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**EuroMeSCo Consultation Circles on the New Pact for
the Mediterranean:
Consulting Southern Partners**



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13-14 May 2025
Policy Center for the New South

Closed-door meeting

By invitation

Brief

In the framework of the EU-[European Institute of the Mediterranean \(IEMed\)](#) co-funded project [Support to Reflection and Consultations on the Pact for the Mediterranean](#), and in partnership with the [Policy Center for the New South \(PCNS\)](#), the first **EuroMeSCo Consultation Circle: Consulting Southern Partners** will take place on 13-14 May in Rabat, Morocco.

The New Pact for the Mediterranean is set to become the European Union's principal political framework for strengthening strategic cooperation with its Southern Neighbourhood partners. It aims to offer a renewed and comprehensive approach that addresses the region's complex challenges while unlocking opportunities for deeper collaboration across shared priority areas.

This consultation, held in Rabat, serves as a dedicated platform for structured dialogue with policymakers, think tankers, civil society actors, and private sector stakeholders from North Africa. Focusing on three main dimensions that are vital to the region's long-term development: fostering economic growth through trade, investment and engagement with the private sector; empowering the next generation by aligning skills with employment and mobility opportunities; and promoting sustainable transformation through decarbonised approaches to food systems, water management, and environmental resilience.

By drawing on local knowledge, successful initiatives, and the experience of key actors, this consultation contributes directly to shaping a Pact that is grounded in the realities of the Southern Neighbourhood and designed to serve the aspirations of both shores of the Mediterranean.

Agenda

DAY 1 – Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

13:45-14:15 Registration and Welcome Coffee – *Ground Floor Lounge*

14:15-14:35 Introductory Remarks – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

14:35-15:00 Introducing the New Pact for the Mediterranean – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

Stefano Sannino, Director General for the Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf, European Commission

15:00-15:30 Discussion – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

15:30-19:00 Policy deep dive: Drawing into the Mediterranean's assets to foster inclusive growth

15:30-15:50 Data Insights – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

15:50-16:20 Coffee Break – *1st Floor Lounge*

16:20-18:00 Parallel Interactive Consultation Circles

Brief In this interactive session, participants will actively participate in one out of three thematic groups focused on key drivers of regional development: private sector engagement for regional integration, the role of diasporas in strengthening EU–Southern Neighbourhood ties, and emerging models of triangular cooperation for trade and investment. Guided by facilitators, the format encourages idea exchanges between thematic experts and actionable policy insights.

Circle 1 **Lessons, Gaps and Opportunities to Build the Mediterranean of Tomorrow**
– *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

Drawing from experiences, participants will reflect on what has worked in the region, how it was achieved, and why it succeeded – identifying actionable tools and initiatives to shape future EU–Southern Neighbourhood cooperation.

Circle 2 **The Private Sector's Role in Regional Integration** – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

Exploring how private sector engagement and business ecosystem reforms can foster inclusive and sustainable regional integration, with a focus on unlocking growth and creating shared value across the Mediterranean.

Circle 3 **Triangular Cooperation Models: Expanding Strategic Trade and Investment Partnerships** – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

Focusing on how triangular cooperation— tapping into the strategic presence of other actors in the Southern neighbourhood— can be leveraged to enhance trade and investment opportunities and mechanisms in the region.

18:00-19:00 Report Back by the Facilitators & Discussion – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-04*

19:45-22:00 Welcoming Dinner – *La Maison Arabe, La Tour Hassan Hotel, Rabat*

DAY 2 – Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

08:30-09:00 Welcome Coffee – *1st Floor Lounge*

09:00-13:00 Focus Group Discussions | Coffee Break from 11:00 to 11:30 – *1st Floor Lounge*

Brief These three parallel sessions invite participants from diverse sectors and institutions to engage in targeted discussions on key areas for the Mediterranean's future. Each session will foster dialogue and generate actionable insights around pressing themes that intersect youth empowerment, migration, economic cooperation, and sustainability across the region.

Group 1 **Skills for the Future – Preparing Youth for a Changing Mediterranean**
– *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

What kind of labour market will the Mediterranean face tomorrow, and how can we ensure that young people are ready for it? This session will explore the future of skills in emerging sectors, and examine how to align education and training systems with private sector needs, innovation ecosystems, and regional labour mobility.

Group 2 **Engaging and Mobilising Diasporas: Enhancing EU–Southern Cooperation through Mobility and Talent Circulation** – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

This session explores how the EU can engage diasporas and leverage mobility to strengthen ties with the Southern Neighbourhood. Discussions will focus on circular mobility, talent partnerships, remittances, and diaspora entrepreneurship as tools to boost cooperation, bridge skills gaps, and support green and digital transitions across the Mediterranean.

Group 3 **Ecosystems of Change: Promoting a Sustainable Model of Growth**
– *1st Floor, Master Class F1-03*

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13:00-14:00 Lunch – *Ground Floor Lounge*

14:00-15:00 Report Back by the Facilitators & Discussion – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-04*

15:00-15:50 Open Discussion, Next Steps and Closing Remarks – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-04*

15:50-16:00 Concluding Remarks – *1st Floor, Master Class F1-04*



About the European Institute of the Mediterranean

The European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), founded in 1989, is a think and do tank specialised in Euro-Mediterranean relations. It provides policy-oriented and evidence-based research underpinned by a genuine Euromed multidimensional and inclusive approach.

The aim of the IEMed, in accordance with the principles of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP), the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), is to stimulate reflection and action that contribute to mutual understanding, exchange and cooperation between the different Mediterranean countries, societies and cultures, and to promote the progressive construction of a space of peace and stability, shared prosperity and dialogue between cultures and civilisations in the Mediterranean.

The IEMed's mission is to foster effective cooperation and partnerships between the two shores of the Mediterranean, both at the institutional and civil society level. It does so in particular through leadership and boosting of regional networks of think tanks and civil society actors in the fields of security, migration, processes, socioeconomic development, political and socio-cultural processes, gender equality and intercultural dialogue.

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About the Policy Center for the New South

The Policy Center for the New South (PCNS) is a Moroccan think tank aiming to contribute to the improvement of economic and social public policies that challenge Morocco and the rest of Africa as integral parts of the global South.

The PCNS pleads for an open, accountable, and enterprising "new South" that defines its own narratives and mental maps around the Mediterranean and South Atlantic basins, as part of a forward-looking relationship with the rest of the world. Through its analytical endeavours, the think tank aims to support the development of public policies in Africa and to give the floor to experts from the South. This stance is focused on dialogue and partnership and aims to cultivate African expertise and excellence needed for the accurate analysis of African and global challenges and the suggestion of appropriate solutions.

As such, the PCNS brings together researchers, publishes their work and capitalizes on a network of renowned partners, representative of different regions of the world. The PCNS hosts a series of gatherings of different formats and scales throughout the year, the most important being the annual international conferences the "Atlantic Dialogues", the "African Peace and Security Annual Conference" (APSACO), and the "Africa Economic Symposium" (AES).

Finally, the think tank is developing a community of young leaders through the Atlantic Dialogues Emerging Leaders program (ADEL), a space for cooperation and networking between a new generation of decision-makers from the government, business, and civil society sectors. Through this initiative, which already counts more than 450 members, the Policy Center for the New South contributes to intergenerational dialogue and the emergence of tomorrow's leaders.

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