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YOUTH FORUM 2022



Rome MED Mediterranean Dialogues 2022 is proud to announce its first edition of the “**Youth Forum – Youth Policy Lab for Climate Action**”, promoted by ISPI and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and implemented in cooperation with the Representation of the



European Commission in Italy, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Boston Consulting Group (BCG), and the UNIDO ITPO Italy – Italian Investment and Technology Promotion Office of UNIDO. This year, building on the lessons learned from past editions, the Youth Forum will take on an entirely new format to provide the region’s youth with an opportunity to strengthen and further develop climate change policies and practices in the broader Mediterranean.

THEMATIC FOCUS

Climate insecurity has become a **growing challenge** on both sides of the Mediterranean. Adverse effects of climate change have increased the frequency of extreme weather and higher temperatures, with far-reaching impacts on all sectors of local societies and their economies. Nowadays, half of the Middle East and North African population lives under water-stress conditions; a burden equally shared with most of Europe’s Mediterranean countries. Likewise, the war in Ukraine has put many countries heavily reliant on food imports under pressure, especially those that host a high number of refugees. These challenges, paired with the expected population growth over the following decades, put the security of many Mediterranean countries’ social systems under further pressure.

While many phenomena have traditionally been common in the region, the worsening of climate instability and the absence of appropriate policies may make them **more durable and extreme**. In this context, efforts to **globally reduce the impact of climate change** need to go hand in hand with **attempts to strengthen and integrate the resilience of countries** in the broader Mediterranean **that are most vulnerable** to its effects. So, how will new generations in the region answer to tackle the most significant challenges the world is facing?

Called “**Youth Policy Lab for Climate Action**”, this year’s Youth Forum will examine the potential of Mediterranean cooperation in the fields of **climate adaptation, mitigation and resilience**. By gathering young leaders from both shores of the Mediterranean, this call aims to promote innovative policy proposals and solutions to **limit the region’s impact on global warming and accelerate adaptation to climate effects**. Participants will have the opportunity to propose, discuss and exchange ideas with policymakers, researchers, think-tankers, academics, and representatives of civil society and private sectors on critical issues in the Mediterranean area, contributing to policy shaping solutions for the region.

Intending to exemplify the **goals** set by the recent **United Nations climate change conferences** in the **United Kingdom and Egypt**, each paper must propose solutions **relevant to the broader Mediterranean region in one of the**

following two objectives:

- **Climate Mitigation**
- **Climate Adaptation**

This initiative will run **from July to the 2022 Rome MED Mediterranean Dialogues in early December**. The call for policy briefs will be open until **September the 18th**.

According to specific evaluation criteria, a jury of experts will then select **the most relevant policy briefs** by the **end of October**. Successful proposals will then be presented during the Youth Forum at the Rome MED Conference (scheduled from December the 1st to the 3rd). The Forum will provide attendees with a platform to present and discuss their policy proposals in an active workshop. The best policy recommendations at the policy level on climate adaptation and mitigation in the region will then provide the basis for the draft of a dedicated **“Youth Program for Climate Action in the Mediterranean”**. Two representatives (one for each category) will then present the results of this graphic at the dedicated Youth Panel that will be held the following day at the Rome MED Conference. The **“Youth Agenda for Climate Action in the Mediterranean”** will also be published on the Youth Forum’s website and social networks to further raise awareness and inspire courageous actions in the following years.

Share your thoughts and help make a difference!

HOW TO APPLY

Who can apply?

Young leaders, researchers, entrepreneurs, students, international organizations and civil society representatives with strong potential and keen to work together to support climate change policies in the Mediterranean region.

Are feasible to the contest participants:

- Aged between **21** and **35 years**;
- Coming from **North Africa¹**, **Middle East²**, or **Europe³**;
- With a **first university degree** (B.A. or M.A.) or equivalent qualification;
- A strong interest/expertise in trans-Mediterranean climate cooperation;
- Excellent command of **English** (the conference's working language will be English).

[1] Algeria; Egypt; Libya; Morocco; Tunisia || [2] Bahrain; Iran, Iraq; Israel; Jordan; Kuwait;

Lebanon; Oman; Palestinian Territories; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syria; Turkey; United Arab

Emirates; Yemen || [3] Albania; Andorra; Austria; Belgium; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; City

of Vatican; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany;

Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxemburg; Malta; Monaco;

Montenegro; Netherlands; Northern Macedonia; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; San Marino;

Serbia; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; United Kingdom.

How to apply?

Applications (**only by filling in the online APPLICATION FORM**) should include:

1. an updated CV (max. two pages, including information on the applicant's education and relevant work experience; in pdf format);
2. A short video (2-3 minutes) to introduce the candidate; his/her motivation to take part in the “Youth Forum 2022 – Youth Policy Lab for Climate Action”;
3. A structured Policy Brief in pdf format (please click [here](#) for guidelines).

Application deadline

The deadline for applications is **September the 18th, 2022, 23:59hrs CEST**.

The selection process will be completed by the end of October 2022. All applicants will be notified by e-mail of the results of their application.

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