green and digital transition in an increasingly geopolitically volatile Euro-Mediterranean region. This Forum invites young experts to contribute to the reflection on the opportunities and bottlenecks as well as the costs and benefits of these transitions relevant for policy-makers in the fields of migration and security, as well as to develop strategies that ensure the close alignment of these transitions with the region's social and economic development goals.

The aim of this call is to select **up to 40 young researchers and students from the Euro-Mediterranean region and its neighbouring regions** to participate and actively intervene in the Youth Forum by presenting their research proposals. Participants will be selected based on their CV and short research proposal.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

The candidates shall:

- ✓ be researchers or students between 18 and 35 years of age who have attained at least a bachelor's degree;
- ✓ be affiliated to a research centre, a university or organisation based in one of the 42 UfM countries (priority will be given to researchers affiliated to EuroMeSCo member organisations); the Forum will also welcome participants from Sub-Saharan and Gulf neighbouring countries;
- ✓ demonstrate interest in one (or more) of the Forum's themes, namely economic development, migration and security issues in the Euro-Mediterranean and its neighbouring regions.
- ✓ demonstrated academic and/or professional background with regards to green and/or digital transition is desirable.





## HOW TO APPLY?

1. Please submit your CV of no more than 2 pages with the subject line of “Application for EuroMeSCo Youth Forum 2021” to euromesco@iemed.org **and** fill in the online [APPLICATION FORM](#) by including a short research proposal (of up to 350 words) that should be related to one of the following three topics of the parallel Working Group Sessions, focusing either on green or digital transition:
  - I. Aligning the twin green and digital transition with the Euro-Mediterranean and its neighbouring regions’ socio-economic development goals
  - II. Foresights for migration in the Euro-Mediterranean and its neighbouring regions: implications of the green and digital transition
  - III. A closer look at the complex link between green and digital transition and security in the Euro-Mediterranean and its neighbouring regions

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2. The selection process will be completed by 23 July 2021. All applicants will be notified by e-mail of the results of their application.
3. Selected participants will be asked to prepare a 1-2 page Concept Note on their selected research topic ahead of the event.
4. After the Forum, at least 6 authors will be selected to develop and convert their Concept Notes into a [EuroMeSCo Policy Brief](#) (about 3,000 words). Authors selected for publishing Policy Briefs will be remunerated. More details will be provided in due course.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- ✓ Round-trip flight tickets, visa costs, COVID-19 PCR testing fees, accommodation expenses and meals during the Forum will be covered for selected participants.





- ✓ Participants will be also provided with more detailed information about the logistics and operational aspects of the Forum.
- ✓ This event is scheduled to take place in Barcelona. Should the conditions not allow for a fully physical format, the organiser reserves the right to change the Forum into a hybrid event.

