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DRAFT PROGRAMME

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11:30-12:00 Registration summit participants

12:00-12:45 Networking lunch (hosted by the EESC)

12:45-14:00 **Opening session**

Introduction: **Dimitris Dimitriadis**, President, **EESC** Section for External Relations

Moderation: **Jihen Boutiba**, General Secretary, **BUSINESSMED**

Hind Ben Ammar, Executive Secretary, Arab Trade Union Confederation (**ATUC**)

- ❖ **Robert Abela**, Prime Minister, Malta *tbc*
- ❖ **Oliver Röpke**, President, European Economic and Social Committee (**EESC**)
- ❖ **Perit David Xuereb**, chairperson, Malta Council for Economic and Social Development (**MCESD**)
- ❖ **John Paul Grech**, Ambassador, Deputy Secretary-General in charge of Social and Civil Affairs, **Union for the Mediterranean**

Keynote speech: **Lidija Pavić-Rogošić**, **EESC** co-rapporteur, *Youth involvement in social and civil dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region* (REX/583)

14:00-14:30 Networking coffee

14:30-16:30 **Session 2: Workshops**

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

Workshop 1	Workshop 2
<p>Involving youth in participatory processes in the world of work</p> <p>Languages: AR/EN/FR</p> <p>Key speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rabéa KHARFI President of the National Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CNESE) <i>Algeria tbc</i> ❖ Hend Mgaieth, SOLiD¹ coordinator, BUSINESSMED and founder of the MENA-LATINA Youth Network ❖ Mr Jalal Belmami, President of the Youth Committee, Arab Trade Union Confederation (ATUC) <p><i>Chair:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Emmanuelle Roure, DG Employment 	<p>Involving youth in structured dialogue with public institutions</p> <p>Languages: AR/EN/FR</p> <p>Key speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dafina Peci, Executive Director, National Youth Congress Albania ❖ Jason Zammit, Senior Manager, Aġenzija Żgħażaġh, Malta National Youth Agency ❖ Ronen Cohen, Trade Union Secretary, Histadrut HaNoar HaOved Ve HaLomed² Israel <p><i>Chair:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Luca Jahier, Member, Euromed Follow-Up Committee, EESC tbc

16:30-17:00 *Networking coffee*

17:00-18:00 **Session 3: [Restitution of the workshop conclusion](#)**

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

Chair: **Lucie Studnicná**, president, **EESC Workers' Group**

- ❖ **Karol Zabawa**, Expert on Social Policies, Austrian Chamber of Labour (**AK**)
- ❖ **Dusko Cvjetinovic**, Deputy Executive Director, **Citizens' Association 'NESTO VISE'³**

Debate with summit participants

18:00-20:00 *Networking cocktail (hosted by the EESC)*

¹ EU project to promote social dialogue within the Southern Mediterranean region.

² Youth movement of the General Organization of Workers in Israel (Histadrut).

³ Non-governmental organisation working with organisations from the civil society sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

09:00-09:15 Opening remarks

- ❖ **María Helena de Felipe Lehtonen**, Vice-President, **EESC** Section for External Relations
- ❖ **Charles Arbid**, President, Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**CESE**) **Lebanon**
- ❖ **Ioannis Vardakastanis**, Vice-President, **EESC** Euromed Follow-Up Committee, and president, **EESC** ECO⁴ Section

09:15-10:45 Session 4: **Climate change and water politics**

The Mediterranean region is strongly exposed to climate change and faces fast-rising temperatures, water scarcity and desertification. In session 4, participants will explore ways to mitigate the effects of climate change and to empower youth, women, indigenous and local communities in this context.

Chair: Milena Angelova, rapporteur for the **EESC opinion** *Water Politics: Empowering Youth, Women, Indigenous and Local Communities* (REX/585)

- ❖ **Ahmed Majdalani**, President, Economic and Social Council of **Palestine**
- ❖ **Moncef Ziani**, rapporteur⁵, Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**CESE**) **Morocco**
- ❖ **Cristina Estévez**, Group I (trade unions), Economic and Social Council (**CES**) **Spain**
- ❖ **Ahmad Al Khazali**, Co-Chair, **ARLEM**⁶ and mayor of the Greater Ramtha municipality, Jordan

Debate with summit participants

10:45-11:15 *Networking coffee*

11:15-12:55 Session 5: **Migration and skills**

This session will analyse the potential of migration to address labour and skills shortages in a way that benefits origin as well as destination countries. Participants will also explore how to improve the recognition of skills and qualifications and how to facilitate the access of migrants to trainings and apprenticeships.

Chair: Séamus Boland, President, **EESC** Civil Society Organisations' Group

- ❖ **Stefano Mallia**, President, **EESC** Employers' Group
- ❖ **Musa Shteivi**, President, Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**ESEC**) **Jordan**

⁴ Economic and Monetary Union and Economic and Social Cohesion.

⁵ Rapporteur on integrated water resources management, the Nexus water - energy - food – ecosystems and control of access to natural resources

⁶ Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly.

- ❖ **Cinzia Del Rio**, president, **EESC SOC⁷** section
- ❖ Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**CESE**) **Mauritania**
- ❖ **Mohamed Abdellahi Siyam**, Vice-President, Economic, Social and Environmental Council (**CESE**) **Mauritania**

Debate with summit participants

12:55-13:00 **Closing remarks**

- ❖ **Thomas Wagnsonner**, president, EESC Euromed Follow-Up Committee

13:00-14:00 *Light lunch (hosted by the Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission)*

Practical information:

Venue: **AX The Palace Malta**
High Street, Sliema, SLM 1542
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Interpreting: You can speak and listen to **Arabic/English/French**

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⁷ Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship.