



EuroMeSCo Annual Conference 2022 Towards more social justice and inclusiveness in the Mediterranean

In collaboration with the Policy Center for the New South (PCNS)

CALL FOR PAPERS: Green and digital jobs as vectors of social inclusion in Morocco

The New Agenda for the Mediterranean put forward by the European Union particularly highlights inclusiveness as an overarching goal to be streamlined in the various sectors comprised by the cooperation between the European Union and its southern neighbours. Morocco, as many countries of the MENA region, is particularly affected by unemployment, a rampant issue among youth and women in particular. In addition, Mediterranean countries are particularly vulnerable to climate change. To address these challenges, the transition to a green economy through the creation of green jobs could be a key to mitigate the impact of climate change in the region and to offer pathways towards social inclusion. The ILO defines green jobs as "decent jobs that contribute to preserve or restore the environment, be they in traditional sectors such as manufacturing and construction, or in new, emerging green sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency". The digital transformation, accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic, has economic growth and job creation potential; it also poses the risk of leaving many behind. Over the next years machines will increasingly be performing jobs previously carried out by people, which could prove disruptive for labour markets and call for improved social safety nets. To unfold the potential of the green and digital transitions, robust public and private financial systems to help fund climate-smart interventions are needed as well as targeted inclusive policies to adjust to emerging skills needs in addition to creating a favourable environment for businesses and entrepreneurs.

EuroMeSCo invites think tankers and researchers to analyse and discuss the risks and opportunities of green and digital jobs for social inclusion in Morocco. The nexus between green jobs and social inclusion and digitalisation and social inclusion can be looked at from different angles including, among other, education and training, employment, alleviation of poverty, and more sustainable lifestyles.

In this context and with the same objective, EuroMeSCo invites think tankers and researchers to participate in the country event (priority will be given to researchers affiliated to institutes which are members of the EuroMeSCo network).











HOW TO SUBMIT PAPER PROPOSALS?

Please submit your paper proposal of no more than 350 words with the subject line of "Application for EuroMeSCo Annual Conference Call for Papers - Morocco" to euromesco@iemed.org **and** fill in the online <u>APPLICATION FORM</u>.

Deadline for applications is 26 April 2022, 23:59hrs CET.

The selection process will be completed by 29 April 2022. All applicants will be notified by e-mail of the results of their application.

Selected authors will be asked to elaborate on the proposal.





