

EMEA ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Thinking and Acting for the future of the Mediterranean and Africa

000000

Contents

| Message from the President 2022 in numbers Year in Review | 3 4 5 |
|---|-------------|
| | 5 7 |
| EMEA Events | |
| EMEA Webinars | 10 |
| EMEA Research and Initiatives | 13 |
| Publications | 15 |
| Projects | 17 |
| CREACT4MED | 17 |
| INVESTMED | 18 |
| INTERREG | 19 |
| TRIGGER | 19 |
| REFOREST | 20 |
| Platforms and Dashboards | 21 |
| Networks | 24 |
| About EMEA | 26 |
| | |

EMEA is an independent research institution and forum of debate that provides innovative, forward-looking thinking and political, socio-economic and financial integrated analyses on Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa in an emerging multipolar world. As a "think and act tank", it strives to contribute decisively to the transition process in the Mediterranean and Africa amidst climatic challenges, unprecedented global financial and economic crises and geopolitical uncertainties and conflicts.

 \bullet \bullet

Message from the President

2022 was the year of war in Ukraine and of the major economic disruptions produced by high prices of energy and food particularly in Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa. Countries in the latter struggled with fiscal constraints put at a test during the COVID 19 pandemic, were unable to resist the new shock waves coming energy and food crises. Between short-term and long-term challenges stemming from economic hardship, government indebtedness continued to raise getting step by step closer to disorderly default scenarios and absence of global stabilization and restructuring deal. Inequality, poverty and unemployment among youth and women persisted while little to no safety net to protect despaired populations.

Against this backdrop, the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association has been making strides in research and advocating for resilient, sustainable, inclusive and just policies. Over the course of this year, we have held and participated in over 63 events, including 4 EMEA led events and 11 participations in numerous pavilions at COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in November. EMEA also released 18 publications across the EMEA and EMANES networks, as well 3 external publications such as our contributions to the G20-T20 under Indonesia Presidency.

Coupled with this agenda, EMEA launched the Sustainable Transformative Alliance for Sustainable Transformative Action, a public, private, academia collaboration with the aim of developing innovative thinking and projects to accelerate the transition towards a sustainable, greener, and resilient models in Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa.

Also this year, EMEA has co-founded and launched the Brain Capital Alliance aiming to drive policies that consider brain capital which not only offers a pathway to understanding the new economic and social reality, but can also be a driver of resilience by building brain skills and brain health over a person's lifetime. To enhance open access knowledge and informed monitoring of regional societal challenges and actions to tackle them, EMEA launched the Transparent, Responsible, Inclusive and Sustainable Dashboard and the Brain Capital Dashboard.

Bringing together these initiatives, EMEA is working to produce more resilient, transparent, responsible, inclusive and sustainable societies well equipped for the social and economic transformation.

- Professor Rym Ayadi Founder and President of EMEA

2022 in numbers



4,180,000 total impressions

Year in review

2022

New Advisory Board Members

Dr. Harris Eyre joined the EMEA Advisory Board in May 2022. Harris Eyre MD PhD trained in clinical medicine and neuroscience. He is now Co-Founder of the PRODEO Institute which – in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and with support from Johnson & Johnson, PwC and the Milken Institute – seeks to incubate new approaches to brain-based investing, economics and policy. He is Senior Fellow for Brain Capital with the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute.



2022

New Team Members

Najat El Mekkaoui

Najat is a senior economist and professor in economics at the University Paris Dauphine. Her research focuses on the economics of aging, demographic changes in developing countries and social security programs. In EMEA, she joins as a Senior Research Fellow and works on social and financial inclusion, social protection, social business and ageing.

Ivan Hajdukovic

Ivan joined the EMEA team in Barcelona as a Researcher. As an economist, Ivan has a strong background in quantitative methods and data analysis. His main areas of interest are macroeconomic policies, international economics, environmental economics, humanitarian and sustainable development. He obtained his PhD in Economics (Summa Cum Laude) at the University of Barcelona in July 2021.

2022

3 Memorandums of Understanding signed:

EMEA and the Neapolis University Pafos sign MoU to enhance bilateral and multilateral Euro-Mediterranean and EU-African cooperation

EMEA and GCB Bank sign MoU to enhance collaboration on the Euro-Mediterranean and Africa ecosystems

EMEA and the University of Barcelona sign MoU to enhance collaboration on the Euro-Mediterranean and Africa ecosystems

4

Kirsty Fairhurst

Kirsty joined the EMEA team in Barcelona as Assistant Project Officer. She has a degree in law from Edinburgh University and a masters in European and Global Law. Since 2020 she has worked as a research and policy assistant on various international environmental projects. She supports EMEA's activities by working on the communication, monitoring, and evaluation of European projects.

Christine de Visser

Joining as Assistant Project Officer in the EMEA offices in Barcelona, Christine supports in the management, implementation, and monitoring of EMEA's activities and European Projects. She is a graduate in the International Development Master's program offered by IBEI. She completed her undergraduate degree at Maastricht University in International Business.

Alanna Irving and Cynthia Echave left the EMEA Team in 2022.

Year in review

EMEA Events



The Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA) participated at the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP27 held in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt from 6 to 18 November 2022. Over 8 days EMEA led 4 panel events with a distinguished set of expert panellists discussing innovative and transformative actions to tackle climate change.

EMEA also participated in 11 events in 5 different pavilions.

The 3 events held in the Mediterranean Pavilion are available on the EMEA Youtube.



EMEA at COP27: Investing in and financing the acceleration of sustainable development in a net zero scenario – The role of high income countries

COP 27 Mediterranean Pavilion - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt - 09.11.22



EMEA at COP27: Investing in and financing the acceleration of sustainable development in a net zero scenario – The role of low and middle income countries

COP 27 Mediterranean Pavilion - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt - 09.11.22



EMEA at COP27: Towards an innovative integrated transformative action to tackle climate change

COP 27 Mediterranean Pavilion - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt - 10.11.22



EMEA at COP27: Financing sustainable transition: Towards a transformative scenario to tackle climate change

COP 27 Spanish Pavilion - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt -10.11.22



Brain Capital: The Power of Imagination and Creativity

Barcelona - 06.07.22



IWFSAS 2022

Bayes Business School - London, 05-06.09.22



Workshop Building an ecosystemic transition model with transformative actions

> Barcelona, 3rd November 2022 9:30 am - 5:45 pm



"https://euromed-economists.org/event/workshop-building-an-ecosystemic-transition-model-with-transformative-actions/" EMEA – INTERREG workshop: Building an ecosystemic transition model with transformative actions



<u>CREACT4MED ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022: Unleashing the full potential of the cultural and creative industries in the Mediterranean</u>

EMEA HQ - Barcelona, 28-29.12.22

6

EMEA HQ - Barcelona, 3.11.22

EMGN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 Credit Guarantee Schemes in the Mediterranean: Pillars of Today's Stability, Actors for Tomorrow's Prosperity



EMGN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022: "Credit Guarantee Schemes in the Mediterranean: Pillars of Today's Stability, Actors for Tomorrow's Prosperity"

Cairo - Egypt, 11-12.12.22

Online - 17.02.22



EMANES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022: social inclusion and mechanisms for social protection for the Mediterranean and Africa

protection for the Mediterranean and Africa EMEA HQ - Barcelona, 15-16.12.22

EMEA webinars



EMEA-CREACT4MED Webinar "Rewriting the Narrative: Africa-Europe Dialogue" ASSESSING HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS RESILIENCE AND CONSEQUENCES AMIDST COVID-19 Thursday 03 March 2022, 15:00 CET

EMEA - KAS Webinar: "Assessing Healthcare Systems Resilience and Consequences amidst COVID-19 Pandemic"

Online - 03.03.22





EMEA Webinar: "COVID 19 Pandemic, War and Stagflation: How can countries in the Mediterranean and Africa respond?"

Online - 28.04.22



EMEA Webinar: "EU-Africa Partnership: What Next? Towards an African Stability Mechanism"

Online - 16.06.22



Brain capital innovations in Latin America

Online - 27.09.22

EMEA - EMANES research debate: "Financial Inclusion in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries: A survey of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia"

Online - 13.10.21

The INVESTMED training webinars form part of the Sustainable Business Management Programme developed under the INVESTMED project. The aim of these series of webinars is to complement the training programme bringing experts from around the Euro-Mediterranean region on green economy, blue economy, and cultural and creative industries. Over the course of the 11 seminars, there were 659 attendees. 68% of attendees were women, and 54% were under 35. The

seminars ran from September 2021 to November 2022. All INVESTMED webinars are available to watch on the **INVESTMED** Youtube.



Session

- SM01: Sustainable Energy Transition SM02: Energy Transition as a driver for the green economy SM03: Business Models and the Human Centred Business Model SM04: How can your business integrate circular economy principles? SM05: Industrial Symbiosis and Life Cycle Analysis in Businesses SM06: Social innovation in Business SM07: Capacity Building on Sustainability leadership SM08: Internationalization strategies SM09: Blue economy business ecosystem SM10: Sustainable finance and entrepreneurship
- SM11: Environmental Impact Assessments of Industries

Date







in 🖬 🗶

BUSINESS MODELS AND THE HUMAN

CENTRED BUSINESS MODEL

Blue Economy Business Econystem







Economy

EMEA research and Initiatives

EMEA strives to explore and understand the socio-economic and political challenges facing economies in the Euro-Mediterranean and Africa, amidst global geopolitical uncertainties, economic and financial crises and protracted conflicts. EMEA's research aims to offer sound evidence-based analyses, policy answers and targeted actions and initiatives to address the most pressing political, economic, financial, social and environmental issues in the region.

Socio-economic Policy

TRIS Dashboard

EMEA developed the innovative "TRIS" concept for socio-economic development in the Mediterranean. TRIS stands for "Transparent", "Responsible", "Inclusive" and "Sustainable". This new concept can be enlarged in other regions of the world including Africa. Research, surveys and policy analysis are intended to inform policy actors about this new concept and how to implement in economic policies. The TRIS Dashboard was launched this year.



Brain Capital

In 2022, EMEA continued its research into neuroscience policy, aiming to enhance knowledge on brain health and promote the new concept of "Brain Capital" as a triggering element for reconceptualizing and revitalizing the economy. The Neuroscience-inspired Policy Initiative considers brain skills and brain health as an indispensable part of the knowledge economy. OECD – NAEC promotes this concept as an approach for thinking about the economy and how it works in new ways and is laying some of the groundwork, looking at relevant metrics and building up a network of interested actors in the medical field, neuroscience, philanthropy and business.

Sustainable Transformative Alliance

At COP27, EMEA held the event Towards an innovative and integrated transformative action to tackle climate change and officially launched the Sustainable Transformative Alliance. The aim of the STA is to contribute to the implementation of climate adaptation actions in Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa through a transdisciplinary approach based on identification of needs and opportunities, knowledge transferring, and encouraging transformative policies. STA is addressed to high-level stakeholders, regional and local authorities mainly municipalities, and to the ecosystem of financial institutions, companies, businesses (SMEs, MSMEs), research organisations and that are interested in applying the STA framework and monitor their results for enhancing policies.



Money, Banking and Finance

To advance our initiatives in Money, Banking and Finance, we have continued to participate in events such as DebtCon5, the Fifth Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference, Landmark Conference on Sustainable Finance in Memory of professor Clas Wihlborg and carried out a series of webinars on the topic.

Regional Integration & Partnerships

The EMEA Africa Initiative brings together leading economists and high-level international and local experts to think for the future of EU-Africa policy and economic relations and partnerships. Under this context, EMEA held webinars on the topic including EU-Africa Partnership: What Next? Towards an African Stability Mechanism. The initiative will continue developing in 2023.





Publications

This year EMEA has had 6 publications and several external publications. This includes policy papers, studies, and statements. All publications are available for download at <u>www.euromed-economists.org.</u>





Territorial Resilience: Pillars for a Holistic Approach of Resilience for Land Use Planning March



REDUCHT AND SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AND AFRICA A Proposal To Fund A Resilient And Sustainable Recovery For The Mediterranean And Africa

June



"https://emnes.org/publication/assessing-healthcare-systems-resilience-and-consequences-amidst-covid-19-pandemic-cases-of-algeria-egypt-jordan-lebanon-morocco-palestine-and-tunisia/"Assessing Healthcare Systems Resilience and Consequences amidst COVID-19 Pandemic. Cases of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia

March



Cultural and Creative Industries in Morocco: Salient Features

February



Cultural and Creative Industries in Jordan: Salient Features

March



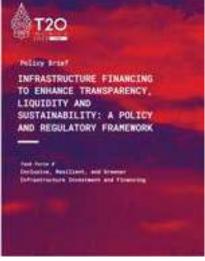
Cultural and Creative Industries in Palestine: Salient Features

September

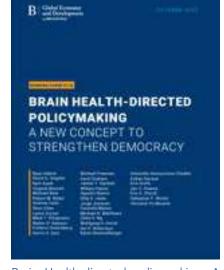
EMEA External Publications



A Proposal for a Blended Financing Framework for Recovery and Accelerated Sustainable Transition



Infrastructure financing to enhance transparency, liquidity, and sustainability: A policy and regulatory framework



Brain Health-directed policymaking: A new concept to strengthen democracy

October

August

September

Projects

EMEA leads and participates in projects funded by the EU under programmes including ENI CBC Med, Interreg and NEAR, which finance cooperation projects to foster fair, equitable development on both sides of the Mediterranean, and Horizon 2020, a Research and Innovation programme taking discoveries and breakthroughs from the lab to the market.

CREACT

CREACT4MED

CReative Entrepreneurs ACTing FOR the future MEDiterranean (CREACT4MED) aims to enhance the role of culture and creativity as a vector for employment and resilience in countries of the Southern Mediterranean by unleashing the potential of the cultural and creative industries (CCI) to create economic value, enhance growth, create decent jobs and foster social inclusion, with a particular focus on young people and women.

The project is coordinated by EMEA.

Total budget: €2.2 million, of which 90% is funded by the EU Commission

Implementation: March 2020 - August 2024. https://creativemediterranean.org

Highlights:

Mapping

Workshops and consultations were continued to be held in 2022 stakeholders, incubators, EU Delegations, and the CRE-ACT4MED Technical Experts Group to map the CCI ecosystem in CREACT4MED target countries, including national, regional and international stakeholders, institutions and initiatives. Final reports were published for Palestine, Jordan, and Morocco identifying opportunities and barriers to CCI development, and concrete policy recommendations. Following the success of the country reports, the project created a data observatory to collect and show reliable available data on Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) under one dashboard.

Training

The CREACT4MED Training Academy was inaugurated in May with the first cycle being completed in June with 377 applications received and 84 completing the training. The second training cycle will be completed in 2023.

Sub-granting

The project closed its call for incubators and selected one organization from each target country. The project also launched a call for cultural and creative business proposals. So far, the project has selected 4 from Jordan, Morocco, Lebanon, and Tunisia. The proposals from Egypt and Palestine will begin the selection process in 2023.

Engagement and Advocacy

The second CREACT4MED Annual Conference was held in November 2022, with great success bringing together CCI entrepreneurs and experts from across the region. At the end of the conference, a networking event was held under the framework of CREACT4MED EU-Southern Neighbourhood Creative Dialogues in collaboration with Creativeforum.si and the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The project also visited 2 of the targeted countries in 2022 (Morocco and Jordan) with the remaining 4 to be visited in 2023.

The CREACT4MED engagement community building platform has grown over 2022 with now over 500 members.

Projects

INVESTMED INVESTMED

Co-funded by the European Union under the ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme, INVESTMED aims to boost the sustainability and competitivity of MSMEs, start-ups and recently established enterprises with training on sustainable business management, coaching and incubation services, and financial support.

Total budget: €3.8 million, of which 90% is funded by the EU under the ENI CBC MED Programme.

Implementation: September 2020 – December 2023. https://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/investmed

• The INVESTMED project Kickoff event was held in Lebanon in October to congratulate the winning MSMEs and Business Support Organisations.

• The INVESTMED Sustainable Business Management training webinars were held. EMEA co-organised 11 webinars reaching 659 participants in total.

• The INVESTMED engagement platform grew to over 150 members.



Interreg Med Renewable Energy Project

The Interreg Med Renewable Energy Project is one of the 8 MED Horizontal Projects of the Interreg Med Programme, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund. The project aims to set a governance model for energy transition in rural areas and islands in the Mediterranean Region.

Total budget: €1.4 million,

Implementation: November 2020 – November 2022

https://renewable-energies.interreg-med.eu/

- The INTERREG project was completed this year with the final event being held in Brussels in November.
- EMEA co-authored the final policy paper.

Projects



Trends in Global Governance and Europe's Role (TRIGGER) project aims at providing EU institutions with knowledge and tools to enhance their actorness, effectiveness, and influence in global governance. Developing new ways to harness the potential of public engagement and participatory foresight in complex governance decisions.

The TRIGGER project ended this year and EMEA participated at the final conference in May.

https://trigger-project.eu/



REFOREST is a Horizon Europe project funded under EU's Land, ocean, and water for climate action from 2022 to 2026. REFOREST aims to promote agroforestry as a land use type allowing food production while maintaining ecological sustainability.

Total budget:

Implementation:

https://agroreforest.eu/

Highlights:

• The kickoff event was held in September 2022.

Platforms and Dashboards

EMEA promotes knowledge and research via open access, up-to-date digital platforms and dashboards:

EMEA Research Platform

EMEA brings together leading economists and high-level international and local experts to think for the future of the Euro-Mediterranean and Africa in a multi-polar world.

https://research.euromed-economists.org/

TRIS Dashboard

From the fruits of the TRIS model, EMEA has developed the TRIS Dashboard. The Dashboard is an interactive open access knowledge platform that monitors key dimensions and relevant indicators of the four pillars of the TRIS model with transparency at its core.

https://research.euromed-economists.org/tris-dashboard/

ETU Dashboard

The Ecosystemic Transition Unit (ETU) is a concept developed by the Interreg Med Renewable Energy Community (2019). The ETU is defined as a governance model to support the green transition of rural villages, islands and cities using energy transition strategies as a starting point. The ETU Dashboard allows users to view the data collected under the pillars and components of the project from the flagship cases.

https://research.euromed-economists.org/etu-dashboard/







Platforms and Dashboards

Brain Capital Dashboard

The Brain Capital Dashboard presents the data on brain skills and brain health. It takes a "systems approach" to unlock otherwise-hidden levers for change spanning investment, economics and policy.

https://research.euromed-economists.org/brain-capital-dashboard/

UfM Monitor

The UfM Monitor is a Data Monitoring Platform of the 4th UfM Ministerial Declaration on Employment and Labour.

https://research.euromed-economists.org/ufm4monitor/

COVID-19 Tracker

The platform uses and combines public sources data from WHO, Statista and other sources to provide a comprehensive view of the spread of the virus, testing, fatality rate, and economic implications in each country, through a series of automatically updated graphs and live maps.

COVID-19 Policy Response Monitor

The EMEA COVID-19 Policy Response Monitor is a dynamic tool, the purpose of which is to monitor and assess the evolution and the policy responses related to the pandemic in Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa.





Manifornig Platform of Istocial Declaration on Em, and Labour (URM (Manito



Platforms and Dashboards

Debt Transparency Platform

The Debt Transparency Initiative launched by EMEA aims to enhance knowledge about debt related issues, particularly in low-income countries (LICs) and lower-middle-income countries (LMICs). Debt Reporting to Reduce Volverabilities and Risks in the mancial system

BB

Bank Business Model Research

The Bank Business Models (BBM) analysis provides researchers and markets participants (i.e. depositors, creditors, rating agencies, regulators and supervisors) with a useful tool to better understand the nature of risk attached to each bank business model and its contribution to systemic risk throughout the economic cycle.

Bank Conduct Risk Research

The Centre for Banking Research (CBR) Conduct Costs Project is co-funded by the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA), and it aims to foster transparency in financial activity and to deliver a category of benchmarking, which comprises the level of conduct costs and the conduct risk of the banks, as an analytical tool for the banks and their stakeholders. restoring and in fine netwity to self are acategory of bonchmarking

HANK

BUSH

Networks

EMEA promotes regional networks of excellence, bringing together economists and high-level experts from across the Euro-Mediterranean and Africa to support integration and development in the region.

EMANES

The Euro-Mediterranean and African Network for Economic Studies (EMANES) is a network of 35 Universities and research Institutions from Algeria, Belgium, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Morocco, Senegal, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, and the UK. It consists of a core team of over 100 experts in all economic fields, including the members of the steering, associate, and advisory committees, as well as the main EMA-NES researchers and fellows. EMANES aims to provide a renewed vision for socio-economic development in the Mediterranean region, mainly focusing on employment creation, social inclusion, sustainable development, and regional integration. EMANES is promoted and coordinated by EMEA. EMANES has 11 founding members and 23 partners from 13 countries.

Highlights:

- <u>EMANES Annual Conference 2022</u> held in Barcelona and online on the 15th and 16th December with over 70 applications received in the call for papers.
- In a pre-annual conference activity, EMANES held the book launch of Martin Schmalzried: Mother Earth's Final Push: the story of humanity's gestation
- 10 working papers released and 1 study
- EMANES paper "Does income inequality really matter for credit booms?" published by the Economic Notes
- <u>https://euromed-economists.org/emanes-paper-does-income-inequality-really-mat-</u> ter-for-credit-booms-published-by-the-economic-notes/



Networks

EMGN

EMGN is a Network of Credit Guarantee Schemes, promoted by the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA) and the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMED), and with the support of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). It seeks to alleviate the region's structural constraints for MSMEs to access to finance by gathering guarantee schemes active in the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. The network is active in training, advocacy and research and development. It currently comprises 8 institutions from the Euro-Mediterranean region and is associated with the Global Network of Guarantee Institutions (GNGI) and the European Association of Guarantee Institutions (AECM).

Highlights:

• EMGN Annual Conference 2022: "Credit Guarantee Schemes in the Mediterranean: Pillars of Today's Stability, Actors for Tomorrow's Prosperity" EMGN

- EMGN Hybrid Autumn Academy 2022
- EMGN Advocacy Meeting with the European Commission in Brussels
- Report on Regional Risk Sharing Mechanism Counter-guarantees in the South Med Strategic Positioning & Recommendations
- UfM Member States endorsed the EMGN project
- <u>https://euromed-economists.org/ufm-member-states-endorse-the-emgn-project/</u>

Networks

STA

The <u>Sustainable Transformative Alliance (STA)</u> for Transformative Thinking and Action, for Europe the Mediterranean and Africa was launched this year at COP27. STA is a forward looking trans-disciplinary and multi stakeholders' initiative that seeks to accelerate sustainable economic models and actions that are transformative and aligned with a net zero scenario. The STA initially builds on four pillars: biodiversity and natural capital, territorial resilience, green entrepreneurship and skills, and financing mechanisms.

BRAIN CAPITAL ALLIANCE

Following on from the success of the OECD Neuroscience-inspired Policy Initiative, <u>Brain</u> <u>Capital Alliance</u> has been launched as an expanded, multi-national and multi-organisational programme. The programme focuses on neuroscience-inspired investment and public policy innovation as the two most powerful levers for change. It brings together radically diverse stakeholders spanning fields from brain science to policy, economics and finance. The concept of "Brain Capital" considers mental health and brain skills, including resilience, creativity and adaptability, as indispensable parts of the knowledge economy. This Brain Capital framework offers a new approach to mental health, human capital, and the economy. It delves into how the economy works and interacts bi-directionally with the human brain.

Brain

Capital

Alliance

About EMEA



Founded in 2012, EMEA is an innovative independent regional think and act tank, with in-house economic and policy research, action development and implementation capacity. It brings together a large network of leading economists and high-level experts across Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa. It serves as a forum for debate on the political and socio-economics reforms in the region, with the aim of promoting sustainability, inclusiveness, regional integration and prosperity. EMEA seeks to contribute to the rethinking of the partnership (s) between Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa amidst climatic challenges, unprecedented global, financial and economic crises, geopolitical uncertainties and conflicts, and an increasingly multi-polar global context.

Goals

- To develop innovative political and socio-economic thinking and research for the Mediterranean and Africa in a globalised world;
- To monitor and to contribute to reform processes in the political, economic, financial and social agendas in the Mediterranean and Africa taking into account the global and regional societal challenges;
- To provide recommendations on new avenues to achieve inclusive and sustainable growth, on the future of regional integration, and renewed EU-Mediterranean and EU- African partnerships and policies;
- To promote innovative initiatives in the fields of economics, management and finance and to take stock of best international practices;
- To disseminate and promote new political and socio-economic thinking and views through research and a regular flow of publications and public events;
- To provide targeted expertise on areas relevant to the developments of the Mediterranean and Africa to international and regional organisations;
 - To develop a network of excellence of economists and high-level experts in the Mediterranean and Africa;
- To promote activities and actions for a transparent, responsible, inclusive and sustain- able economic development in the Mediterranean and Africa.

About EMEA

Founder and President

Rym Ayadi, Professor

Professor, Bayes Business School, City University of London; Senior Advisor, CEPS

Executive Board Members

Cinzia Alcidi

Co-Director of Research at CEPS; Research Fellow, LUISS School of European Political Economy

Pantelis Capros

Head of E3MLab, ICCS; Professor of Energy Economics and Operation Research, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, National Technical University of Athens

Mariano Gomariz

Founder, UTN Tax & Legal

Consuelo Varela Ortega

Professor of Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid

Carlo Sessa

Research Director and Former President, ISINNOVA

Advisory Board Members

Roger Albinyana

Managing Director, IEMed; Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Barcelona

Raja Almarzoqi

Chief Economic Advisor at Ministry of Economy and Planning -MEPsaudi; Faculty Member, Economics Division, Institute of Diplomatic Studies

Harris Eyre

Harris Eyre MD PhD trained in clinical medicine and neuroscience.

Sergio Arzeni

President, INSME; Senior Advisor, Friends of Europe

Emilios Avgouleas

International Banking Law and Finance Chair, University of Edinburgh

Bertrand Candelon

Professor of Finance and Head of Research of Louvain Finance, Université Catholique de Louvain; Scientific Director, Institut Louis Bachelier.

Ralph Chami

Co-Founder of Rebalance Earth, Assistant Director, Institute for Capacity Development, IMF

Giovanni Ferri

Professor of Economics, Department of Law, Economics, Politics & Modern Languages, LUMSA University

María Helena de Filipe

Spokeperson of SMEs in the European Economic and Social Committee, President, AFAEMME

Senen Florensa President of IEMed

Mona Toema El Garf Former Chairperson of the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA)

Hakim Ben Hammouda

Former Minister of Economy and Finance, Tunisia; Former Director, WTO

Moubarack Lô

President of the Emergence Institute; Director General, Economic Foresight Bureau

Jorgen Mortensen

Former senior economist DG for Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission, Former Associate Senior Research Fellow CEPS

Chukwumerije Okereke

Professor Chukwumerije Okereke is the Director of the Centre for Climate Change and Development at Alex Ekwueme Federal University

Fathallah Sijilmassi

Director General, African Union Commission, former UfM SG

Nermine El-Tahri

Former Assistant Minister for MSMEs, Ministry of International Cooperation, Egypt

Sübidey Togan

Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for International Economics, Bilkent University

Benoît Tremblay

Honorary Professor, HEC Montréal

About EMEA

Team Members

Rob Attree Copyeditor

Nektar Baziotis IT and AI Officer

George Christopoulos Intelligence & Communication Officer Project Officer

Tania Duarte Research Fellow

Yeganeh Forouheshfar Researcher

Walid Mathlouthi **Research Fellow**

Sara Ronco Researcher

Ivan Hajdukovic Researcher

Elena Stotts-Lee Trainee

Ricardo De Angeli Trainee

Giovanni Barci Associate Researcher

Sandra Challita Research Fellow

Maria Ruiz de Cossio

Doriana Cucinelli Research Fellow

Xavier Mallofré Pujadó Financial Officer

Anna Santamaria Administrative Officer

Mais Sha'ban Research Fellow

Kirsty Fairhurst Assistant Project Officer

Christine de Visser Assistant Project Officer

53 external experts on economics, finance and development from the Euro-Mediterranean region and Africa.

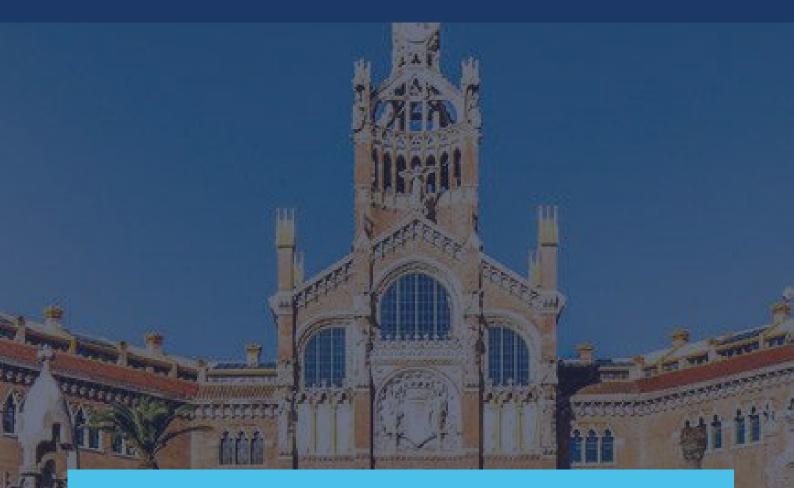


Partners

African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) **Apogee Information Systems BusinessMED Centre for Banking Research – The Business School Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)** Devstat E3M Lab at the Institute of Communication and Computer Systems of the National Technical **University of Athens** Egypols Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences Federation of Mediterranean Businesswomen Associations (AFAEMME) Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei Forum for Euro-Mediterranean Innovation in Action (FEMIA) GCB Bank IEMED Institut Tunisien de la Compétitivité et des Etudes Quantitatives International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises – INSME Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) l'Istituto di Studi per l'Integrazione dei Sistemi (ISINNOVA) Le Manager Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta – LUMSA Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari MedWaves - Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC) **Neapolis University Pafos (NUP)** Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS, Palestine) Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) **Positive Agenda Advisory** SUSTINENTES – Sustinentes s.r.l. The Geneva Macro Labs The Victoria Forum **TIA Capital** TRT Trasporti e Territorio Universidad Politecnica de Madrid Università degli Studi di Firenze Université Euro-Méditerranéenne de Fès **University of Barcelona** Womenpreneur Initiative









CARRER DE SANT ANTONI MARIA CLARET 167, 08025 BARCELONA, SPAIN



WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EMEA.ORG/



WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/COMPANY/EUROMEDECONOMISTS/



@EMEAORG