

Med Dialogues +2030

The Road to a more Sustainable and Climate Resilient Mediterranean



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Dialogue 4:

On the Road to the COP26 in Glasgow: Climate Diplomacy in the Mediterranean

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Languages: English / French with simultaneous translation into Spanish

Virtual event: Zoom session / Streaming in YouTube: IEMed and La Caixa Foundation

Presentation

Postponed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) will take place in Glasgow from 1 to 12 November 2021. Considered as the most important climate event since the COP21 in Paris in 2015, the COP26 is raising great hopes benefitting from the momentum provided by the return of the United States to the Paris Agreement. By finalising the "Paris rulebook" and concluding outstanding issues from the COP25 in Madrid, the conference is expected to increase the level of ambition in the fight against climate change and accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement. It will again highlight the need for more international cooperation and coordination to address the gravest challenge of the 21st century.

Issues to be discussed in Glasgow will have a crucial importance for the Mediterranean Basin, one of the hotspots of climate change worldwide. On the road to the COP26, this dialogue aims at discussing climate action and diplomacy in the Mediterranean as crucial tools to set strategies for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The session will question the place of the Mediterranean in global climate action, offer a panorama of the commitments and nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of the countries of the region, while addressing the challenge of solidarity in the Mediterranean in terms of finance and technology transfer as one of the engines of climate diplomacy. Finally, pending issues such as the establishment of carbon markets between the EU and its Mediterranean neighbours will be tackled during the discussion, giving an overview of what negotiations at Glasgow could look like.

- What is the place of the Mediterranean in global climate diplomacy? What are the respective positions of the Mediterranean countries as regards climate diplomacy? What to expect for the Mediterranean at the COP26?
- What are the commitments made by the Mediterranean countries? What has been achieved so far in the region? How do they make commitments and strategies realities on the ground?
- What are the needs in terms of financial assistance for Southern Mediterranean countries? How can they benefit from the EU Green Deal and the EU New Agenda for the Mediterranean?
- How to find a solution to the thorny issue of carbon markets in the Mediterranean?
- What role for the Union for the Mediterranean as observer at the COP26?

Speakers

Moderator:

Roger Albinyana, Director of Mediterranean Regional Policies and Human Development, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Guest Speaker:

Hakima El Haité (Morocco), President of the Liberal International and Former Minister Delegate in charge of the Environment for the Kingdom of Morocco, High Level Climate Champion of the United Nations International Climate Conference (COP22)