



**24-25 October 2016**

Mare Nostrum Hotel, Vravrona - Greece

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

<b>24 October</b>	<b>Challenges in the Euromed region</b>
8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	Registration
9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	<p><b>Opening session</b></p> <p>Moderator: George Vernicos, President of the ESC of Greece</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of Greece (tbc)</li> <li>❖ George Dassis, President of the EESC</li> <li>❖ Munther Shar'e, President of the ESC of Jordan</li> <li>❖ Joseph Cuschieri, Ambassador of Malta</li> <li>❖ Sergi Farré, Diplomatic Advisor and Spokeperson, Union for the Mediterranean</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Coffee
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p><b>Promoting legal migration to Europe</b></p> <p><i>Key questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>What strategies already exist to effectively encourage legal migration?</i></li> <li>❖ <i>To what extent is it possible to transfer these strategies to the regional level?</i></li> <li>❖ <i>What consultation mechanisms and systems should be set up to encourage the participation of civil society in developing these mechanisms?</i></li> </ul>

Moderator: Luca Jahier, President of the Various Interests Group, EESC

- ❖ Dimitris Dimitriadis, EESC Rapporteur
- ❖ Anastasia Fetsi, Head of the Operations Department, European Training Foundation
- ❖ Driss Guerraoui, Secretary General, ESEC of Morocco
- ❖ Eduardo Navarro, Coordinator of the Group III, ESC of Spain
- ❖ Efi Bekou, Member of the ESC of Greece

Discussion

12.30 – 1 p.m

### Presentation of the project "Promotion of Social Dialogue in the Southern Mediterranean Neighbourhood"

Moderator: tbc

Mustapha Tlili, Executive Secretary, Arab Trade Union Confederation and project leader

Discussion

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

### Lunch

2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

### Social protection in the Mediterranean Region

*Key questions:*

- ❖ *What is the current situation with regard to coordinating social welfare systems on both sides of the Mediterranean?*
- ❖ *What are the first steps that governments need to take in developing a regional approach for social protection policies?*
- ❖ *To what extent can the socio-economic stakeholders present at the summit contribute to this approach?*

Moderator: Ahmad Majdalani, Economic and Social Council of Palestine

- ❖ Pedro Fernández Alén, Member of the ESC of Spain
- ❖ Nadira Chentouf, Head of the President Cabinet, ESC of Algeria
- ❖ Carlos García de Cortázar, EESC Expert on Coordination of Social Security Systems
- ❖ Vera Pirimova, Member of the ESC of Bulgaria

Discussion

4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

### Coffee

4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### COP22 in Morocco – an opportunity to deliver a Mediterranean-wide message

*Key questions:*

- *What message can the stakeholders present not only send out but also help to follow up?*
- *What can socio-economic players learn from previous experience of*

- o *participating in these global and multilateral conferences?*
- o *What are the priorities for low-carbon societies in the Euromed region?*

Moderator: Dilyana Slavova, President of the External Relations Section, EESC

- ❖ Brenda King, President of the Sustainable Development Observatory, EESC
- ❖ Driss Guerraoui, Secretary General, ESEC of Morocco
- ❖ Marie Therese Seif, Lebanese Environmental Forum

Discussion

6.15 p.m

Organised tour of the Vorres art museum by the ESC of Greece

## 25 October: Contribution of organised civil society to addressing regional challenges

9.15 a.m – 9.45 a.m

### Keynote Speech

- ❖ Dimitris Mardas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece

9.45 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### Women as job creators in the Euromed region

*Key questions:*

- ❖ *What examples are there of good governance with regard to increasing the integration of women in the workplace?*
- ❖ *What roles are available for economic and social players in this integration process?*
- ❖ *What are the key issues regarding the development of female entrepreneurship in the Euromed region?*

Moderator: Georgios Karanikas, Vice-President of the ESC of Greece

- ❖ Helena de Felipe Lehtonen, Member of the EESC
- ❖ Amany Asfour, President of the Egyptian Business Women Association (tbc)
- ❖ Ermira Qosja, Professor at the European University of Tirana, Albania
- ❖ Dan Catarivas, Member of the ESC of Israel

Discussion

11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

### Coffee

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Developing regional cooperation – presentations by networks in the Euro-Mediterranean area

*The aim of this session is to enable existing networks to present their work and discuss possible future collaborations with the other participants, with the aim of strengthening regional links in the Mediterranean.*

Moderator: Roger Nasnas, President of the ESC of Lebanon

- ❖ Vassilis Korkidis, President of the Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry ,

ASCAME Network

- ❖ Conny Reuter, Secretary General of SOLIDAR
- ❖ Messaoud Romdhani, Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network
- ❖ Carlos Lozano, Coordinator, Euro-Mediterranean Social Economy Network
- ❖ Vicent Garcés, Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly Foundation

Discussion

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

**Lunch**

2.30 – 3.45 p.m.

**Socio-economic partners and neighbourhood policy – a necessary consultation**

*The aim of this session is to enable participants to discuss certain specific aspects of the European Neighbourhood Policy directly with representatives of the European External Action Service.*

Moderator: Georgios Kavathas, President of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen & Merchants (GSEVEE), Member of the ESC of Greece

- ❖ Toby Sexton, Policy Officer, Strategy and Instruments of the European Neighbourhood Policy, European External Action Service
- ❖ Meelis Joost, Member of the EESC

Discussion

3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

**Coffee**

4.00 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**Adoption of the final declaration**

**George Dassis**, President of the EESC

**Practical information:**

Venue: Hotel Mare Nostrum, Vravrona, Greece

Interpreting: English/Arabic/Greek/Spanish/French

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