



FEMISE

Call For Papers 2026

Submission Deadline: **20 May, 2026**

Navigating Disruptions & Transitions in The Mediterranean: Policies for Resilient, Innovative & Inclusive Economies

FEMISE is pleased to announce a **“Call for Papers”** ahead of its **2026 Annual Conference** which will be held under the theme: **“Navigating Disruptions and Transitions in the Mediterranean: Policies for Resilient, Innovative and Inclusive Economies.”**

Researchers working on relevant socioeconomic issues in the Euro-Mediterranean are invited to submit their concept notes in the framework of this Conference by the **20th of May 2026**.

Following the initial acceptance of the concept notes, authors will be invited to submit full papers. These will undergo a review to ensure overall quality and relevance. Authors of the successfully selected papers will then be notified and invited to present their work at the FEMISE Annual Conference, to be held in **October 2026** (*exact date and location to be confirmed*).

The travel and accommodation expenses of the authors of the selected papers will be covered and they will receive a **remuneration of Euros 600** upon acceptance for publication. A further **Euros 200** will be provided to authors who will have their submitted policy brief published.

Out of the papers selected, the Scientific Committee will select up to **10 “best papers” to be included in the multidisciplinary edited volume: “Navigating Disruptions and Transitions in the Mediterranean: Policies for Resilient, Innovative and Inclusive Economies”**. This indexed, international publisher option offers the opportunity to disseminate evidence-based, policy- relevant research to a wider audience.



The conference offers a unique opportunity for researchers to showcase their work, receive expert feedback, engage in fruitful discussions, and network with peers and practitioners.

This Call for Papers is launched in collaboration with the European Institute of the Mediterranean ([IEMed](#)), co-organiser of the annual conference.

1. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

*For more details about the Call for papers including details of the research themes, please click on the link **Annex 1**. For more details on the submission process, selection and evaluation criteria and detailed timeline, please click on the link **Annex 2**.*

The Euro-Mediterranean region is navigating profound transformations and ongoing disruptions. Geopolitical tensions, trade fragmentation, climate pressures, energy shocks and rapid technological transformation are no longer temporary shocks but structural forces reshaping economic systems, labour markets and policy frameworks. These dynamics are transmitted through multiple channels, including the reconfiguration of global trade and supply chains, rising costs of logistics, finance, and energy, and growing economic and social vulnerabilities—particularly in employment, inequality, and resource security—while accelerating digital and technological transitions.

At the same time, these shifts create opportunities for transformation, including deeper regional integration, green and low-carbon development pathways, and digital upgrading. In this evolving context, the central challenge is no longer recovery, but how Mediterranean economies can navigate these disruptions, sustain performance, manage systemic risks, and build resilience while leveraging transitions for more inclusive and innovative growth.

The 2026 FEMISE Annual Conference offers a platform for researchers to explore these pressing issues and contribute evidence-based insights to inform policy and practice.

2. WHY FEMISE

FEMISE provides a distinctive platform at the intersection of research and policy in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

- It brings together a network of over 100 Members' institutes across the region
- It offers a regionally anchored perspective, grounded in local realities and policy constraints
- It focuses on operational, evidence-based policy recommendations, not only academic contributions



The FEMISE Annual Conference is designed to:

- Generate policy-relevant insights
- Foster North–South research collaboration
- Bridge the gap between academic research and policy implementation

3. CONFERENCE GENERAL THEME & TOPICS

In this context, the 2026 FEMISE Annual Conference invites concept notes submissions under the theme: **“Navigating Disruptions and Transitions in the Mediterranean: Policies for Resilient, Innovative and Inclusive Economies”**. Contributions should address one or more of the following four sub-topics:

- **Topic 1: Reconfiguration of International Trade and Globalisation:**
Opportunities for the Euro-Mediterranean Region
- **Topic 2: Sustainability Transitions in Times of Disruption:**
Economic Resilience, Risk, and Systemic Transformation
- **Topic 3: Digital Transformation and Innovation:**
Drivers for Mediterranean Competitiveness
- **Topic 4: Inclusive and Sustainable Development:**
Reducing Socioeconomic Vulnerabilities and Strengthening Social Resilience

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4. ELIGIBILITY & SCOPE

This Call for Papers is open to all researchers working on socioeconomic issues with a focus on the Euro-Mediterranean region (Euromed).^[1]

Submission may focus on the whole EuroMed region or on selected countries with particular attention to South and Eastern Mediterranean Countries. The Euro-Mediterranean region includes: The 27 countries of the EU and the South and Eastern Mediterranean countries (SEMCs): Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia. Comparative studies are encouraged.

Collaborative research (especially North and South partnerships) is highly encouraged.

Early-career researchers and recent PhDs graduates are strongly 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.^[2]

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[2] Please refer to the list of FEMISE Conference Papers published to avoid repetition: https://www.femise.org/en/category/publications-en/conference_papers/



3. SUMMARY & TIMELINE FOR THE CALL FOR PAPERS

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| 20 May 2026 | Deadline for receiving submissions (detailed concept notes + CVs) |
| 10 June 2026 | Review and selection process of submitted concept notes (3-4 weeks) |
| 15-17 June 2026 | Announcement of selected concept notes |
| June–September 2026 | Travel arrangements for authors of selected papers (one author per paper) |
| 10 September 2026 | Submission of first draft of selected papers (20-25 pages) |
| 25 September 2026 | Preliminary feedback (if needed) and final selection of papers based on quality & relevance, prior to confirmation for conference presentation |
| 30 September 2026 | Submission of PowerPoint presentations |
| First half of October 2026 | Presentation at the FEMISE Annual Conference |
| 30 November 2026 | Submission of the final version of papers (maximum 30 pages), incorporating feedback received during the conference, & submission of the Policy Brief (7-10 pages) |
| January 2027 | Completion of peer-review process and publication decisions |
| February 2027 | Publication of selected papers |

4. CONTACT DETAILS

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