

# Program

Regional Program Political Dialogue South Mediterranean

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## Assessing Healthcare Systems' Resilience and Consequences amidst COVID-19

**March 3, 2022 | Online seminar | 3.00 PM CET**

South Med countries reacted quickly by taking strict measures initially limiting the spread of the virus. However, these rigorous measures, such as the implementation of containment measures have resulted in the increase of socio-economic challenges, which have been already significant in some countries of the region. This pandemic has also highlighted the lack of health infrastructure in a number of countries in the Southern Mediterranean region. Indeed, the public health sector has long been neglected by many states, leaving many public hospitals under-equipped and understaffed.

In this context, the Regional Program Political Dialogue South Mediterranean of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung jointly organises with the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, on 3 March 2022 at 3 PM CET, an online seminar entitled "Assessing Healthcare Systems' Resilience and Consequences amidst COVID-19". The objective of this online event is to present the new study entitled "Assessing Healthcare Systems Resilience and Consequences amidst COVID-19 Pandemic. Cases of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia", which was conducted with the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association. Following the study presentation, the invited experts will shed light on best practices and approaches, adopted by several countries of the Southern Mediterranean region, to combat the pandemic and its socio-economic spill-overs.

**Working language:** English

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**3.00 PM**      **Opening and introduction remarks**

**Dr. Thomas Volk**

Director, Regional Program Political Dialogue South Mediterranean, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

**3.05 PM**      **Study presentation**

**Prof. Rym Ayadi**

President, Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA)

**3.25 PM**      **Discussion with contributions by**

**Dr. Sameera Al Tuwaijri**

Lead Health Specialist, World Bank

**Dr. Bassam Hijjawi**

Epidemiologist and member of Jordan's Epidemics Committee

**Prof. Meryem Lakhdar**

Professor, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Morocco

**Moderated by:**

**Dr. Thomas Volk**

Director, Regional Program Political Dialogue South Mediterranean, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

**4.10 PM**      **Open discussion**

**4.25 PM**      **Closing remarks**

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**Zoom registration:**

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