

# Mediterranean youth, a driving force for social change

**12-13 June 2023 | Barcelona (Catalonia, Spain)**

**Meeting venue:** Palau de Pedralbes, Av. Diagonal, 686, 08034 Barcelona

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Government of Catalonia welcomes the Mediterranean Youth Council to participate in an exchange with Catalan youth organisations during the 12 and 13 June 2023 in Barcelona. Indeed, Catalonia wants to be a space for reflection and dialogue between the many key actors from the Mediterranean and projects to address common challenges.

This meeting, co-organised by the Catalan Youth Agency and the Directorate General for External Action with the CPMR-IMC and the European Institute for the Mediterranean (IEMed), will allow its participants to learn about the challenges and opportunities of youth around the Mediterranean basin as well as those of the Catalan youth. The focus will be on the transformation of the Mediterranean through territorial cooperation and better governance as well as to discuss possible ways to address the climate crisis, in particular drought, which affects a large part of the region.

In this sense, it is necessary to include the perspective of all actors (youth, women, civil society...) including institutional representatives and to look towards both sides of the Mediterranean and build bridges of cooperation that help us to achieve common goals. Thus, the representatives of the Mediterranean Youth Council (MYC) will have the opportunity to attend different sessions of the Med Cat Days 2023, organised by the Government of Catalonia, and provide their views on these key issues.

## AGENDA

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

<b>All day</b>	<b>ARRIVAL OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES</b>  Stay at Alberg Barcelona Xanascat Passeig de la Mare de Déu del Coll, 41, 51, 08023 Barcelona
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet dinner</b> (Hostel)

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

<b>7:30</b>	<b>Breakfast at the hostel</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	MYC briefing to discuss the dynamics to be followed during the MedCat Days 2023
<b>9:30- 14:00</b>	<u>Meeting point:</u> Meeting room, Palau de Pedralbes  <i>All MYC representatives are invited to attend the MedCat Days morning sessions</i>

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	<p><b>9:00 – 10:00 Opening:</b> Reviving the Euro-Mediterranean transformative agenda, together.</p> <p><b>10.00 – 11:45 h Session I:</b> Recalibrating Euro-Mediterranean relations in the wake of the war in Ukraine</p> <p><b>11:45-12.15 h* Welcome</b> of the MYC and the Catalan youth representatives by the <i>Minister for Foreign Action and European Union, Ms. Meritxell Serret i Aleu</i></p> <p><b>12.15 – 14.00 h Session II:</b> Multi-level governance as a transformation driver in the Euro-Mediterranean region</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Duration of the meeting: 15 min.</p>
<p><b>14:00-15:30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch on-site</b></p>
<p><b>15:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>All MYC representatives are invited to attend this session</i></p> <p>WORKSHOP - Facing the drought crisis in the Mediterranean. The commitment of the Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean</p> <p>Institutional remarks on behalf of the Catalan presidency of the Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean</p>
<p><b>16:15 – 18:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kick-off meeting: Mediterranean youth, a driving force for social change</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meeting Point:</u> « Sala Biblioteca », Palau de Pedralbes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderated by: Marvin Mendy, Head of International Cooperation (Les Têtes-de-l'Art)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional welcome: Anna Dotor i Casals, <i>Director-General for External Action, Government of Catalonia</i>; Núria Valls i Carol, <i>Secretary for Childhood, Adolescence and Youth, Catalan Youth Agency</i>; and Roger Albinyana, <i>Managing Director, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) (15 min.)</i></li> <li>• Brief presentation of the Mediterranean Youth Council &amp; the Political Declaration 2022- 2023, <i>Pablo Nogueiro Vice-President (5 min.)</i></li> <li>• Overview of the MYC Working Groups: 1) Environment and Climate, MYC Members, <i>Mohamad Hachem &amp; Michael Gendy, MYC Members</i>; 2) Gender and Discrimination, <i>Ines Tamourt, MYC Members</i>; 3) Economy, Education and Entrepreneurship, <i>Mina Fangari, Sara Barone &amp; Mohamed Moussa, MYC Members (10 min)</i></li> <li>• Exchanges and workshop with Catalan young people about the challenges and opportunities of youth around the Mediterranean basin: Territorial cooperation, governance and climate crisis <i>(75 min)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>20:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dinner (Hostel)</b></p>

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

8:00	<b>Breakfast at the hostel</b>
9:00-14:30	<p><b>9:30 – 11:00 Warming up the engines: MYC working session with the Catalan youth to prepare the final statement.</b></p> <p><u>Meeting point:</u> “Sala Tarongers”, Palau de Pedralbes</p> <p><i>MYC representatives are invited to attend the rest of the sessions of the MedCat Partners Forum - Governance and Euro-Mediterranean territorial cooperation</i></p> <p><b>11.00 - 11.30 h</b> Coffee break</p> <p><b>11.30 - 13.00 h</b> MedCat Synergies: Governance and projects: impact and capitalisation</p> <p><b>13.00 - 14.15 h</b> MedCat Dialogues: Collaborative governance: promoting alliances</p>
14:15	<p><b>Closing session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acknowledgement and closing remarks: <i>Anna Dotor, Director-General for External Action, Government of Catalonia</i></li><li>• Main conclusions of the previous day exchanges and main actions proposed: <i>Ines Tamourt, Vicepresident of the Southern rim, MYC; and Catalan youth representative (TBC)</i></li></ul>
14:30	<b>Lunch on-site</b>
16:00	<b>Free afternoon</b>

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

All day	<b>DEPARTURE OF MYC REPRESENTATIVES</b>
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## SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHTS

- ❖ What do you see as the main causes of increased drought in the Mediterranean and how does it relate to climate change?
- ❖ What is the impact of water scarcity in the Mediterranean region and how does it affect the population, economic sectors and the environment?
- ❖ What are the main challenges facing water management in the Mediterranean and how can they be effectively addressed? (Increased use, extensive agriculture...)
- ❖ What measures are being taken at local, regional level in your home countries to mitigate the effects of drought and climate change? Please share concrete examples and whether they are effective or not (climate change adaptation and mitigation plans, domestic water use reduction policies, irrigation bans in agriculture, increasing the use of desalinated water...).
- ❖ How can local communities and individuals contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of water?
- ❖ What are the main governance challenges in the Mediterranean and how can they be effectively addressed by involving all relevant stakeholders? How does it affect the political, economic and social stability of the region?
- ❖ What opportunities and challenges arise from cultural and social diversity in the Mediterranean region and how can governance promote peaceful and equitable coexistence between different communities?

The idea of the workshop is to draw some conclusions on the current situation of the Mediterranean in terms of governance and climate change, always from the perspective and knowledge of young people, and to propose some actions to boost collaboration between young people and North-South regions/policymakers.



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