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ABOUT THE UNIMED GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The UNIMED General Assembly represents an important yearly event where our rectors, presidents and their representatives meet to exchange views and to determine policy for UNIMED, setting the stage for a full and rich year of initiatives, activities and conferences that shape the academic calendar around the Mediterranean. At the same time, it is an opportunity to meet and to host our network with representatives of international organisations, government officials, students, influential contributors to the cultural and political spheres and representatives of NGOS.

Several topics are in the agenda, all of them in line with the regional priorities, such as the education for sustainable development, digital education, university governance and migration.

The Assembly is a two-day event, we welcome around 150 people from our member universities and institutional partnerships.

VENUE: Istanbul Aydin University

Address: [Beşyol, İnönü Cd. No:38, 34295 - Küçükçekmece, İstanbul, Türkiye](#)

WEDNESDAY 23 October 2024

08:30 am - 09:00 am	Registration of participants
09:00 am - 10:00 am	Openings Mustafa Aydin <i>President of Istanbul Aydin University</i> Kherieh Rassas <i>UNIMED President and Vice President of An-Najah National University</i> Hmaid Ben Aziza <i>UNIMED Secretary General</i>
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Joan Borrell <i>Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean</i>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Students' voices from the Mediterranean Student Summit
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Announcement of the UNIMED StartCup Competition results
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Family Picture, Coffee break and networking
11:45 am - 12:15 pm	UNIMED activities and future plans Marcello Scalisi <i>UNIMED Director</i>
12:15 pm - 01:15 pm	Panel discussion about the Future and Challenges of Higher Education Kherieh Rassas <i>UNIMED President and Vice President of An-Najah National University</i> Joan Guardia Olmos <i>Rector of the University of Barcelona</i> Moez Chafra* <i>Rector of the University of Tunis El Manar</i>
01:15 pm - 02:30 pm	Light lunch and networking

- 02:30 pm - 03:15 pm** **Panel discussion about Education in Emergencies**
- Tarik Oguzlu**
*Dean, Chair of UNESCO Education for Sustainable Peace,
Istanbul Aydin University*
- Stefanie Kottowski**
*DAAD, Coordinator of the SAFE project - Supporting at
risk-researchers with fellowships in Europe*
- Saed Khayyat**
*Director of International Grants and Projects Center,
An-Najah National University*
- Moderated by **Cristina Stefanelli**, *Senior Project Manager,
UNIMED*
- 03.15 pm - 4:00 pm** **Showcase of the UNIMED projects and activities**
- 04:00 pm - 04:45 pm** **Panel discussion about UNIMED for Africa**
- Cheikh Saad Bouh Camara***
President of the University of Nouakchott Al Aasriya
- Wail Benjelloun**
UNIMED Honorary President
- 04:45 pm - 05:30 pm** **European programmes and international cooperation**
- Bülent Özcan**
*Director-General for Financial Cooperation and Project
Implementation, Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Directorate for EU Affairs*
- Alessandro Calabrò* (online)**
*Policy Officer - Desk Med and Middle-East
European Commission
Directorate-General for Research and Innovation*
- Georgiana Plesu (online)**
*Policy Officer
International Cooperation - Southern Mediterranean
European Commission
Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture*

Moderated by [Marcello Scalisi](#), *Director, UNIMED*

07:30 pm

Bosphorus tour gala dinner

THURSDAY 24 October 2024

09:00 am - 11:00 am

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11:00 am - 11:30 am

Coffee break and networking

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

University Governance in the Mediterranean region.
Examples from UNIMED

[Ali Sınag*](#)

Vice Rector at Istanbul Aydin University

[Houssine Azeddoug](#)

President of Hassan II University of Casablanca

[Silvia Marchionne](#)

Senior project manager at UNIMED

The Tunisian case study: From SAGESSE to DIRASA

[Anne-Laurence Pastorini](#)

Senior project manager at UNIMED

The Libyan case study: the ARMONIA project

12.30 pm - 01.30 pm

Parallel Sessions

[Session 1: Rankings](#)

[Marcello Scalisi](#)

UNIMED Director

Report on UNIMED members in Rankings. Conversations with members for future actions

[Session 2: Microcredentials](#)

[Anwar Kawtharani](#)

Director of the Office of International Relations, Lebanese International University

[Nigar Demircan Çakar](#)

Advisor to President Mustafa Aydın & Former Rector of Duzce University

01:30 pm - 02:30 pm *Light lunch and networking*

02:30 pm - 03:30 pm **Parallel Sessions**

Session 3: “Career guidance and development support system review: findings and future perspectives from MENA region”

Simona Rinaldi

Senior Human Capital Development Expert, European Training Foundation - ETF

Lynda Achkouty Mouawad

Full time instructor, Antonine University

Rim Khabouchi

Head of Service, University of La Manouba

Yumna Hassouneh

Head of Career Guidance Office, Princess Sumaya University for Technology

Moderated by **Silvia Marchionne**, *Senior Project Manager, UNIMED*

Session 4: “UNIMED Initiative on Climate Change”

Moderated by **Nathalie Clauter**, *Project Manager, UNIMED*

03:30 pm - 04:30 pm **Parallel Sessions**

Session 5: Conversations with the UNIMED team

- *Mobility: How to be involved in mobility opportunities*
- *Digital Education*

Session 6: Conversations with the UNIMED team

- *UNIMED SubNetworks*
- *How to be an active member*

04:30 pm - 05:00 pm **Closing remarks and announcement of the University that will host the UNIMED Assembly in 2025**