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Presentation of the report:

Climate change and migration

Understanding factors, developing opportunities in the Sahel Zone, West Africa and the Maghreb

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PROGRAM

17:30 **Welcome Cocktail Reception**

19:00 **Opening remarks:**

David Henneberger

Head of Office Spain, Italy, Portugal & Mediterranean Dialogue. Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF).

Roger Albinyana

Managing Director. European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed).

19:15 **Keynote speech:**

Grammenos Mastrojeni Senior Deputy Secretary General Energy and Climate Action. Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

19:35 **Presentation of the report:**

Xavier Aragall

Programme Manager of the Euromed Survey at IEMed.

Amal El Ouassif

International Relations Specialist at Policy Center for the New South.

Anna Ferro

Senior Manager Migration and development at CeSPI- Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale.

Matías Ibáñez

Former Programme & Research Officer, Department of Sustainable Development and Regional Integration at IEMed.

20:15 **Debate with participants**

Moderator:

Helena Hahn.

Policy analyst. European Migration and Diversity. European Policy Centre (EPC).

21:00 **Closing of the event**

ABOUT THE PUBLICATION

Climate variations in the regions, climate change as a source of human displacements and as a risk multiplier in human displacement in West Africa, Maghreb and the Sahel region, are the central themes addressed by the publication by FNF Madrid and IEMed “Climate change: understanding factors, developing opportunities in the Sahel Zone, West Africa and the Maghreb”, which will be presented during the event. The project developed together with IEMed explores new perspectives on one of the main drivers on migration flows for the upcoming decades in the region.

During the presentation we would like to discuss with experts in the field of how to tap into the great potential that the Euro-Mediterranean has to offer and how to yield valuable synergies in the area of adaptation strategies for climate change.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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Amal is an International Relations Specialist and migration expert at the Policy Center for the New South, a Moroccan Think Tank based in Rabat. She is also a PhD student pursuing a thesis on: “The place of migration as an adaptation strategy to climate change: the Case of the Souss-Massa Region in Morocco”. Prior to this, she worked as a program coordinator at the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and served as a consultant in development policies with the office of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Morocco.

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Anna is a senior researcher and international consultant with + 20 years of work experience in Europe, Africa and the Middle East in migration, diaspora engagement, and development, stably collaborating with CeSPI - a think tank based in Italy. Among her current research interests are climate change and migration in the Sahel; migration, remittances and development; policies and practices of diaspora engagement; Eu migration and asylum management system; and human mobility in the Western Balkans.

Matías Ibáñez Sales, Former Programme & Research Officer, Department of Sustainable Development and Regional Integration at IEMed

Lawyer, researcher and political scientist, Matías has an extensive working experience in cooperation policy for sustainable development. He currently works as Project Manager, Policy Area, MedWaves - the UNEP/MAP Regional Activity Centre for SCP. Prior to joining MedWaves, Matías worked at the IEMed, the IOM's Regional Office for Central America, North America and the Caribbean in Costa Rica (2021), the International Migration Division of the OECD (2019-2020), and the Office of a Spanish MEP at the European Parliament, where he provided legal and technical support on foreign and trade policy issues (2017-2018). Matias holds a BA in Law and Political Science from the University of Valencia (Spain) and a Master's degree in Human Rights & Humanitarian Action from Sciences Po – Paris School of International Affairs (France).

Xavier Aragall. Programme Manager of the Euromed Survey and Migrations. European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Xavier has coordinated the organisation of seminars on comparative migration policies and migrations in the Mediterranean, and the research projects “Immigration and the Euro-Mediterranean Area: Keys to Policy and Trends” and “Role of Immigrant Communities in the Euromed Relations” and books on migration management. He has been Coordinator of the Migration Programmes, member of the scientific team of the Euromed Survey (2010-2019), and at present is EuroMeSCo Migration and Survey Officer, responsible for coordinating the fieldwork, questionnaire design and quantitative analysis of the results.

ABOUT THE FNF and IEMed

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)

FNF is the foundation for liberal politics of the Federal Republic of Germany. It aims to promote the goal of making the principle of freedom valid for the dignity of all people and in all areas of society, both in Germany and abroad. With the safeguarding and the development of its statutory projects (civic education and dialogue, sponsorship of the talented, research and political consultation, archive-work), the Friedrich Naumann Foundation wants to contribute to shaping the future.

The Madrid project office seeks to develop a new approach to interregional cooperation in the Mediterranean. With partner organisations from across the region, we are developing a liberal approach to geostrategic demands and opportunities, which we believe will have a considerable impact on economic development and social inclusion around the Mare Nostrum.

European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

The European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), founded in 1989, is a think and do tank specialised in Euro-Mediterranean relations. It provides policy-oriented and evidence-based research underpinned by a genuine Euromed multidimensional and inclusive approach.

The aim of the IEMed, in accordance with the principles of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP), the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), is to stimulate reflection and action that contribute to mutual understanding, exchange and cooperation between the different Mediterranean countries, societies and cultures, and to promote the progressive construction of a space of peace and stability, shared prosperity and dialogue between cultures and civilisations in the Mediterranean.

The IEMed is a consortium comprising the Catalan Government, the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, and the Barcelona City Council. It also incorporates civil society through its Board of Trustees and its Advisory Council.

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