

[Policy Dialogue] What Growth Strategies for the Mediterranean in Today's Context?

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From 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM (Paris time)

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The banner features a background of colorful, upward-pointing arrows in shades of purple, orange, green, and blue. At the top left, the logo for the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) is displayed, including the text 'marseille cmi' and 'CENTER for MEDITERRANEAN INTEGRATION | CENTRE pour l'INTEGRATION en MEDITERRANEE | مركز التكامل المتوسطي'. Below this is the UNOPS logo, which includes the text 'HOSTED BY' and the United Nations emblem. In the center, the OECD logo is shown with a globe icon and the text 'OECD'. On the right, the logo for 'THE GROWTH DIALOGUE' is displayed, consisting of a stylized 'G' made of puzzle pieces and the text 'THE GROWTH DIALOGUE'. A purple box on the left contains the text 'POLICY DIALOGUE'. A large orange box in the center contains the main title 'What growth strategies for the Mediterranean in today's context?'. A purple box on the right contains the date and time: 'JUNE 8, 2022', '16:00-18:30 Paris time', and '10:00-12:30 Washington time'.

The global pandemic prompted a re-examination of existing development strategies. To provide for more sustainable and equitable income generation for people in the Mediterranean region, a reassessment of growth strategies is important - a need that appears today all the more important in light of the war in Ukraine, with rising inflation and supply chains that feed the world with essential goods suffering disruptions, leading to increased food insecurity and risks of energy supply discontinuity. This joint CMI-OECD-GD event will discuss ideas and policy directions for recovery in Southern Mediterranean countries, in light of the changes in the global economy that were already underway but that have been made more prominent by the recent events.

Agenda

16:00 – 16:15	Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Director of the Center for Mediterranean Integration, CMI-UNOPS● Mariarosa Lunati, Senior Advisor, Middle East and Africa Division, OECD● Danny Leipziger, Managing Director, The Growth Dialogue
16:15 – 17:15	Session I: Policies for post-COVID recovery in the Mediterranean and regional cooperation <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mohammed El Razzaz, Economic Development and Employment Division, UfM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Katarzyna Sidlo, Director of the Middle East and North Africa Department, CASE● Constantin Tsakas, Senior Programme Officer - Sustainable Development Policies, CMI● Roger Forés, Policy Analyst, Middle East and Africa Division, OECD● CMI partner (TBC) <p><i>Open discussion</i></p> <p>In this session, speakers will discuss policies for a sustainable post-pandemic recovery in the Mediterranean: is a change of existing growth policies needed? Speakers will consider the role of enhanced cooperation across the region towards more resilient economies and societies, against regional and global shocks: what type of regional cooperation can facilitate achieving these objectives and how can it be promoted?</p>
17:15 – 18:15	Session 2: Productivity, green transition, innovation and social inclusion: Dealing with multiple objectives for recovery in the Mediterranean <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mathias Fillon, Coordinator of THE NEXT SOCIETY, ANIMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Majdi Hassen, Executive Director, IACE, Arab Institute of Business Leaders● Larabi Jaidi, Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South● Lilia Naas, Chief of Arab States, International Trade Centre● Raed Safadi, Research Fellow at Economic Research Forum, former Deputy Director at OECD <p><i>Open discussion</i></p> <p>In Session II, speakers will debate about synergies and/or competition between the multiple objectives of a sustainable post-COVID recovery, from green transition to social inclusion, to industrial diversification, to innovation and to increasing productivity: what are the priorities, can everything be achieved and how?</p>
18:15 – 18:30	Closing remarks

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