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Revitalizing the
Euro-Mediterranean Partnerships
in Higher Education

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About the **UNIMED GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The UNIMED General Assembly is an important annual event, bringing together around 150 representatives from our member universities and institutional partners over two days. It serves as a crucial platform for rectors, delegates, partners, and international stakeholders to discuss policies for higher education and strategies for enhancing the Euro-Mediterranean university landscape.

The 2025 UNIMED Assembly is particularly significant for fostering dialogue and collaboration due to several key factors:

- **30th Anniversary of the “Barcelona Process”:** This year marks three decades since the launch of the Barcelona Process in 1995, which established a new framework for Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, leading to numerous achievements.
- **Renewed Focus by the European Commission:** The European Commission is reinforcing the importance of Euro-Mediterranean relations by appointing a Commissioner for the Mediterranean and initiating a consultation process to develop a new “Pact for the Mediterranean,” set to be adopted this autumn.
- **Addressing Regional Crises:** Given the multiple crises affecting the Mediterranean region, higher education institutions must strengthen their capacity to support at-risk scholars and refugees.
- **Strengthening Collaboration:** Universities need to enhance cooperation with regional authorities and foundations to improve collaboration between the academic community, local authorities, and civil society.
- **Adapting to AI:** The rise of AI requires university systems to rethink their educational processes and develop a robust, modern higher education framework.

This year’s Assembly program reflects these priorities, all aimed at revitalizing Euro-Mediterranean Partnerships in Higher Education.

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VENUE: Sala Seminari Technest, Piazza Vermicelli, Ground Floor

TUESDAY PRE-ASSEMBLY EVENT**09:00 am – 5:00 pm UNIMED Start Cup Competition 2025**

The “[Start Cup Competition – Entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean](#)” is a contest of entrepreneurial ideas developed by university students enrolled in one of the universities around the Mediterranean. This competition aims to encourage participating teams from universities on both shores of the Mediterranean to present innovative ideas in the field of entrepreneurship.

The initiative was launched in 2018 in the framework of the ERASMUS+ Capacity Building project RESUME and is part of a series of initiatives organised by the UNIMED SubNetwork on Employability.

Participating universities:

- Mediterranean University of Albania, Albania
- University of Saida, Algeria
- Erbil Polytechnic University, Iraq
- University of Duhok, Iraq
- University of Calabria, Italy
- Saint Joseph University, Lebanon
- Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon
- Antonine University, Lebanon
- Ibn Tofail University, Morocco
- Middle East College, Oman
- Palestine Technical University Kadoorie, Palestine
- An-Najah National University, Palestine
- Palestine Polytechnic University, Palestine
- University of Évora, Portugal
- University of Barcelona, Spain
- Sousse University, Tunisia
- University of La Manouba, Tunisia
- Jendouba University, Tunisia
- University of Aden, Yemen

The Start Cup is an activity of the



This edition of the Competition is organised by



VENUE: Council Room, Rectorate Building - Block 25B, Third Floor

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**04:00 pm – 07:00 pm UNIMED Board of Directors meeting
(only for the Board members)**

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WEDNESDAY

08:30 am – 09:00 am Registration of participants

09:00 am – 10:00 am Openings

Nicola Leone

Rector of University of Calabria

Kherieh Rassas

UNIMED President and Vice President of An-Najah National University

Hmaid Ben Aziza

UNIMED Secretary General and former Rector of the University of Tunis

Roberto Occhiuto

President of Calabria Region and President of the Intermediterranean Commission (CIM)

10:00 am - 10:30 am For a new Mediterranean University Initiative

Romano Prodi

Former Italian Prime Minister and former President of the European Commission

The Pact for the Mediterranean: video message from the Commissioner

Dubravka Šuica

Commissioner for the Mediterranean, European Commission

10:30 am – 11:00 am Family Picture, Coffee break and networking

**Short laboratory, technology centers and other campus tours available for interested participants*

11:00 am – 11:15 am Keynote speech

The Mediterranean: Knowledge as a bridge, Innovation as a force for unity

Francesco Profumo

President of Isybank and Rector of Open Institute of Technology (OPIT)

11:15 am – 11:45 am

Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and UNIMED

AbdulHakim Elwaer

Assistant Director-General of the RNE Regional Office, FAO

Kherieh Rassas

UNIMED President and Vice President of An-Najah National University

11:45 am – 12:00 pm UNIMED activities and future plans

Marcello Scalisi

UNIMED Director

12:00 pm - 01:15 pm Panel discussion on the “Pact for the Mediterranean”

Michele Amedeo

*Senior Adviser on University cooperation
Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf,
European Commission (DG MENA)*

Rim Filali Meknassi

*Head of Euro-Mediterranean Policies
European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)*

Massimo Gaudina

Special Advisor at European Training Foundation (ETF)

Alessandro Calabrò

*Policy Officer Med and Middle East
Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission (DG RTD)*

Giuseppe Provenzano

*Project Manager for Research and Innovation at the Union for
the Mediterranean (UfM)*

01:15 pm – 01:30 pm Announcement of the Start Cup Competition results

01:30 pm –03:00 pm Light lunch and networking



03:00 pm - 04:00 pm Panel discussion: Artificial Intelligence for Education

Roberto Trinchero (online)
Professor of Experimental Pedagogy at University of Torino

Alessio Fabiano
*Associate Professor of Education and Special Pedagogy
at University of Basilicata*

Cristina Stefanelli
Senior Project Manager at UNIMED

Sirine Bouguettaya
Student of the PhD in ICT at University of Calabria

Naouel Abdellatif Mami
Vice Rector in charge of External Relations and Cooperation at Sétif 2 University

Moderated by
Giancarlo Fortino
Professor of Computer Engineering at University of Calabria

04:00 pm - 05:00 pm University networks and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation

Kherieh Rassas
UNIMED President and Vice President of An-Najah National University

Amanda Crowfoot
Secretary General of European University Association (EUA)

Amr Ezzat Salama
Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities (AARU)

05:00 pm – 06:00 pm Panel discussion: Academic freedom and support to scholars at risks and refugees

Frank Geary
Director of Scholars at Risk Europe (SAR Europe)

Stefanie Kottowski
*Project Manager SAFE – Supporting at-risk researcher with
fellowships in Europe at German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)*

Manal Stulgaitis (online)
*Education Officer, Division of Resilience and Solutions
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)*

Alessandro Calabrò
*Policy Officer Med and Middle East
Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission (DG RTD)*

Moderated by
Cristina Stefanelli
Senior Project Manager at UNIMED

06:00 pm Social event and Gala dinner

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09:00 am – 10:00 am

UNIMED Assembly (only for members)

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Showcase of UNIMED projects and activities

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Coffee break and networking

**Short laboratory, technology centers and other campus tours available for interested participants*

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

The Union for the Mediterranean platform on Research and Innovation in the Euro-Mediterranean region

Alessandro Calabrò

*Policy Officer Med and Middle East
Directorate-General Research and Innovation,
European Commission (DG RTD)*

Giuseppe Provenzano

*Project Manager for Research and Innovation at the Union
for the Mediterranean (UfM)*

Moderated by

Martina Zipoli

Senior Project Manager at UNIMED

12:30 pm - 01:30 pm

Parallel Sessions

Session 1: The role of Artificial Intelligence to tackle the climate change challenges and to promote the young entrepreneurship culture

Tommaso Moramarco

Research Director at Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)

Luca Brizzi

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Marina Silverii

Executive Director of ART-ER and Vice-President at ECO-SISTER

Moderated by

Aleardo Furlani

Programme Manager at Tech4you

Session 2: The Mediterranean Students recommendations and implementations by the UNIMED members**Abdel Naser Zaid***President of An-Najah National University***Alicia Betts Avila***Strategic International Projects at University of Girona***Raul Ramos Lobo***Vice-rector for internationalisation policy at University of Barcelona***Moderated by****Anne-Laurence Pastorini***Senior Project Manager at UNIMED***01:30 pm - 02:30 pm****Light lunch and networking****02:30 pm - 03:30 pm****Parallel Sessions****Session 3: UNIMED initiative for Climate Action****Josep Vila Subirós***Director Campus of Natural & Cultural Heritage at University of Girona;
Co-coordinator of the UNIMED SubNetwork on Climate and
Environmental Change***Adil Salhi** (online)*Professor at Abdelmalek Essaâdi University; Co-coordinator
of the UNIMED SubNetwork on Climate and Environmental Change***Alaa Abdelbary***Advisor for Research and Innovation at AASTMT - Arab Academy for
Science, Technology & Maritime Transport***Moderated by****Nathalie Clauter***Senior Project Manager at UNIMED***Session 4: New and disruptive technologies in medicine****Franca Melfi***Professor of Thoracic Surgery at University of Calabria***Ciro Indolfi***Professor of Cardiology at University of Calabria***Alberto Rainer***Professor of Bioengineering at Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma***Reida El Oakley***Director of the Center for Research and Studies at Libyan International
University and former Minister of Health in Libya***Moderated by****Marcello Maggiolini***Professor of General Pathology at University of Calabria*

03:30 pm - 04:30 pm

Parallel Sessions**Session 5: The role of networks for stakeholders' engagement and knowledge sharing: the experience of European Training Foundation (ETF) and UNIMED****Ermina Martini***Partnership and mobilisation officer at European Training Foundation (ETF)***Lynda Achkouty** (online)*Instructor at Antonine University and Coordinator of UNIMED SubNetwork on Employability***Moderated by****Silvia Marchionne***Senior Project Manager at UNIMED***Session 6: From the European University alliances to the Euro-Mediterranean University alliances: the way forward**

04:30 pm - 05:00 pm

Closing remarks

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2025**12:00 pm - 01:15 pm****Panel discussion on the “Pact for the Mediterranean”**

In the context of growing geopolitical, environmental, and socio-economic challenges across the Mediterranean region, the panel discussion on the “Pact for the Mediterranean”, brings together leading institutional actors to explore the vision, priorities, and emerging political commitment underpinning the European Commission’s proposed framework for renewed Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

The session highlights ongoing regional consultations and data-gathering efforts. These tools aim to ensure that the Pact integrates the voices and priorities of stakeholders across the region, with a particular focus on economic growth, youth empowerment, and sustainable transitions.

The panel brings together representatives from the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), the European Institute for the Mediterranean (IEMed), the European Commission’s Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf (DG MENA) and Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission (DG EAC), the European External Action Service (EEAS), and the European Training Foundation (ETF).

Through their perspectives, the discussion emphasizes the growing institutional momentum behind the Mediterranean agenda, including the recent appointment of a Commissioner dedicated to the region. Particular attention is given to the potential of higher education, research, and innovation as engines for inclusive development and deeper regional integration.

Speakers**Michele Amedeo***Senior Adviser on University cooperation**Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf, European Commission (DG MENA)***Rim Filali Meknassi***Head of Euro-Mediterranean Policies**European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)***Massimo Gaudina***Special Advisor at European Training Foundation (ETF)***Alessandro Calabrò***Policy Officer Med and Middle East**Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission (DG RTD)***Giuseppe Provenzano***Project Manager for Research and Innovation at the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)*

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03:00 pm - 04:00 pm

Panel discussion: Artificial Intelligence for Education

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing education by enabling personalized learning, automating administrative tasks, and enhancing accessibility. Through adaptive learning platforms, AI tailors educational content to individual student needs, improving engagement and outcomes. Intelligent tutoring systems provide real-time feedback, while AI-driven analytics help educators identify learning gaps. Automation reduces bureaucratic burdens, allowing teachers to focus on pedagogy. Additionally, AI-powered tools like chatbots and virtual assistants make education more inclusive for diverse learners. However, ethical concerns, such as data privacy and algorithmic bias, must be addressed. By responsibly integrating AI, the future of education can become more efficient, equitable, and student-centered, fostering lifelong learning in a rapidly evolving digital world. In this panel, we will therefore discuss the current and future penetration of AI for (not only higher) education, with a particular focus on the Mediterranean area.

Speakers

Roberto Trinchero (online)
Professor of Experimental Pedagogy at University of Torino

Alessio Fabiano
Associate Professor of Education and Special Pedagogy at University of Basilicata

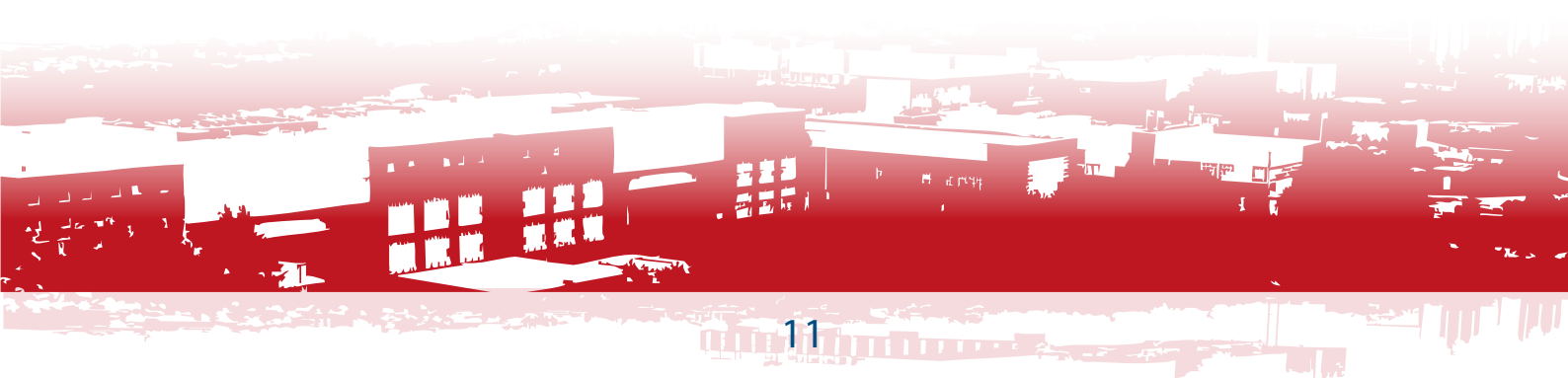
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04:00 pm - 05:00 pm

University networks and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation

Three prominent university networks will convene to discuss how to reinforce international university cooperation. This discussion is particularly timely given the current risks faced by multilateral organisations.

The participating networks represent the most relevant university networks in the region:

- EUA - European University Association
- AArU - The Association of Arab Universities
- UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union

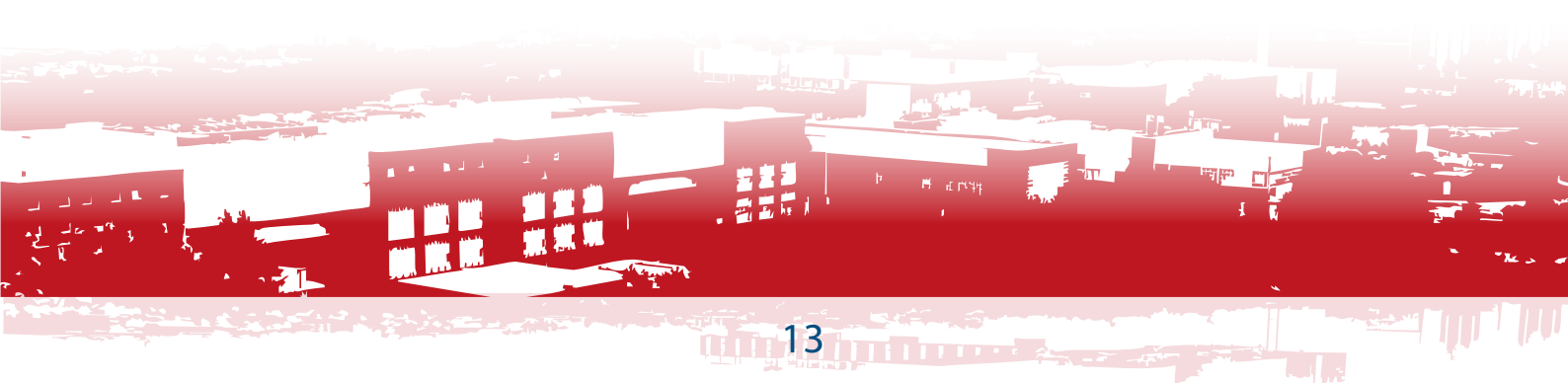
This panel aims to foster a stronger collective approach to global challenges, emphasizing the critical role of higher education in promoting stability, mutual understanding, and sustainable development. By pooling resources, sharing good practices, and developing joint initiatives, these networks seek to strengthen the resilience of international academic collaboration in the face of geopolitical uncertainties.

During this session the representatives of the three networks will explore the following topics:

- Insight from the European University Alliances and priorities for potential Euro-Mediterranean University Alliances.
- The role of universities in crisis contexts.
- University autonomy: for a regional initiative in the Mediterranean region.

A brief overview of the three networks

- The European University Association (EUA) is the collective voice of the universities of Europe, institutions that have shaped our world for a millennium. For over two decades, EUA has played a key role in building university communities across Europe and creating a coherent system for European higher education and research. EUA represents over 900 member universities and national rectors' conferences in 48 European countries, as well as affiliated organisations and networks based both in and beyond Europe.
- The Association of Arab Universities is an organisation working within the framework of the Arab League. It is based in Amman, Jordan. The objective of the organisation is to support and connect universities in the Arab world, and to enhance cooperation among them. AArU is a network of over 300 members.
- UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union - is a network of Higher Education and Research Institutions, active in promoting academic cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region and in Sub-Saharan Africa, in the Middle East and in Western Balkans. UNIMED is a network of over 170 members from 25 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region and beyond.

Speakers**Kherieh Rassas***UNIMED President and Vice President of An-Najah National University***Amanda Crowfoot***Secretary General of European University Association (EUA)***Amr Ezzat Salama***Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities (AARU)*

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2025**WEDNESDAY****05:00 pm – 06:00 pm****Panel discussion: Academic Freedom and support to scholars at risks and refugees**

In the context of ongoing crises across the Mediterranean region, the protection of academic freedom and the support of scholars and students at risk have become urgent priorities for higher education institutions. This panel will explore the role of universities, international organisations, and policy actors in providing concrete support to academics and students affected by conflict, persecution, or forced migration. Drawing on a range of initiatives, from education continuity efforts to fellowship programmes and global advocacy, the discussion will highlight both challenges and tangible responses. It will also address the importance of institutional partnerships, policy alignment, and long-term strategies to strengthen the higher education sector's capacity to respond to regional emergencies while protecting the fundamental values of academic freedom and inclusion.

Speakers**Frank Geary***Director of Scholars at Risk Europe (SAR Europe)***Stefanie Kottowski***Project Manager SAFE – Supporting at-risk researcher with fellowships in Europe at German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)***Manal Stulgaitis** (online)*Education Officer, Division of Resilience and Solutions
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)***Alessandro Calabrò***Policy Officer Med and Middle East Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission (DG RTD)***Moderated by****Cristina Stefanelli***Senior Project Manager at UNIMED*

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11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Panel discussion: The Union for the Mediterranean platform on Research and Innovation in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

The UNIMED General Assembly 2025 focuses on revitalizing the Euro-Mediterranean partnership in Higher Education, going through the major advancements made from the launch of the Barcelona process in 1995 towards the Pact for the Mediterranean under construction. Among those advancements, the Research and Innovation Platform developed by the Union for the Mediterranean in cooperation with the European Commission is a key tassel towards an integrated cooperation in the Mediterranean region on research.

While Members States are pushed to reflect upon priorities and strategies, looking at the Ministerial Conference dedicated to research planned for 2026, the R&I Platform becomes more than simply a tool. It is a dedicated space to jointly respond to common challenges of modern societies, such as climate change, energy resources, inadequate or unavailable infrastructures and more, moving ahead for a sustainable future.

“Research and innovation are vital for progress. Research offers policymakers a scientific basis for decisions grounded in data and evidence. It helps us to understand the global challenges we face. Innovation helps us bridge the gap between economic activities and respect for the environment, unlocking the potential of sustainable growth. The UfM aims to strengthen regional cooperation on research and innovation as a means of achieving its objectives of human and sustainable development, and as a way to push forward regional scientific diplomacy”.

In this context, Higher Education plays a fundamental role. The R&I platform acts as a forum of exchange of information, views and recommendations on research and innovation policy in the Mediterranean region, so that academics and researchers on both shores of the Med advance concretely through different initiatives and programmes.

Speakers

Alessandro Calabrò

*Policy Officer Med and Middle East
Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission (DG RTD)*

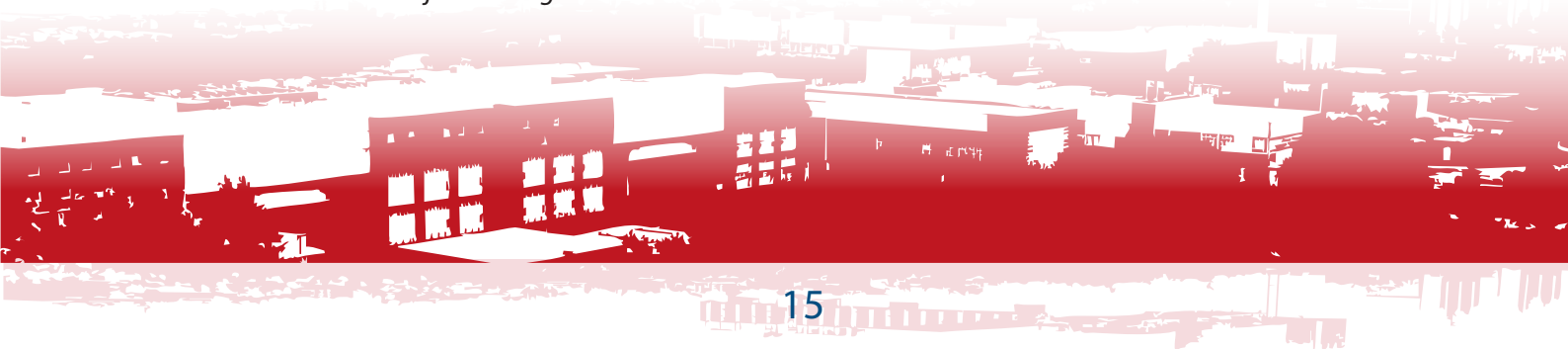
Giuseppe Provenzano

Project Manager for Research and Innovation at the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Moderated by

Martina Zipoli

Senior Project Manager at UNIMED



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Session 1: The role of Artificial Intelligence to tackle the climate change challenges and to promote the young entrepreneurship culture

Data are at the cross -road of addressing climate change since they are essential for monitoring and predicting environmental changes, informing decision-making, and developing effective mitigation and adaptation strategies. Coupling AI and data analytics can generate vast datasets, identify patterns, and improve predictive accuracy, enabling better preparation for extreme weather events, natural disasters, and other climate-related impacts, notably the accurate calculation of the carbon dioxide emissions. The speakers will be asked to share their views and experiences in the climate change field and provide hints about the opportunities to set up new ventures led by young researchers in developing business solutions for the mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Speakers

Tommaso Moramarco

Research Director at Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)

Luca Brizzi

President of ADPM Drones

Massimiliano Granieri

Chairman of Mito Technology Venture

Vittorio Biondi

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Session 2: The Mediterranean Students recommendations and implementations by the UNIMED members

UNIMED has made supporting student engagement a cross-cutting priority. The Mediterranean Student Summit (MSS), organised in collaboration with the Erasmus Student Network, is our flagship initiative. Over the past three years, this summit has provided a valuable platform for nearly 70 students from both the northern and southern shores of the Mediterranean to come together and discuss the pressing challenges facing higher education in the region. Following its pilot edition at the University of Barcelona in 2022 and the second edition at Abdelmalek Essaadi University in Tangier in 2023, the University of Palermo hosted the third edition of the MSS. During this gathering, students reflected on and debated the question, "How to become an active Mediterranean student?" and formulated a series of recommendations addressed to their universities and to stakeholders involved in university cooperation.

The MSS aims to encourage students to become agents of change within their institutions and, most importantly, seeks to amplify the voice of youth in discussions with key decision-makers. This is where UNIMED is called upon to play a significant role: engaging with its members and institutional partners in a reflective dialogue on how best to integrate these recommendations into their internal structures and practices.

This session therefore aims to share universities' approaches and experiences in adopting student recommendations and, more broadly, to explore more comprehensive ways of engaging with students and participating in decision-making progress, as demonstrated, for example, through the work of student councils within European university alliances.

Speakers

Abdel Naser Zaid

President of An-Najah National University

Alicia Betts Avila

Strategic International Projects at University of Girona

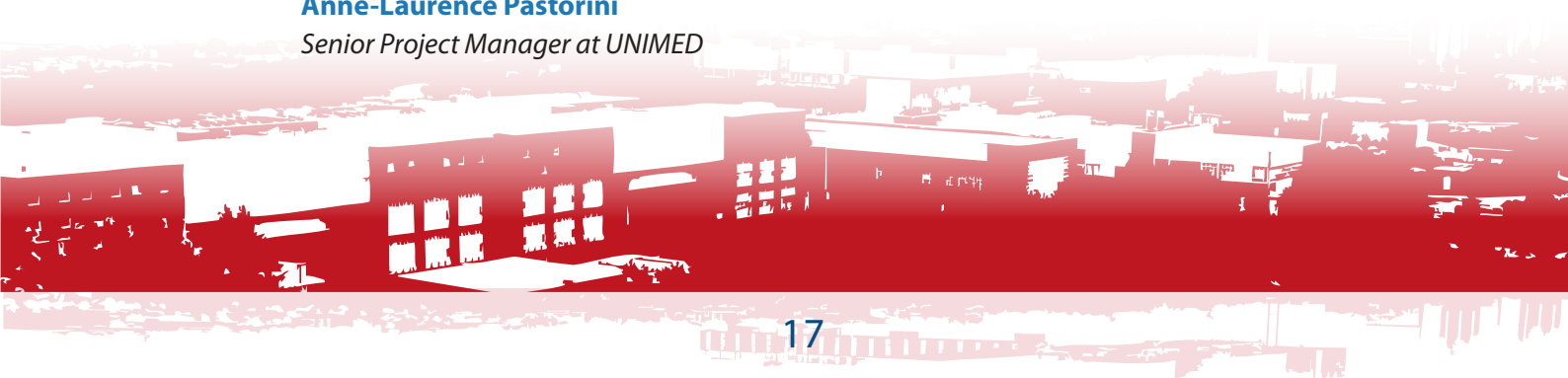
Raul Ramos Lobo

Vice-rector for internationalisation policy at University of Barcelona

Moderated by

Anne-Laurence Pastorini

Senior Project Manager at UNIMED



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Session 3: UNIMED initiative for Climate Action

Climate and environmental change is one of the most pressing challenges for our societies, and notably for the Mediterranean region, which is warming 20% faster than the global average and is renowned as a climate change hotspot.

Higher education and research institutions and networks play a fundamental role in tackling these challenges. They are required to be at the forefront in delivering courses and trainings for students, researchers and staff, engaging the communities into green actions and practises, supporting and promoting international partnerships for research and innovation, launching laboratories, incubators and start-ups, building strategic partnerships, with both public and private sectors.

To foster these collaborations among HEIs, university networks, and other relevant stakeholders in the region, the Union for the Mediterranean and UNIMED have joined forces through a series of common activities. Above all, last June 27, the two institutions, along with the University of Girona, have organised a stakeholders' meeting titled "Greening Education in the Mediterranean", which gathered over 40 university and network representatives to discuss about climate-related education, research and policy dialogue.

This session will present the context, background and main outcomes of the Girona meeting, and namely the launch of the Euromed University Initiative for Climate Action. Speakers will delve into the key conclusions and next steps of the Initiative, also highlighting its added value at institutional and regional level.

Speakers

Josep Vila Subirós

Director Campus of Natural & Cultural Heritage at University of Girona; Co-coordinator of the UNIMED SubNetwork on Climate and Environmental Change

Adil Salhi (online)

Professor at Abdelmalek Essaâdi University; Co-coordinator of the UNIMED SubNetwork on Climate and Environmental Change

Alaa Abdelbary

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Senior Project Manager at UNIMED



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Session 4: New and disruptive technologies in medicine

As stated in the June 2025 issue of the New England of Medicine, artificial intelligence (AI) has tremendous potential to advance clinical practice and the delivery of patient care.

Healthcare systems in all countries face significant challenges to improve population health on one side, while on the other side it is extremely necessary to reduce the rising cost of care for the sustainability of the systems and the universality of the care.

In this framework, ageing populations growing burden of relevant chronic and cancer diseases, which substantially increase the costs of the systems, are challenging governments and providers to innovate and transform the models of healthcare delivery.

The application of AI in healthcare systems has already addressing an increasing number of these supply-and-demand challenges. In this regard, the availability of multi-modal data from imaging, omics, economic, demographic and other sources, together with the internet of things (IoT), computing power and data security, would lead to a valuable combination of healthcare and technology to fundamentally transform models of healthcare delivery through AI-augmented healthcare systems.

The session aims to offer some breakthroughs in the application of AI in healthcare, discussing the potential directions based on AI augmented healthcare systems.

Speakers

Franca Melfi

Professor of Thoracic Surgery at University of Calabria

Ciro Indolfi

Professor of Cardiology at University of Calabria

Alberto Rainer

Professor of Bioengineering at Università Campus Bio-Medico di Roma

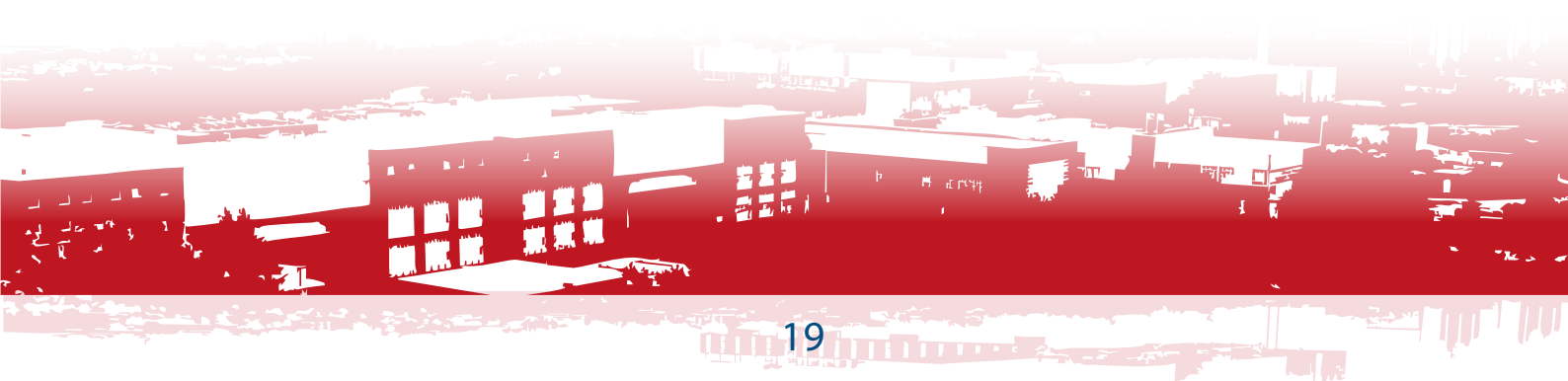
Reida El Oakley

Director of the Center for Research and Studies at Libyan International University and former Minister of Health in Libya

Moderated by

Marcello Maggiolini

Professor of General Pathology at University of Calabria



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PARALLEL SESSIONS

Session 5: The role of networks for stakeholders' engagement and knowledge sharing: the experience of European Training Foundation (ETF) and UNIMED

International organisations are increasingly engaging through stakeholder networks to foster collaboration, disseminate information, and exchange knowledge.

This session organised within the framework of the UNIMED General Assembly and within the cooperation between UNIMED and European Training Foundation (ETF), initiated in 2018, will provide an overview of key networks supported by the European Training Foundation (ETF) such as the Skill Labs and the Community of Innovative Educators, as well as those led by UNIMED, such as the UNIMED SubNetwork on Employability.

Drawing on lessons learned over recent years, this session will highlight how these networks serve as effective tools for engagement and knowledge sharing. Moreover, it will offer an opportunity for ETF and UNIMED to listen directly from participants about their experiences: what it means to be part of a network, the value it brings, the challenges they encounter, and their expectations moving forward.

Furthermore, the workshop will serve as a forum for ETF and UNIMED to engage with participants, gathering insights on:

- Perceived Value of Network Participation: Understanding the main benefits derive from active involvement in these networks;
- Challenges Encountered: Identifying barriers to effective collaboration and knowledge sharing within and across networks;
- Expectations for Future Engagement: Gathering feedback to inform the strategic direction and evolution of these networks.

Ultimately, this workshop seeks to contribute to the ongoing discourse on the efficacy of stakeholder networks in achieving sustainable development and policy innovation within the field of education.

Speakers

Ermina Martini

Partnership and mobilisation officer at European Training Foundation (ETF)

Lynda Achkouty (online)

Instructor at Antonine University and Coordinator of UNIMED SubNetwork on Employability

Moderated by

Silvia Marchionne

Senior Project Manager at UNIMED

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Session 6: From the European University alliances to the Euro-Mediterranean University alliances: the way forward

The European Commission launched the European University alliance initiative in 2019. After 6 years, more than 60 alliances are currently sponsored.

Some years ago, UNIMED began advocating for the expansion of this collaborative opportunity to Southern Mediterranean countries, or at least for existing alliances to include internationalization measures.

The recent appointment of a European Commissioner for the Mediterranean and the upcoming "Pact for the Mediterranean" policy framework have significantly energized UNIMED's request. As a result, the European Commission is now evaluating the possibility of sponsoring Euro-Mediterranean University alliances.

During this session, several European universities that are members of EU university alliances will share insights into their work, the challenges they face, and offer advice for the future of this potential new initiative by the European Commission.



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