

AGENDA

27th Meeting of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Regional Platform in Research and Innovation

Wednesday 7 July 2021

09h00-12h15 (CET)

Time	Sessions	Presenters
8:45 – 9:00	Registration Virtual Room is accessible	
Welcome & Introductions (30 min)		
9:00 – 9:10	Introductory Remarks by UfM Secretary-General	Mr Nasser Kamel UfM Secretary-General
9:10 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Adoption of the agenda	Co-Chairs Ms. Maria Cristina Russo Director for International Cooperation DG RTD – European Commission Mr. Arafah Dia-Eddin Secretary-General, Higher Council for Science & Technology Kingdom of Jordan
Presentations (30 min)		
9:30 – 9:45	Joint presentation on state-of-play and results of PRIMA	Professors Angelo Riccaboni & Mohamed Shinawi Co-Presidents of the PRIMA Foundation
9:45-10:15	Evaluating PRIMA’s contribution to the joint EU-Mediterranean R&I policy agenda: In what way has PRIMA contributed and how has it resulted into bringing stakeholders from both regions to cooperate more closely? ¹ Discussion based on guiding questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do you think the PRIMA initiative has contributed to the strengthening of R&I collaboration in the Mediterranean as set in PRIMA’s Basic Act and as called for in the Valletta Declaration (2017)?• What does your country perceive to be successful contributions of PRIMA in	

¹ ‘Review of the European Neighbourhood policy’ (COM (2015) 50); ‘Establishing a new Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration’ (COM (2016) 385); ‘Enhancing and focusing EU international cooperation in research and innovation: A strategic approach’ (COM(2012)497); Renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood (JOIN (2021)2); Global Approach to Research and Innovation (COM (2021) 252).

	<p>terms of policy alignment of national R&I systems and regional cooperation since its inception?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which of these were the factors that finally determined your countries' decision to participate, or not, in PRIMA? <p>Conclusions</p>	
10:15 – 10:25	<p>Overview of Roadmaps & Horizontal Crisis Management Approach on future priorities</p> <p>Q&A with expert-group</p>	<p>Ms Nienke Buisman Co-chair of the Bureau of the UfM Regional Platform in R&I Head of Unit International Cooperation Africa, Asia, Middle East DG RTD – European Commission</p> <p>Dr Mahmoud Abu Hussein Co-chair of the Bureau of the UfM Regional Platform in R&I Jordan Higher Council for Science & Technology</p>
Coffee Break (5 min)		
Discussion (80 min)		
10:30 – 10:40	<p>Implementation modalities and next Steps: Presentation of the Concept Note</p>	<p>UfM R&I Platform Bureau working-group on implementation</p> <p>Armela Dino Science Policy Analyst, Unit of Internationalisation of Science and Innovation Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain</p>
10:40-11:35	<p>Discussion on implementation modalities</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you agree with the implementation modalities in the proposal for implementing the UfM Roadmaps and are there any other which need to be flagged up? • How would you define success and what combination of the proposed modalities, programs, and instruments would in your view be needed to achieve this success in the short term (2-4 years) and long term (6-10 years)? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a need for creating coordination and collaboration platforms, for example, a funders' alliance (e.g. for data sharing)? • Do you agree to mandate the Bureau of the UfM Regional Platform for R&I to develop, based on the concept note, a more elaborated implementation plan for 2022? 	
11:35-11:45	R&I Collaboration in the Mediterranean and the potential contribution of PRIMA	John Bell Director for Healthy Planet DG RTD – European Commission
11:45-11:50	Adoption of the Roadmaps by the co-chairs and National Focal Points	
Closing		
12:05-12:15	AOB & Conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon Europe Euro-Mediterranean Regional Workshop on 8 July 2021 	Co-chairs