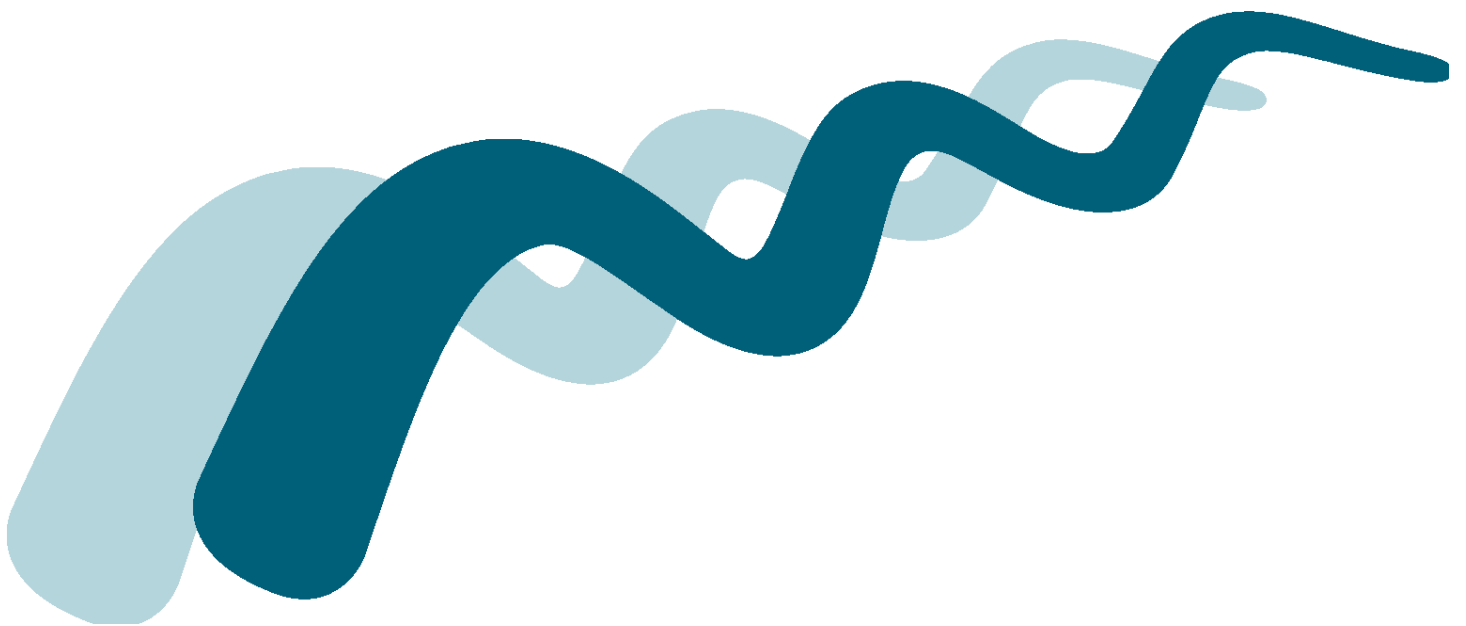


YOUNG MEDITERRANEAN VOICES
NATIONAL DEBATE FORUM – Briefing notes

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NATIONAL DEBATE FORUM going Virtual

Young Mediterranean Voices (YMV) is launching a month-long, region-wide programme of debate competitions and national dialogue forums between October and November 2020 across eight South Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia). The Debate Forum is a continuation of the YMV contribution to lead and drive the 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This year, it is true that the global pandemic has forced us to limit our face to face interaction; however, the technology has given us unprecedented opportunities for learning, dialogue, and connectedness.

The National Debate Forums will be delivered virtually and face-to-face, depending on the country host, bringing over 600 young debaters and facilitators from across cities and villages.

GLOBAL AGENDA 2030 for Sustainable Development

The National Debate Forums will highlight national and global priorities under the framework of SDGs, it will be an opportunity for young people to exchange their views, to dialogue and to find innovative and sustainable solutions.

Therefore, the Forum proposes the following SDGs:

- SDG3: Health and Wellbeing
- SDG4: Quality Education
- SDG5: Gender Equality
- SDG8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG10: Reduce Inequality within and among countries
- SDG13: Climate Action
- SDG16: Peace Justice and Strong Institutions



Capacity Building

The Forums will further develop capacity through capacity building sessions including policy motions, policy process, advocacy, setting up and sustaining debate clubs, understanding sustainable development, in addition to other subjects.

Policy Dialogue

Additionally, we are inviting relevant stakeholders, where youth will present policy recommendations as a result of the debate forum to policy makers and influencers in collaboration with EU Delegations and national/local authorities, as a mean to generate dialogue and mentor the young debaters in sharpening their content in order to formulate actions for the policy recommendations.

National Debate Forums calendar and themes

Country	Date	Delivery Approach	Theme
Algeria	19 November – 27 November 2020	Blended: Virtual and Face-to-Face (pending authorities' approval)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Education - Higher Education - 21st century skills - Economic Growth
Egypt	26 October – 7 November 2020	Blended: Virtual and Face-to-Face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Education - Reduced Inequality - Climate Action
Jordan	26 November – 28 November 2020	Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Well-being - Quality Education - Peace Justice and Strong Institutions
Lebanon	9 November – 28 November 2020	Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Well-being - Education Unemployment / Brain drain - Good governance & accountability - Crisis & Disaster management - Economic crisis
Libya	29 November – 3 December 2020	Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Education - Youth participation in decision making & Municipal elections. - Women in leadership - Peace, Justice and Political transition
Morocco	21 November – 30 November 2020	Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health & Well-being - Quality Education - Decent Work and Economic Growth' - Reduced Inequalities - Climate Action - Peace Justice and Strong Institutions
Palestine	19 November - 28 November 2020	Blended: Virtual and Face-to-Face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Wellbeing Economic Growth - Social Entrepreneurship - Peace Justice and Strong Institution
Tunisia	21 November – 29 November 2020	Virtual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and Well-being - Green Energy and Climate action - Violence - Media - Immigration and Mobility

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Young Mediterranean Voices” seeks to empower young people to enhance a culture of dialogue, to contribute to public policy and shape media discourses, and to create a shared understanding with peers across the Mediterranean on how to address issues of common concern to their communities.

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