

# FEMISE

## CALL for PAPERS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023

[FEMISE](#)<sup>1</sup> is pleased to announce a “Call for Papers” ahead of its 2023 Annual Conference:

## SHIFTING PARADIGMS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR A DEEPER EU-MEDITERRANEAN INTEGRATION IN A CHANGING WORLD

27-28-29 September 2023 in Barcelona, Spain

**Researchers working on socioeconomic issues in the Euro-Mediterranean are invited to submit their papers in the framework of the 2023 FEMISE Annual Conference**, a unique opportunity to receive feedback on their work, engage in fruitful discussions, and network with peers and practitioners.

Selected authors will have their **travel and accommodation expenses covered to present their work during the conference and will receive a remuneration of 800€** upon delivery of the expected outputs.

This call for papers is launched in collaboration and with the support of the **European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)**, host and co-organiser of the annual conference.

### 1. THEME OF THE CALL FOR PAPERS

This Call for Papers is open to all researchers working on socioeconomic issues with a focus on the Euro-Mediterranean region<sup>2</sup>. Freshly graduate PhDs and young researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Successful papers should bring a real **value added to the current state of the art, be evidence-based** and be offering operational and realistic **policy recommendations**.

<sup>1</sup> FEMISE is a network of 100 members' institutes from the EU-Med region with the main objective to reinforce dialogue between stakeholders and conduct research on priority Euro-Med issues.

<sup>2</sup> EU-Med region includes: The 27 countries of the EU and the 8 South Mediterranean countries (SMCs): Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia



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Papers submitted for consideration need to be aligned with the FEMISE 2023 Conference theme **“Shifting Paradigms: Opportunities for a Deeper EU-Mediterranean Integration in a Changing World”**.

In this context, the four following topics are proposed. They include sub-topics and questions **for guidance**. However, researchers can address other issues within these topics.

## Topic 1: A BETTER INTEGRATED EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGION

- Levers of action to **achieve the regional integration potential** of EU-Mediterranean association agreements.
- From a narrative to a reality: the integration of South Mediterranean countries (SMCs) into **Regional Value Chains (RVCs)**
- Shifting energy sources: How to enhance **regional energy integration** in the Mediterranean?
- **Regional financial integration** as a way to enhance SMCs financial markets?
- The missing links: improving **infrastructure and connectivity** for greater regional integration.
- **Human mobility**: tackling shortage of labour and brain drain through regional integration.
- Regional integration in **research and higher education**: spillovers for the benefit of the youth, society and the economy

## Topic 2: NEIGHBOURS OF NEIGHBOURS: POTENTIALS FOR AN EU-MED-AFRICAN RELATIONS

- How can SMCs benefit from the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** in the context of the reconfiguration of the regional value chains? Opportunities and challenges.
- The Southern **Mediterranean region as a bridge** for the Europe-Africa economic cooperation
- The **pillars of a Europe-Mediterranean-African triangular economic cooperation**.
- What potential for collaboration with the African continent in enhancing **entrepreneurship** in SMCs, particularly in green and digital sectors.
- Can further **openness to Africa** boost EU-Med relations? Are there losers and winners?

## Topic 3: ECONOMICS OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN GREEN TRANSITION

- Are SMCs on the **right track towards their green transition**? What challenges and what solutions?
- Identifying the right **economic policies to spur the green transition** in the Mediterranean.
- How to envisage the **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)** and its impact on the SMCs' economies: a brake or an accelerator of the transition?
- From survival to resilience: imagining the future economic policies that will ensure **security and sustainability**.

- ➔ What challenges in adopting a **Water-Energy-Food Nexus**?
- ➔ The economic challenges of **climate change adaptation** in the Mediterranean.
- ➔ How to best promote **entrepreneurship** in the energy /green sector?
- ➔ How to unlock **finance for the green transition** in SMCs.
- ➔ How to make the green transition **just and fair** in the Mediterranean region.

#### Topic 4: HOW TO ENHANCE A YOUTH-DRIVEN EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGION

- ➔ What economic policies can best **empower the youth**?
- ➔ Promoting **innovation and entrepreneurship** as a way to solve youth unemployment: application, benefits and limitations.
- ➔ Strategies to enhance **youth financial inclusion**.
- ➔ The youth at the centre of the **digital transformation** in the Mediterranean region.

**Geographic Coverage:** Research submitted should be focusing on the EU-Med region. Research can cover the whole EU-Med region or a selected number of countries from the region particularly the South Med countries.

## 2. SUBMISSION PROCESS

Interested researchers are invited to submit **by 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2023**, the following 2 documents:

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### 1. A detailed **concept note** for the research paper (max. 7 pages) including:

A cover page with:

- a. The **summary** of the paper stating:
  - the objective of the paper
  - the knowledge gap and the value added of the paper
  - methodology/approach
  - (expected) results and policy implications.
- b. **Presentation of the author(s)** and the topic of the research as follows:
  - Name of the author(s)
  - Their Affiliation(s)
  - Contact details (including email)
  - Address, city and country
  - Which of the stated 4 topics the research will be addressing

The remaining 6 pages of the concept note should include the following 3 sections:

- a. **Statement of research** stating the problem addressed, brief review of the literature, the knowledge gaps the paper will fulfil and a preliminary outline.
- b. **Research methodology** stating the research question, the hypothesis to be tested, the methodology (e.g case studies, empirical evidence, etc.) and the rationale for using the selected methodology.
- c. **Expected results and policy implications** (must be included): how will the outputs and results of the research translate into policy recommendations (highly advised that recommendations are based on the analysis, are specific and operational)

### 2. The CVs of the author(s) including list of publications (if any)

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Detailed concept note (as detailed above) and the CVs should be sent no later than **the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2023** to the following email address [contact@femise.org](mailto:contact@femise.org), with the subject line: **FEMISE Conference Call for Papers**

### 3. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Following the submission of the detailed concept note and CVs (as detailed above) an evaluation and selection process (please see details below) will take place by the FEMISE Scientific and selection Committees, based on the following criteria:

- ➔ **Relevance** of the topic to the theme and topics of the conference and addressing issues of priorities for the EU-Med Region.
- ➔ **Value added** of the proposed topic to the existing knowledge.
- ➔ The **quality of the methodology** and its ability to address the issue efficiently.
- ➔ **Inclusion of policy implications** and **recommendations** that are operational and specific.

#### Other criteria:

Final selection may be subject to marginal adjustments to take into account **regional, subjects and gender balances**.

Previously published papers or those already accepted for publication will not be accepted. All submitted drafts will go through a plagiarism-checking process.

No single author may submit more than two papers, whether independently or jointly with others.

Draft papers could be submitted in **English or French**.

Collaboration between researchers (especially North and South) is strongly encouraged. Freshly graduate PhDs and young researchers are encouraged to apply.

Submissions that are not consistent with the above guidelines will be excluded.

### 4. EXPECTED OUTPUTS FROM SELECTED PAPERS

Author(s) of the selected concept notes will be asked to:

- ➔ **Submit an advanced draft** (15-20 pages) of the research paper by 30 August.
- ➔ Prepare a **power point presentation** with results of their paper and send it before the conference (10 September).
- ➔ **Participate in the conference** in Barcelona (27-29 September) **to present their work** and receive recommendations and suggestions by discussants and participants. Authors will be asked to take them into consideration in their papers.
- ➔ Authors of the presented papers will be expected to submit a **revised and final version** of their paper (maximum 30 pages) following the conference (10 November).
- ➔ The final version of the paper will be **peer-reviewed** and if successful, will **be published** in the new FEMISE-IEMed research papers series.
- ➔ Authors will be invited to **produce a policy brief** out of their paper and submit it to FEMISE (optional but strongly encouraged). If satisfying, the PB will be part of the new FEMISE-IEMed Policy Briefs series.

## 5. REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS FOR AUTHORS

- ▶ Authors of selected papers (only one author per paper) will be **invited to present their work at the FEMISE annual conference on 27-29 September in Barcelona, Spain. Their travel expenses and accommodation will be covered.** Kindly note that coverage of the travel expenses is restricted to the geographic area covered by FEMISE (the EU-Med region<sup>3</sup>, Turkey and the United Kingdom).
- ▶ In addition, each selected paper will receive a remuneration of **Euros 800**, provided that all of the outputs above have been provided (section 3 of the guidelines).
- ▶ Moreover, the evaluation / selection committee may select one or more papers for the **“Best FEMISE- IEMed Paper Award 2023”**.

## 6. SUMMARY AND TIMELINE FOR THE CALL FOR PAPERS

Date	Expected activity
2 May 2023	Deadline for receiving submissions: detailed concept notes and CVs
3 - 24 May 2023	Review and Selection process
29-30 May 2023	Announcement of selected concept notes
June/August 2023	Travel arrangements for authors of selected paper (one author per paper) - Including visas (when applicable)
15-30 August 2023	Submission of a first draft of the selected papers (15-20 pages)
10 September 2023	Submission of the power point presentations
27-29 September 2023	Presentation at the FEMISE annual conference
10 November 2023	Submission of the final version of papers (maximum 30 pages)
30 November 2023	Completion of the peer-review process and decision of publication
December 2023	Publication of the selected papers
November-December	Submission of a Policy Brief (7-10 pages) based on the research paper (optional but strongly encouraged)

## 7. CONTACT DETAILS

For any inquiries related to this call, please contact **Passainte Atef**, Program Officer, FEMISE [contact@femise.org](mailto:contact@femise.org) or [p.atef@femise.org](mailto:p.atef@femise.org), with the subject line: **FEMISE Conference Call for Papers**.

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