



## Higher Education Institutions for sustainability

### What universities do and can do to lead the sustainability in their territory

#### *Draft agenda*

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 3.00pm-5.00pm

Higher education has a great potential to make the Euro-Mediterranean region more sustainable and resilient. With the on-line conference “**Higher Education Institutions for sustainability: what universities do and can do to lead the sustainability in their territory**” on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 3pm to 5pm, UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union is bringing together the partners and the experiences of two projects funded by Erasmus+ and Interreg MED Programme where Universities play a strategic role in promoting sustainable practices. However, as we advocate for a greater engagement of higher education institutions with other Euro-Mediterranean stakeholders the online conference will feature the intervention of international and network organisations of Governments, Regions and Municipalities.

The event is structured into two panel discussions where local, international and Euro-Mediterranean stakeholders will share their visions for the future, their experiences and feedback of pilot projects from both Erasmus + and Interreg MED funded projects.

The first session “**A multi-stakeholders’ engagement in developing the sustainability and resilience of Euro-Mediterranean territories**” from 3pm to 4pm, will feature the intervention of international and network associations such as MedCities, CPMR - Intermediterranean Commission and UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union. The speakers will address the strategic relevance of the multi-stakeholders’ cooperation in a Euro-Mediterranean framework to make the region more sustainable and resilient. Besides, they will single out the challenges that they are facing and put forward proposals to overcome them.

The second session “**Higher Education Institutions responsibilities and engagement in sustainable development**” from 4pm to 5pm will be dedicated to gather the feedback from on-the ground initiatives where universities promote a wider engagement at local and international levels for sustainability transition. This session will feature the intervention of the European Universities Association (EUA), the University of Montpellier, Utrecht University, the Italian University Network for Sustainable Development (RUS) and An-Najah National University (Palestine).

The conference is organised by UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union in the framework of UNI-ECO (Erasmus +) and Urban Transports (Interreg MED) projects. By connecting two projects funded by different programs, UNIMED is addressing the role and the responsibilities of higher education institutions in promoting sustainability in their territories by engaging local and international stakeholders.



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## Session #1

### A multi-stakeholders' engagement in developing the sustainability and resilience of Euro-Mediterranean territories

- **Mediterranean overview on sustainability**  
Marcello Scalisi, Director, UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union
- **The role of Euro-Mediterranean networks promoting sustainability and resilience**  
Oriol Barba, Director, MedCities
- **How to fund projects for the sustainability of Euro-Mediterranean territories**  
Flora Leroy, Project and Policy Officer, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

Moderated by: **Ermete Mariani**, Project Manager, UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union

## Session #2

### Higher Education Institutions responsibilities and engagement in sustainable development

- **Higher Education for a greener Europe**  
Henriette Stöber, Policy Analyst, European Universities Association (EUA)
- **Students' engagement to improve HEIs sustainability, the UNI-ECO experience**  
Tiemen Wagenvoort, Community Coordinator, Green Office, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)  
Frédérique Carcaillet, Vice President for Environmental Issues, University of Montpellier (France)
- **The contribution of the Italian network of universities for sustainable development in supporting current ecological and social transition**  
Patrizia Lombardi, Politecnico di Torino (Italy), President of the Italian University Network for Sustainable Development (RUS)
- **Greener HEIs in the South-Med**  
Imad Ibrik, Director of the Energy Research Centre, An-Najah National University (Palestine)

Moderated by: **Nathalie Clauter**, Project Manager UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union



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