



**Call for nominations for the online workshop
“INCREASING AWARENESS OF SCIENCE DIPLOMACY
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN”**

27 to 29 October 2021
10:00 - 13:00 CEST through Zoom

The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) invites institutional nominations and individual expressions of interest from UfM Member States to participate in the workshop ‘**Increasing Awareness of Science Diplomacy in The Mediterranean**’, to be held virtually from **27-29 October 2021**. The workshop will explore how regional multi-stakeholder cooperation across the Mediterranean can help achieve long-term sustainability and prosperity in the region through science and innovation. During its three sessions, participants are going to be provided with in-depth knowledge, skills, practical tools, and networks to put science diplomacy into action for the benefit of the Mediterranean.

The workshop aims to map the current science diplomacy landscape in the Mediterranean, analysing its potential to address common challenges - such as climate change, environmental degradation, biodiversity loss, marine and atmospheric pollution, clean energy, water scarcity, sustainable food systems or health security - and informing about existing diplomatic, governance and capacity-building frameworks that place science and innovation at the centre of Mediterranean cooperation.

Learning objectives

Upon completion of the programme, participants will have increased their awareness, visibility, networks, and skills in science diplomacy and learned how to leverage its potential for the benefit of the Mediterranean. In particular, participants will gain,

- Greater awareness of the role of science as a driver of regional integration and to cultivate a shared Mediterranean identity.
- Increased understanding on how scientific collaboration on priority areas (such as climate, health or energy, among other) can help tackling global and regional challenges.
- Knowledge of the current landscape of policies, organizations, programs, and best practices in science diplomacy through the Mediterranean.
- Networking opportunities with science diplomacy leaders from all sectors: government, scientific community, NGOs, foundations, multilateral organizations, private sector and civil society.
- Skills and practical tools to navigate the science and diplomacy interfaces.
- Expert advice and peer support to advance their careers in science diplomacy.



Methodology

The programme will combine expert lectures and panels with leading science diplomacy scholars and practitioners with professional development and skills-building sessions, interactive case studies, networking opportunities, and leadership training. The agenda strives for regional and gender balance among participants and speakers.

Participants

Nominations and expressions of interest are invited from candidates in mid-level roles in Foreign Affairs/Higher Education and Research Ministries, Diplomatic Missions, International Organizations, Higher Education Institutions, Research Centres, NGOs, Civil Society and Private Sector organizations based or operating in the Mediterranean basin. Participants will be selected to ensure balance of stakeholders, gender, career level, and geographic diversity from the 42 UfM Member States.

Language

The sessions will be held in English. To ensure a highly dynamic and interactive learning experience, all participants are required to have a good working level of English. No interpretation in other languages will be available.

Duration

The workshop will be held from 10:00 to 13:00 CEST on 27, 28, and 29 October. After attending all 9 course hours, the UfM will issue a certificate of completion.

Organizers

This workshop is organized by the UfM and implemented by CREAM.

For questions about this program please contact education@ufmsecretariat.org copying m.gual@creaf.uab.cat.

Click [here](#) to access the nomination form.

DRAFT AGENDA

Module 1: Theory and practice of Science Diplomacy in the Mediterranean.

Module 2: Developing instruments, and capacities in Science Diplomacy.

Module 3: Networking and ecosystem building towards a Mediterranean Science Diplomacy Community.



	27 October	28 October	29 October
Introduction 10:15	Institutional welcome, introductions, and course overview	Day 1 debriefing and day 2 overview	Day 2 debriefing and day 3 overview
Session 1 10:15 - 11:00	<u>High-level Panel:</u> An Emerging Multilateral Framework for Science Diplomacy in the Mediterranean	<u>Panel:</u> Challenges and opportunities for science diplomacy in the Mediterranean	<u>Case study:</u> Advancing women in STEM in decision-making for a sustainable future
Q&A & discussion (15 min)			
Session 2 11:15 - 12:00	<u>Setting the Scene:</u> History of science diplomacy: concepts, actors, mechanisms, and instruments	<u>Panel:</u> A new Mediterranean research agenda for tackling transboundary challenges	<u>Skills session:</u> Upskilling the Mediterranean scientific and diplomatic communities to impact regional challenges
Q&A & discussion (15 min)			
Session 3 12:15 - 13:00	<u>Lecture:</u> Environmental Diplomacy and Intercultural Relations for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean	<u>Case study:</u> Science advice across borders and during emergencies: lessons from COVID-19 for health and environmental crises	<u>Closing session:</u> Ideas for strengthening science diplomacy in the Mediterranean
NETWORKING LUNCH (45 min)			