



Horizon Europe Regional Workshop  
Addressing Common Challenges through Research and Innovation Cooperation  
Date (8 July, 2021 TBC)

## **Background**

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Euro-Mediterranean cooperation is of strategic importance to both Northern and Southern Mediterranean countries. Over the past years, researchers from both shores of the Mediterranean have worked together in collaborative projects, notably under EU framework programmes. Around 300 entities from South Mediterranean partner countries have benefited from Horizon 2020 funding. Cooperation will now continue under [Horizon Europe](#), the largest R&I programme in the world. The programme has a coherent set of funding instruments and practical support along the entire innovation chain, from basic research to close-to-market actions. The programme is generally open to participation, but also includes calls for proposals aimed at cooperation with specific countries and regions under a variety of thematic areas or clusters.

## **Objectives**

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This regional workshop is jointly organized by the European Commission in collaboration with the Union for the Mediterranean. The workshop aims to:

- Present the EU Global approach to R&I  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/communication-global-approach-research-and-innovation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/communication-global-approach-research-and-innovation_en)
- Update participants on the Euro-Mediterranean R&I cooperation policy, initiatives, and priorities; including the Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood: A new Agenda for the Mediterranean
- Raise awareness about Horizon Europe and explain its different elements, with a specific focus on the calls for proposals that are open for applications in 2021-2022;
- Bring together multiple stakeholders concerned with R&I in the region: universities, research organisations, businesses, NGOs, policy-makers, practitioners, funding institutions; giving participants an opportunity to network;
- Provide participants with brief guidance on how to apply for Horizon Europe;

## **Participants**

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This regional workshop will aim to bring together over 250+ representatives from academia, research institutes, industrial stakeholders, SMEs, NGOs and policy-makers from all [UfM countries](#).

## **Logistics and Registration**

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The event will be a virtual event. Registration will open on 15 June . For registration, please click on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/FbQJ5Zh49f3cv5Ue6>

This will be a two-stage registration process in order to ensure geographical, sectorial/thematic and institutional balance and gender balance.

## Draft Agenda

<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <p><i>Cristina Russo</i>  <i>Director, Global Approach &amp; International Cooperation in R&amp;I</i>  <i>European Commission (EC)</i></p> <p><i>Nasser Kamel</i>  <i>Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)</i></p>
<b>10.30-11.15</b>	<p><b>Regional cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighborhood - A new Agenda for the Mediterranean</li> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> Progress report on Euro – Mediterranean regional integration</li> </ul> <p><i>Itaf Ben Abdallah</i>  <i>Senior Advisor, Higher Education &amp; Research, UfM (TBC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of Euro-Med R&amp;I cooperation  Current R&amp;I cooperation status and future strategic priorities</li> </ul> <p><i>Mohamed Abu-Hussein, Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of the EU-Africa HLPD</li> </ul> <p><i>Nienke Buisman,</i>  <i>Head of unit, (Asia, Africa, Middle East &amp; External Relations)</i>  <i>Directorate for Global Approach &amp; International Cooperation in R&amp;I, European Commission</i></p>
<b>11.15-12.00</b>	<p><b>New cooperation prospects</b></p> <p><b>Horizon Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Africa imitative</li> <li>- Calls of interest to Mediterranean countries</li> </ul> <p><i>Fadila Bouganemi, Deputy Head of unit, (Asia, Africa, Middle East &amp; External Relations)</i>  <i>Directorate for Global Approach &amp; International Cooperation in R&amp;I, European Commission (TBC)</i></p>
<b>12.00-12.45</b>	<p><b>Networking sessions</b></p> <p>Moderated parallel thematic chat rooms</p> <p>Moderators</p> <p><i>Giuseppe Provenzano, UfM (TBC)</i>  <i>Jacopo Bordignon, European Commission</i>  <i>Heba Gaber, EU Delegation to Egypt</i></p>
<b>12.45-13.15</b>	<p><b>Researchers Mobility</b></p> <p><b>MSCA, the reference programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training</b></p> <p><i>Gerard Bros Perez, EC</i></p>
<b>13.15-13.30</b>	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p>

