



CLOSING EVENT

Partnership for the Goals: Improving Food Safety in the Mediterranean

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The Mediterranean region faces unique challenges that require a collaborative and integrated approach. The Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED), the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) are key entities committed to promoting research, higher education and regional cooperation.

In particular, it is worth mentioning the UfM research and innovation (R&I) Roadmaps on climate change, renewable energies, and health, recognized in the UfM Ministerial Declaration of 2022. The roadmaps are needed to turn agreed priorities into specific actions engaging actors at large in the region.

This initiative is an opportunity to join forces and catalyse concrete actions to address the region's environmental, social and economic challenges. It aims to promote cooperation and synergy between UfM, PRIMA, UNIMED and the [FOSAMED project](#) - Enhancing Food Safety in the Mediterranean, in order to address common challenges in the region and promote sustainable food systems in the Mediterranean.

The event takes place on the **15th October 2024** at **UfM Headquarters' Banqueting Room**, Barcelona, Spain.

It occurs during the 8th edition of the Erasmus Days, the annual international celebration of the projects and opportunities proposed by the Erasmus+ programme.



Expected Outcomes

- Consolidation of synergies between the organizations involved
- Identification of concrete projects and initiatives to address regional challenges
- Strengthening of regional and international cooperation for sustainable development
- Promotion of the pivotal role of the higher education system to achieve societal goals

PROGRAMME

9am - 9.30am	Registration
9.30am-10.30am	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joan Borrell, Deputy Secretary General in charge of Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean • Antonella Autino, PRIMA's Project Coordinator • Marcello Scalisi, Director of the Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED) • Bibiana Crespo Martín, Delegate of the Rector for international mobility and global engagement of the University of Barcelona, Vice President of UNIMED • Nuno Pedroso, Executive Director of the Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development, University of Evora
10.30am-11am	Introduction to the FoSaMed project & testimonials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta Laranjo, Assistant Professor & Senior Researcher at the University of Évora • Abdeslam Asehraou, Professor at the University Mohammed Premier, Morocco • Hamza Caid Rha, Fosamed Masters'student at Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture de Mèknes
11am-11.30am	Coffee break and group picture
11.30am-11.45am	Mediterranean cooperation: SUREFISH and SWITCH2HEALTHY – Results and lessons learned Marco de La Feld, Head of Unit, EU project in ENCO srl
11.45am-12pm	Mediterranean Innovation Partnership for youth agro-entrepreneurship Damiano Petruzzella, Scientific administrator at CIHEAM Bari
12pm-12.15pm	Status Overview of Food Safety in the Near East and North Africa: Drivers, Challenges, and Actions within the One Health Framework Moustapha Mohamed, Food Safety and Quality Officer at FAO Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa
12.15pm-12.30pm	Improving sustainable crop production via microbiome-assisted plant breeding Pierre Hohmann, Senior Scientist at the University of Barcelona
12.30pm-1pm	Discussion
1pm-2.30pm	Light lunch
2.30pm-3.30pm	Roundtable “How innovation and regional cooperation can contribute to the sustainability of Mediterranean food systems: the example of the Fosamed project” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdeslam Asehraou, Professor at the University Mohammed Premier, Morocco • Idrissia Janati Idrissi, Professor at the Agronomic and Veterinary Institute Hassan II, Morocco • Marta Laranjo, Assistant Professor & Senior Researcher at the University of Évora • Giuseppe Provenzano, Project Manager, Higher Education and Research Division, Union for the Mediterranean • Marcello Scalisi, Director of the Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED) <p><i>Moderator:</i> Nuno Pedroso, Executive Director of the Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development, University of Evora</p>
3.30pm-4pm	Wrap up and conclusion





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