

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS I EuroMeSCo Youth Forum
31 May, Barcelona

DEADLINE: 24 April 2017

Youth to Youth: How to tackle radicalization of young people?

The EuroMeSCo Youth Forum aspires to build and empower a community of young researchers in Euro-Mediterranean affairs. Its aim is to involve young researchers in debates on political and social developments in the Euro-Mediterranean area and to foster exchanges with policy and decision makers. As such, the Forum will contribute to strengthening the visibility of the work of young researchers and their involvement in the design of policies and initiatives in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The first edition of this Forum will be held in the framework of the EuroMeSCo Annual Conference. Bringing together up to 15 young researchers from think tanks that are part of the EuroMeSCo network, it will be organised in the format of a special session entitled **“Youth to Youth: How to tackle radicalization of young people?”** The session will count with the participation of policy makers and practitioners. During the session, young researchers will share insights on research strands and initiatives taken to counter youth radicalization in the countries they represent and the whole Euro-Mediterranean area.

The findings and recommendations of the EuroMeSCo Youth Forum will be compiled in a report and disseminated to relevant stakeholders in the Euro-Mediterranean region accordingly, in line with the advocacy objective of the EuroMeSCo network.

The selected candidates will be invited to:

- Participate and intervene actively in the I EuroMeSCo Youth Forum to be held on 31 May in the morning, on the basis of a 1-2-pages policy note they will have handed ahead of the meeting.
- Take part in the EuroMeSCo Annual Conference “Confronting Violent Extremism in the Euro-Mediterranean”, to be held on 1-2 June, gathering over 120 stakeholders, including researchers, academics, national and regional policy makers

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicants shall be researchers under 35 years of age affiliated to think tanks and research institutes from the EuroMeSCo network with experience in interacting with policy making processes and with the issue of youth radicalization.

CONDITIONS

The candidates selected through this call will have their travel and accommodation expenses covered. The selected participants will be provided with detailed information about the logistics and operational aspects of the forum.

HOW TO APPLY?

In order to apply, the candidates are invited to send a CV and an Application Form to EuroMeSCo Academic Secretariat at achmielewska@iemed.org by **24 April 2017**. This includes a short proposal (up to 350 words) of a policy-oriented work on an issue related to the topic of how to address youth radicalization, with a focus for instance on one specific best practice that has been tried in your country or a case-study. The proposal would preferably relate to the country you know best and oriented to give recommendations on how to improve policies to counter radicalization in a local, national or Euro-Mediterranean wide context.

As mentioned above, selected participants will be asked to prepare a concept note between 1-2 pages ahead of the meeting. After the conference, best concept notes will be published in the form of a EuroMeSCo Policy Brief (about 3000 words).

CALENDAR

1st Phase: Launch of the Call for Participants: 30 March 2017

2nd Phase: Deadline for submission of Application Forms: 24 April 2017

3rd Phase: Notification to the candidates: 5 May 2017

4th Phase: Submission of the concept notes (between 1-2 pages): 12 May 2017