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“The Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES) has evolved to become a leading collaborative and innovative regional network of thirty economic and policy research institutions from both shores of the Mediterranean. EMNES involves a younger generation of economists and policy experts to contribute to the economic policies of the Euro-Mediterranean region. Since its set-up thanks to the EU co-funding (under Grant Contract N° ENPI/2014/354-488 (2014-2019)), EMNES produced 57 studies, working papers, policy notes and policy-graphics that contribute to a renewed vision and models for socio-economic development in the Mediterranean region, mainly focusing on employment creation, social inclusion, sustainable development and regional integration.

From January 2020, EMNES is coordinated by the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA) headquartered in Barcelona, EMNES promoter, co-founder and main funder in close collaboration with the co-founding members and supporters. EMNES will continue growing and contributing with innovative economic policy proposals and targeted actions to achieve socio-economic prosperity in the Mediterranean region and beyond.”

RYM AYADI
EMNES Director

THE NETWORK

ABOUT EMNES



The Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies (EMNES) is a network of partners and associates: research institutions and think tanks working on socio-economics and policy in the Euro-Mediterranean. EMNES builds on the research work of the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association and the Mediterranean Prospects Network. EMNES is co-funded by the European Commission – under Grant Contract N° ENPI/2014/354-488 (2014-2019) and the EMNES Partners and Associates.

EMNES is supported from 30 Universities and Research Institutions from Algeria, Belgium, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and the UK. EMNES 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 EMNES researchers and fellows. Half of EMNES researchers are women and most of the researchers and fellows are less than 45 years old. Since July 2019 EMNES published 10 Policygraphics, one Policy Paper, and 4 Working Papers, all related to socio-economic developments of the Euro-Mediterranean region.

EMNES PUBLICATIONS

POLICY PAPERS



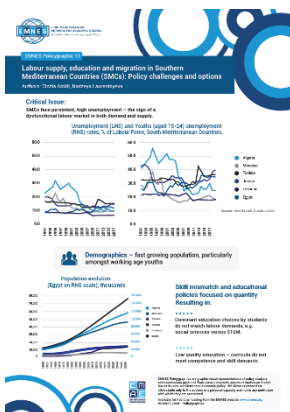
BRAIN DRAIN IN SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES: EVIDENCE, CHALLENGES AND POLICIES

Authors: Mehtap Akgüç, Cinzia Alcidi, Mattia Di Salvo – February 2020

EMNES Policy Paper N°12 - Human capital development, education, labour markets and migration

The paper highlights that the key question is not about brain drain but about how to restore a positive dynamic between human capital creation and potential growth leading to job creation. This requires more targeted education policies but, above all, improvement in the quality of public and market institutions.

POLICYGRAPHICS

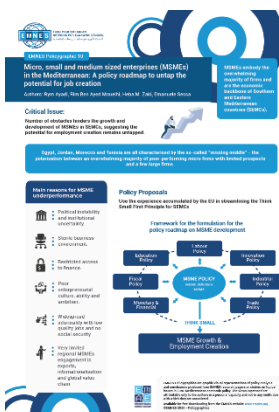


LABOUR SUPPLY, EDUCATION AND MIGRATION IN SOUTH MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES: POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPTIONS

Policygraphic 011 – February 2020 | Cinzia Alcidi, Nadzeya Laurentsyeva

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 011 with visual graphics

The analysis of labour supply in South Mediterranean Countries indicates that only a package of long-term policies can foster employment creation. The quality of education systems needs to be improved to deliver good employees for companies and, potentially, new entrepreneurs.

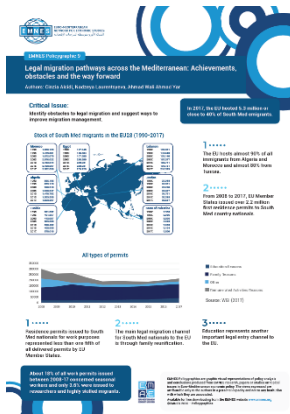


MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: A POLICY ROADMAP TO UNTAP THE POTENTIAL FOR JOB CREATION

Policygraphic 010 – February 2020 | Rym Ayadi, Rym Mouelhi, Emanuele Sessa, Heba Zaki

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 010 with visual graphics

The objective of the policy brief is to formulate a policy roadmap to untap the potential for employment creation by MSMEs in SEMCs, with a particular focus on Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia – building on the findings of four years of research on MSME development carried out under EMNES.

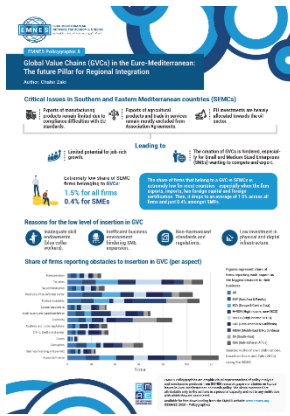


LEGAL MIGRATION PATHWAYS ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN: ACHIEVEMENTS, OBSTACLES AND THE WAY FORWARD

Policygraphic 009 – February 2020 | Cinzia Alcidi, Nadzeya Laurentsyeva, Ahmad Wali

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 009 with visual graphics

The policy paper reviews the state of legal migration across the Mediterranean: it examines the existing migration links between the South Med countries and the EU, attempts to uncover the obstacles to legal migration and suggests ways to improve migration management.



GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN: BECOMING THE PILLAR FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Policygraphic 008 – February 2020 | Chahir Zaki

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 008 with visual graphics

The objective of the policy paper is to examine the status of global value chains (GVCs) on the two shores of the Mediterranean and provide some insights on how to enhance regional integration. We argue that GVCs will help firms improve their productivity, that SMEs will become more sustainable and generally diversify exports from the region.

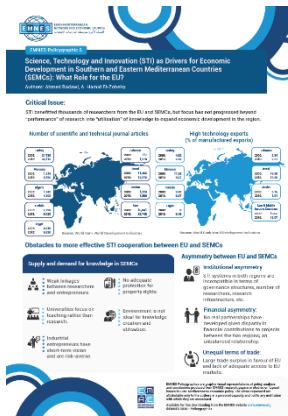


UNLEASHING TRADE POTENTIAL IN THE ARAB MEDITERRANEAN: DO NON-TARIFF MEASURES MATTER?

Policygraphic 007 – February 2020 | Myriam Ramzy, Chahir Zaki

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 007 with visual graphics

The objective of the policy paper is twofold. First, it analyses how non-tariff measures (NTMs) became more protectionist than tariffs. Second, it provides some policy options to address NTMs in Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries (SEMCs) in order to unleash their trade potential. Recent data shows that most of the NTMs deal with conformity assessment as well as rules of origin.

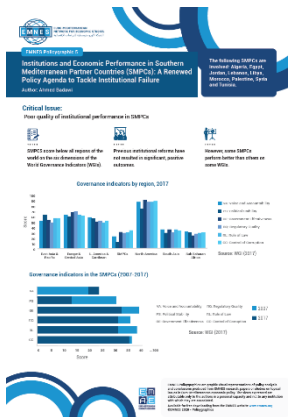


SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION AS DRIVERS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES: WHAT ROLE FOR THE EU?

Policygraphic 006 – February 2020 | Ahmed Badawi, Hamid El-Zoheiry

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 006 with visual graphics

The paper provides a critical examination of the cooperation in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation between the European Union and the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries. It provides an overview of the main features of this cooperation and then focuses on the main problems facing it.

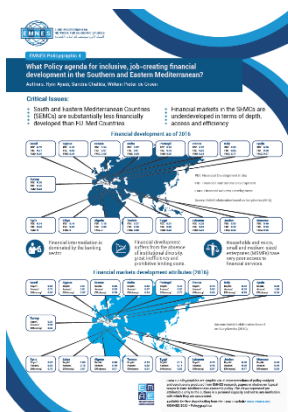


INSTITUTIONS AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN PARTNER COUNTRIES (SMPCs): A RENEWED POLICY AGENDA TO TACKLE INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE

Policygraphic 005 – February 2020 | Ahmed Badawi

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 005 with visual graphics

After reviewing the most recent empirical research on the effect that institutions have on economic performance, including research carried out under the framework of EMNES, the paper identifies two types of institutional failure pervasive in Southern Mediterranean Partner Countries (SMPC).

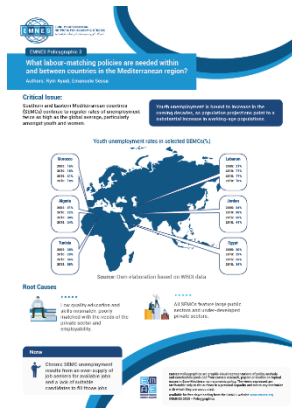


POLICY AGENDA FOR INCLUSIVE, JOB-CREATING FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Policygraphic 004 – February 2020 | Rym Ayadi, Sandra Challita, Willem Pieter de Groen

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 004 with visual graphics

The objective of the policy paper is to review the most salient trends in financial development, to identify the main challenges and to provide policy recommendations to achieve financial development that is inclusive and that contributes to economic growth and job creation in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries (SEMCs).

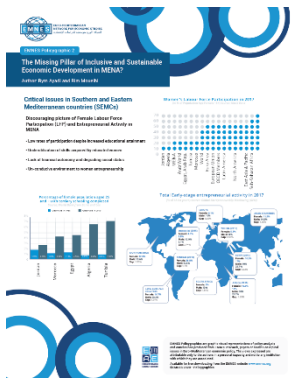


WHAT LABOUR-MATCHING POLICIES ARE NEEDED WITHIN AND BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION?

Policygraphic 003 – February 2020 | Rym Ayadi, Emanuele Sessa

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 003 with visual graphics

The objective of the policy paper is to provide an overview of the current state of affairs in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia regarding the formulation, implementation and monitoring of labour matching policies. The paper concludes with the formulation of a policy road map for the development of a Euro-Mediterranean platform for the matching of skills and jobs between countries of origin and destination, and a supporting Euro-Mediterranean labour market information system.



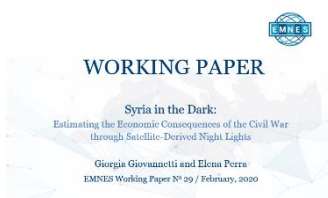
FEMALE LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: THE MISSING PILLAR FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MENA?

Policygraphic 002 – February 2020 | Rym Ayadi, Rim Mouelhi

This policygraphic provides the critical issues and the policy proposals based on EMNES Policy Paper 002 with visual graphics

Despite substantial investment in women's education in the MENA region and a significant increase in their educational attainment, women's labour force participation remains very low. After reviewing the constraints impeding women from fully participating in the labour market, we put forward an action plan to raise female LFP and entrepreneurship in this region.

WORKING PAPERS



SYRIA IN THE DARK: ESTIMATING THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR THROUGH SATELLITE-DERIVED NIGHT LIGHTS

Authors: Giorgia Giovannetti, Elena Perra – February 2020

WP N°29 - Institutions, institutional reforms

The Syrian Civil War begun in 2011 and is still wreaking enormous damages on the country's economy, with a significant toll measured in deaths, migration, and the destruction of Syria's historical heritage and physical infrastructure. This paper examines the impact of the War on Syria's economy from the perspective of outer space, by-passing the issue of data availability due to the inaccessibility of the war-ravaged territory.



GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS AND THE PRODUCTIVITY OF FIRMS IN MENA COUNTRIES: DOES CONNECTIVITY MATTER?

Authors: Rym Ayadi, Giorgia Giovannetti, Enrico Marvasi, Chahir Zaki – January 2020

WP N°28 - Regional integration, trade, investment and infrastructure

This paper provides new evidence on the participation of firms within Global Value Chains (GVCs) for a large pool of MENA countries included in the World Bank Enterprise Surveys (WBES). Making use of several firm-level GVC participation indices, we find a positive association with firm productivity gains.



MORE STABILISATION OR BETTER ALLOCATION: DO MACROECONOMIC POLICIES MATTER FOR EMPLOYMENT?

Authors: Rym Ayadi, Rafik Selim, Chahir Zaki – December 2019

WP N°27 - Macroeconomic policy, productivity, economic growth, inequality and social inclusion

This paper analyses the effect of macroeconomic policies on employment. It contributes to the literature in three ways. First, we examine the effect of macroeconomic policies on employment. Second, we distinguish between stabilisation policies and structural characteristics. Third, we distinguish between the trend and the cyclical components of employment.



DISENTANGLING THE IMPACT OF TRADE BARRIERS ON WAGES: EVIDENCE FROM THE MENA REGION

Authors: Nora Aboushady, Yasmine Kamal, Chahir Zaki – November 2019

WP N°26 - Regional integration, trade, investment and infrastructure

This paper proposes a comprehensive assessment of the effect of different trade barriers (tariffs, non-tariff measures and services restrictions) on wages in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. These disparities are studied in four dimensions: wage premiums, gender (males versus females), qualification (skilled versus unskilled), and regional (urban versus rural workers).

EMNES EVENTS

CONFERENCES & ACTIVITIES



EMNES 3rd Annual Conference – 2019

Brussels, 27-28 June 2019

EMNES organised its Third Annual Conference – 2019: “Towards A Regional Integration and Employment Driven Socio-Economic Model in the Mediterranean: A Comprehensive Policy Roadmap”, at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

The conference brought together the views of the EU, the South Med countries and the main players active in the region. The EMNES team contributed to the discussion by featuring key findings on how labour markets can become more dynamic and help delivering shared prosperity, as well a comprehensive policy roadmap towards new models of regional integration and employment creation in the Mediterranean.

The Conference started with welcoming addresses by the Director of EMNES and President of EMEA, Prof. Rym Ayadi and by Daniel Gros, Director of CEPS, as well as, messages from H.E. Hala H. Elsaid, Minister of planning and Administrative Reform, Arab Republic of Egypt, and H.E. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean.

Keynote speakers of the event were Michael Koehler, Director of Neighbourhood South, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations – EC, H. E. Fathallah Sijilmassi – Former Secretary General Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Simeon Djankov – World Bank, Prof. Giovanni Ferri, Università di Roma LUMSA, and Ralph Chami, International Monetary Fund. Among the participants were :

- H. E. Jaloul Ayed, Former Minister of Finance – Tunisia
- Hamed El Etreby – UfM, H. E. Ibrahim Saif – Former Minister of Planning and Energy
- Roger Albinyana – IEMed
- Fatima Ezzahra Mengoub – Policy Center for the New South
- Ahmet Evin – Istanbul Policy Center (IPC)
- Ana Pena Segura – EU Neighbourhood & Enlargement
- Nathalie Crete – DG Employment
- Abdellatif Bencherifa – Université Internationale de Rabat
- Léo Vincent – HOMERe
- Carlos Conde – OECD
- Jihen Boutiba – BUSINESSMED,
- Gilbert Doumit – BRD
- Atilla Kaiser-Yuecel, – GIZ
- Cinzia Alcidi – CEPS
- Nooh Alshyab – Yarmouk University
- Rim Mouelhi – IHEC Carthage
- Raja Almarzoqi – IMF
- Barbara Casu – Cass Business School
- Giorgia Giovannetti – Università degli Studi di Firenze



EMNES Policy Workshop: Achieving Policy Impact Brussels, 01-03 July 2019

The EMNES Policy Workshop Programme was co-organised by CEPS Academy, the educational branch of CEPS, and EMEA. The workshop focused on achieving policy impact and it was coordinated by Cinzia Alcidi, Head of the Economic Policy Unit, CEPS, and Willem Pieter De Groen, Head of the Financial Markets and Institutions Unit, CEPS.

The policy insights and the long-term actions embedded in the EMNES policy roadmap were presented directly to policy makers to help shaping a shared view of future EU policies vis-a-vis the region. The work sessions combine meetings with EU officials in form of conversations and exchanges, as well as group activities to foster teamwork and to improve communications skills. Among the policy workshop speakers were:

- Maria Helena de Felipe Lehtonen, President of AFAEMME – Association of Organisations of Mediterranean Businesswomen – and President of the Euromed Follow-up Committee of the EESC – European Economic and Social Committee
- Bruce Haase, CEPS
- Rémi Piérot, Administrator at the Secretariat of the Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament
- Yohann Chaigneau, Senior policy officer, Department for Lending in the EU Neighbouring Countries, European Investment Bank
- Fernando Gentilini, Managing Director for the Middle East and North Africa, European External Action Service – EEAS



During the workshop, teams of EMNES researchers visited DG Trade and DG-EMPL where they presented EMNES policy roadmaps for the Euro-Mediterranean and discussed with the representatives of the European Commission. Furthermore, a visit was organised to the European Parliament.



Migration, Mobility and Development Workshop Fez, 17 October 2019

The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez, in collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies – EMNES, organised the workshop “Migration, Mobility and Development”. The objective of this workshop was to bring a new vision of the realities and the different parameters around the topic of migration, which has become one of the most important issues in the international agenda.

The workshop opened with addresses from Prof. Taoufiq Ouazzani Chahdi, Vice President of Academic and Cultural Affairs of the Euromed University of Fez, Prof. Abderrahman Tenkoul, Dean of the Euromed Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Prof. Rym Ayadi, Director of EMNES.

Two distinguished members of EMEA Advisory Board also participated, H.E. Fathallah Sijilmassi, Former Secretary General of the secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, and Roger Albinyana, Director of Mediterranean Regional Policies Department at IEMed.





Lunch time meeting event “How important is the Southern neighborhood for the future of Europe?”

Brussels, 14.11.2019

The Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies – EMNES, the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association – EMEA and the Centre for European Policy Studies - CEPS, organised the lunch time meeting event “How important is the Southern neighborhood for the future of Europe?”, which took place at CEPS, on 14.11.2019.

Fathallah Sijilmassi former SG of the Union for the Mediterranean and member of EMNES Advisory board, Michael Koehler, Deputy Director General, EU Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid – ECHO and Prof. Rym Ayadi, Director of EMNES and President of EMEA, shared their views on how to look at the future of the region and the Euro-Med relations in a strategic and constructive way. The meeting opened with a welcome address by Dr. Cinzia Alcidi, Head of Economic Policy Unit of CEPS.

During the event, a new book titled “The future of Europe is in the South”, was presented. The book is authored by Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean during the period 2012 – 2018. The book examines the challenges, as well as the opportunities and full potential of EU – South Mediterranean cooperation, and it has been published in collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies - EMNES, the Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association - EMEA and CEPS.

PARTICIPATIONS & REPRESENTATIONS



Tunis 25.02.20: Prof. Rim Ben Ayed Mouelhi, member of the Steering Committee of EMNES participated at the "Femmes Entrepreneures de l'Année" and presented Women Entrepreneur Award 2020 to Ms. Fatma Samet Head of Kerkenatiss, a company which revives the weaving the cultural traditions of Kerkennah Islands.

Amman 24.02.2020: The Director of the Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies - EMNES in Jordan, Dr. Nooh Alshyab, participated to the release of the study "Impact Evaluation: Supporting and Activating the Establishment of Nurseries in the Public and Private Sectors". The event was organised by the Jordanian Ministry of Labor and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), under the patronage of H.E. Minister of Labor, Nidal Bataine.



Barcelona 18.02.20: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the EU – OECD – Regional Seminar on Enhancing Integrity for Sustainable Investment, which was hosted by the Union for the Mediterranean. Prof. Ayadi participated in the session "Building accountability and trust: the role of civil society". Moderator of the session was Mr. Carlos Conde, Head, Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD, and member of the Advisory Committee of EMNES. The seminar provided a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on the importance of fighting corruption and promoting integrity to attract and retain investment in the MED region.



Tunis 15.02.2020: Prof. Rim Ben Ayed Mouelhi, member of the Steering Committee of EMNES, was the rapporteur of the ECON4Tunisia, and represented the Network at the Conference. Theme of the Conference was: "Sommes-nous en train de perdre notre industrie! Les politiques industrielles entre désindustrialisation et réindustrialisation"

Fès 28.01.2020: The Assistant Director of EMNES, Ms Kinga Konya, presented the Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies – EMNES, at the round table "Territoriality of Public Action: Rethinking Governance through local lenses." The event aimed at analysing processes of public decision making, involving multiple actors rooted within a certain territory, and took place at the Université Euromed de Fès.



Riyadh 19-20.01.2020: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the Inception Conference of T20 Saudi Arabia. The Think 20 (T20) is an engagement group comprised of think tanks whose primary challenge is to add value to the G20 process with evidence-based public policy proposals. Prof. Ayadi Participated in the task forces: "Infrastructure Investment and Financing" – Co-chaired by Raja Almarzoqi Albqami, Ph.D Faculty Member, Economics Division, Institute of Diplomatic Studies and member of the Advisory Committee of EMNES, and "International Financial Architecture" – Co-chaired by Nabil Al Mubarak, CEO of SIMAH Credit Rating Agency.



Marrakesh 12-14.12.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the 8th edition of the Atlantic Dialogues “The South in the Time of Turmoil”. Since its inception in 2012, the Atlantic Dialogues (AD) conference has become a well-established annual meeting point taking place in Marrakesh, bringing together around 350 high-level senior officials, business leaders, academics, opinion shapers and civil society actors. Prof. Ayadi participated at the Plenary “The next financial crisis”.



Madrid 12-13.12.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the Conference “Financial integration and inclusive development. A View from the Mediterranean Countries”. The conference was organised by Banco de España and the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), with the support of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The conference analysed key aspects of the economy of the Mediterranean countries, with the participation of experts and representatives from banks and financial institutions, as well as research centers and the academic world. Prof. Ayadi participated at the session “Boosting financial education to tackle social inequalities”.



Rio de Janeiro 11-13.12.2019: The communications officer of EMNES, George Christopoulos, participated at the Global Think Tank Summit 2019 “Managing Global Turbulence and Transitions: The Role of Think Tanks”. The event was co-organized by the FGV – Fundação Getulio Vargas and the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), University of Pennsylvania. The Summit examined the key policy issues facing policymakers and the public and the strategic and operational challenges facing think tanks.



Madrid 04.11.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) side event “Clean Industries and climate change”, of the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference #COP25. The event underlined the growing importance of clean industries, understanding that climate change has been, among other variables, the product of an extractive production mode that has not considered industry as part of an empathic coexistence with the environment.



Madrid 02.11.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) side event “Climate Change in public policy”, of the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference #COP25. The event highlighted the urgent need to continue to produce knowledge in all areas related to Climate Change, but above all, to translate existing knowledge into public policies, in such a way that the international community has a regulatory framework, and multisectoral public policies, according to the holistic vision required by the challenge of climate change.

Barcelona 22.11.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the session “Mediterranean Women: The Change is Already Here” of the Mediterranean Women Entrepreneur Forum. The event was organised by ASCAME and the Association of Organizations of Mediterranean Businesswomen (AFAEMME) with the collaboration of the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce. Prof Ayadi highlighted the need to “develop and put in place financial instruments aimed at fostering women entrepreneurship”.



Athens 08.11.19: The communications officer of EMNES, George Christopoulos, participated at the “Conference on Greece-China relations and the Belt and Road Initiative”. The event was organized by the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and with the support of China Daily. Keynote speakers of the conference were Zhang Qiyue, Chinese Ambassador to Greece, Adonis Georgiadis, Minister Development & Investments and Xie Fuzhan, President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Athens 24.10.2019: The communications officer of EMNES, George Christopoulos, participated at the Interreg MED Programme Conference – #MEDforYOU. The main objective of the Interreg MED Programme is to promote sustainable growth in the Mediterranean area by fostering innovative concepts and practices and a reasonable use of resources and by supporting social integration through an integrated and territorially based cooperation approach.



Barcelona 22-23.10.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the Euromed Summit of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions 2019. The event was co-organised by the European Economic and Social Committee and the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean. Prof. Ayadi participated in the session “Digitalisation and SMEs in the Mediterranean region, opportunities and challenges”, along with Ms. María Helena de Felipe Lehtonen, President of the Euromed Follow-Up Committee of the EESC – European Economic and Social Committee. Moderator of the session was Mr. Mohammad Nabulsi, SG ESC of Jordan.



Washington D.C. 12-19.10.2019: The Director of EMNES in Egypt, Dr. Chahir Zaki, participated at the IMF Academic Fellowship Program at the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The Academic Fellowship Program begins with a day and a half of sessions on key policy issues the IMF is working on. He also attended all the official Annual Meetings seminars and participated in meetings with IMF and World Bank senior officials.



Brussels 10.10.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the Mediterranean Energy Debate on “The challenge of local energy governance: the model of the MED Efficient Buildings Community”. The event was organised with the support of the Interreg Mediterranean Programme and under the patronage of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), under the umbrella of the European Week of Regions and Cities. The main objective of the event was to bring together policy makers, local authorities, experts and other stakeholders to hold discussions on the design, implementation and financing of energy efficient measures in public buildings and neighbourhoods in the Mediterranean. Prof. Ayadi participated in the interactive debate on the policy recommendations delivered by the MED Efficient Buildings Community on financing and capacity building for energy efficiency in public buildings.



Barcelona 10.10.2019: The Assistant Director of EMNES, Ms Kinga Konya, participated in the fourth edition of the Union for the Mediterranean’s Regional forum. The event has mobilized the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). The aim was to address the knowledge gap and lack of comprehensive and pertinent information by discussing the main findings of the first-ever scientific report on the impact of climate change in the Mediterranean.



Tunis 03.10.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the 2019 Annual conference of the MED Confederation “The Mediterranean in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution: the impact of digitalization on human capital and mobility”, which took place at the Bardo National Museum in Tunis. The conference started with the welcoming address of H.E. Mr. Ridha Chalhoun, Minister of Finances, Government of the Tunisian Republic. Prof. Ayadi, participated at the Session “Socioeconomic implications of the 4th Industrial Revolution in the Mediterranean region. The session was chaired by Jalloul Ayed, Président d’Honneur, MEDConfederation, Former Minister of Finance of Tunisia, and Member of EMNES Advisory Committee.



Victoria, BC 29.08.10: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the International Workshop on Financial System Architecture and Stability 2019 (IWFSAS 2019). The fourth annual meeting of IWFSAS offered to leading academics, practitioners and policymakers the opportunity to discuss cutting edge research on a range of topics related to sustainable finance, the featured theme of IWFSAS 2019 conference. Prof. Rym Ayadi, chaired the session on Finance and Climate Change.

Orange, California 13.07.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the 4th Annual Chapman Conference on Money and Finance, titled Liquidity: Pricing, Management and Financial Stability. The conference was hosted by the Argyros School of Business and Economics. Prof. Ayadi participated in the session “Bank Liquidity and Capital”.



Barcelona 05.07.19: Dr. Mehdi Ben Braham, EMNES Fellow, participated at the Union for the Mediterranean Workshop on Social Economy in the MENA Region and the Balkans, organised by the UfM Secretariat in partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and in partnership with the Spanish Confederation of Social Economy Enterprises

Essex 04-06.07.2019: The Director of EMNES, Prof. Rym Ayadi, participated at the Essex Finance Centre (EFIC) 2019 Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance. The objective of the Conference was to bring together leading academics, practitioners and policy-makers and give them the opportunity to present state-of-the-art research in the broad areas of banking and corporate finance. Prof. Ayadi participated at the Expert panel for “Gender diversity and inclusion in finance and business”.

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