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## PROGRAM

# Youth and Climate in the Mediterranean+25 Virtual Forum

On the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Barcelona process, the Government of Catalonia is spearheading **Mediterranean+25**, a series of initiatives, debates and forums that seek to disseminate and update the perspectives on Euro-Mediterranean relations. The objective is to bring Mediterranean projection to citizens, to promote exchanges between actors from the north and south and to propose ideas for an updated Mediterranean agenda in Europe.

In conjunction with Euro-Mediterranean stakeholders, networks and organisations, the Government of Catalonia is promoting different activities, including **Dialogues+25**, which will be held from June to October 2020, and **Mediterranean+25 Forums**, which will be held in November and December 2020. Furthermore, in September, a monographic edition of the **magazine IDEES** (issue 51) will be published, entitled "A new vision for the Mediterranean".

With regard to the Mediterranean+25 Forums, the Government of Catalonia

will actively contribute to the different regional meetings promoted by both different institutions and organisms and the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean. Furthermore, it will spearhead actions that encourage and facilitate programmes, networks and exchanges among civil society actors on the shores of the Mediterranean with the goal of reinforcing the role of multilevel governance in the Mediterranean.

The Mediterranean is one of the most vulnerable regions in the world to the impacts of global warming, as it is warming 20% faster than the global average. Recent accelerated climate change has exacerbated already existing environmental challenges and problems in the Mediterranean Basin that are caused by the combination of changes in land use, increases in pollution and biodiversity losses (MedECC, 2019). In the recent times, young people, worried about their future on a hotter planet and aware that they will have to bear a disproportionate burden of the most devastating effects of climate change, have poured into the streets

in order to demand greater action to address the climate emergency. This youth-led climate movement had demonstrated to demand climate action in so many places and in such numbers around the world on a scale never seen before, shaping the discussion on climate change.

In accordance with the Government of Catalonia's commitment to global challenges, the climate agenda in the Mediterranean and fostering young people as agents of social transformation, a large forum is being planned: the *Youth and Climate in the Mediterranean+25 Virtual Forum*, which will be held remotely from **9 to 11 December 2020**.

Forum languages will be French and English with simultaneous translation. Catalan and Spanish will be passive languages.

Organiser:



In collaboration with:

Assembly of Citizens of the Mediterranean Foundation (FACM), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions — Intermediterranean Commission (CIM — CRPM) and the CIM Youth Council, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), MedCities, National Youth Council of Catalonia, NovAct, Regional government of Sousse, Servei Civil Internacional de Catalunya, Union for the Mediterranean (UpM) and the Mediterranean Youth Climate Network (MYCN), Women's Forum of Rif and Youth Council of Barcelona.

Wednesday:

09.12.2020

Thursday:

10.12.2020

Friday:

11.12.2020

10 am

### Institutional welcome

- **Georgina Oliva**, Secretary of Children, Adolescents and Youth
- **Elisabet Nebreda**, Secretary for Foreign Action and the EU, Government of Catalonia

10.15 am – 12 h pm

### Opening lecture

Round table with the participation of all Catalan, Euro-Mediterranean and Southern Mediterranean entities promoting the event. Introduction of each workshop.

4 – 6 pm

### Workshops (simultaneous)

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- Cities, young people and sustainability
- Digitalisation and innovative solutions for the climate emergency
- Global justice, migration and gender
- Influencing decision-making
- Transformative economies



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12.30 – 2.30 pm

### «ARTivism» session\*

In addition, there will be a specific session about ARTivism: Culture, art and environment to help prevent and overcome the isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic through civil society action. In times of climate, economic, social and health emergencies in the Mediterranean, citizen resistance is needed, especially among young people.

**Promoting organisation:** Assembly of Citizens of the Mediterranean Foundation

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### Round table

All the promoting entities will present a brief summary of the results of each workshop/theme.

4 – 5 pm

### Climate Declaration

**Closed working group session:**

A group of young people from each workshop will be chosen at the beginning of the Forum to compile conclusions and proposals from each workspace. Subsequently, using this information, the working group will draw up a Declaration for the climate emergency in the Mediterranean, listing future action proposals which the participants have worked on during the Forum.

5 – 6 pm

### Climate Declaration

**Presentation:** The working group will present what was drafted during the days of the Forum.

6 pm

### Institutional closure

- **Chakir El Homrani**, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Families
- **Bernat Solé**, Minister of Foreign Action, Institutional Relations and Transparency
- **Damià Calvet**, Ministry of Territory and Sustainability

\* This session will be complemented by a series of cultural, artistic and environmental activities: Activities related to the climate emergency in the Mediterranean (art galleries, plays, songs, music contests, artistic podcasts, etc.). These activities will be held throughout the entire day via the links to view, participate and explore.

# WORKSHOPS

## Objectives of each workshop\*\*:

- To develop part of the contents related to the specific theme: context, concepts, debates, etc.
- To facilitate the exchange of experiences of all the participants in each workshop and detect whether the initiatives can be applied in other contexts within the Mediterranean.
- To create a network among the initiatives around the Mediterranean with the objective of creating a joint project, if possible.

### Workshop 1. Activism, social movements and civil society

Experiences will be exchanged and tools for social mobilisation will be suggested through meetings with activists, movements and organisations in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The sessions will examine how to shift to action from a nonviolent, intersectional perspective of social transformation with a transversal analysis of social movements around the world.

The goal of this workshop is to foster the active role of young activists in social transformation in the Mediterranean region by strengthening their strategies, multiplying their capacity to have an impact and improving their strength as a group to build a fairer and more equitable world to deal with the reality of the climate emergency.

#### Promoting organisation:

→ NovaAct

### Workshop 2. Cities, young people and sustainability

What should the cities of the future be like? How can we build more sustainable, inclusive urban environments? What role do young people play in this, and what kind of city do they imagine?

This workshop seeks to be a space of reflection on the future of cities in the Mediterranean. MedCities, a network of Mediterranean cities headquartered in Barcelona, proposes an initial session to present projects and good practices on how young people's municipal participation contributes to the struggle against climate change from the urban environment.

The second session proposes a World Café to reflect on and draft specific proposals on sustainable mobility, environmental management, entrepreneurship, the circular economy and other matters that can be debated all together in the third session, to "sketch out" the future green Mediterranean city.

#### Promoting organisation:

→ MedCities

### Workshop 3. Digitalisation and innovative solutions for the climate emergency

What role do the new technologies, the media and the social media play in young people actions on climate change and to protect ecosystems? Are they really potential tools for communication, coordination and collective action despite uneven access to them in the region?

The objective of this workshop is to debate the importance of digitalisation and the role of information and communication technologies in the climate emergency and in preserving ecosystems. In this vein, this workshop is also geared at evaluating the needs and opportunities of a fairer, safer, more effective environment on both shores of the Mediterranean.

Several examples will be shared, such as #plogging, #beachcleanup, #cleanupeurope, podcasts, apps for smartphones, etc.

#### Promoting organisation:

→ European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

\*\* Topics to be chosen when registering. Each participant should list three topics in order of preference, and the organisers will decide who will participate in each workshop. Each person will only participate in one workshop, since in-depth, joint work is expected in each of the workshops. Each workshop will last six hours, divided into three 2-hour sessions which will be held simultaneously on the afternoon of the first day and all of the second day.

## Workshop 4. Transformative economies

New proposals for socioeconomic transformation based on longstanding historical traditions like cooperativism and community economies are beginning to gain ground as alternatives to the current established economic order.

They are economies built from the people and by the people, whose common denominators are community management, self-organisation, reconsidering our relationship with natural resources and equality.

This space will be led by different organisations whose perspectives show their individual and collective struggles to turn transformative economies into the economic alternative needed for a more sustainable, fairer and more egalitarian world.

### Promoting organisation:

- Regional government of Sousse
- Women's Forum of Rif and CERAI

## Workshop 5. Influencing decision- making

Empowering young people as actors in the social and climate transformation is associated with fostering democratic governance and public participation. What are the mechanisms and instruments available to young people to reach public institutions and regional Euro-Mediterranean actors? What space and what impact do world and regional forums have on climate matters?

The goal of this workshop is to analyse and give voice and space to young people in developing public policies on environmental matters and developing regional projects in the Mediterranean, situating their projects within the debate on the current climate emergency and facilitating the influence of their actions in the political sphere and on the regional Euro-Mediterranean agenda.

### Promoting organisation:

- Advisory Council on Sustainable Development of the Government of Catalonia
- Union for the Mediterranean in conjunction with the Mediterranean Youth Climate Network (MYCN)
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions — Intermediterranean Commission (CRPM — CIM) and its Youth Council

## Workshop 6. Global justice, migration and gender

Even though it has a global dimension, the current ecological crisis is affecting people and regions differently as they are bisected by other structures of oppression such as racism, neocolonialism and the patriarchal system. This is why we will talk about global debt, climate refugees and ecofeminist demands.

### Promoting organisation:

- National Youth Council of Catalonia
- Youth Council of Barcelona
- Servei Civil Internacional de Catalunya