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General Guidelines for CMI-FEMISE “COVID-19 MED BRIEFS”

The recent coronavirus crisis threatens the health, economies and societies of all countries, regardless of their level of development. In Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries, the fight against the pandemic is even more complicated. It must be done with limited health and economic resources compared to other regions. In addition, it takes place in a unique social and geopolitical context.

Cooperation and EU-Med strategies in key sectors are needed. Therefore, CMI and FEMISE have decided to join forces and launch this series of Policy Briefs to pave the way for thematic analyses and recommendations, which will hopefully contribute to the policy debate on implications and ways forward on how to deal with this crisis.

The objective of this call is to produce Policy Briefs that address the urgent issue of the COVID-19 socio-economic effects and impact on the EU-Med region.

The Policy Brief is a short note, written in simple and non-technical language about a topic of interest to the general public and policy makers, and which contains policy recommendations. It is designed to provide a contribution to the policy debate on key issues, based on scientific research and knowledge provided by experts in the subjects.

Aim : This series of Policy Briefs will be produced to make a contribution towards the policymaking process by addressing the economic, social and welfare effects of COVID-19 on the EU-Med and how Mediterranean integration can be reinforced in order to overcome the crisis and trigger further transformation in the region.

The views expressed will be those of the author(s) and will not represent the views of FEMISE, CMI and/or their management, members and partners.

Size: Between 4-6 pages, 2500-3500 words

Audience: Normally non-specialised readers, mainly from the policy makers of the EU-Med region, government officials and donors (EU, WB, EIB, etc.). It will also reach academics and researchers and should also be understood by the general public.

Languages: English or French

Topics: The topic should be addressing the issue of the COVID-19 socio-economic crisis and its implication on the EU-Med (short and medium run) and identifying concrete policy actions pointing to solutions and ways forward. There is a vast number of topics that could be addressed within this theme. Some examples of topics under this theme could be:



- Monetary and financial policies
- The role of EU-Med cooperation and sectoral cooperation strategies
- Tax coordination issues
- Managing the impact on households, including vulnerable groups
- The digital transformation of health, education and vocational training
- Relaunching the tourism sector
- Energy integration
- Blueing and greening the recovery
- Skills to develop in a post-covid-19 world
- Impact on migration and refugees' policies
- The role of innovation in re-building the economies
- Revisiting the public social services

Also, given that it is a 'Med-Brief', the topic should be focused on the EU-Med region. Geographic coverage could include regional, sub-regional or country specific issues. Focus on cooperation approaches and regional comparisons are strongly encouraged. Recommendations must emanate from the analysis in the Brief, although they can point out to further research and studies.

Contents:

The use of the following template is encouraged.

1. Executive **Summary**: A paragraph overview of the brief that entices readers to go further.
2. **Introduction**: Addressing the importance of the topic, any controversy or debates, the objective of the research carried out (if any) and overall findings
3. **Approach and Results**: Summarising the approach (research study if any), some background and methods (with minimum details) and providing the results (focused and to the point)- Graphs could be used.
4. **Conclusion**: Giving your insights and interpretation about these results
5. **Implications and Recommendations**: This is the most important part of the Brief. It should describe what could happen (implications) and what, in your opinion should happen (recommendations), call for actions and who should be responsible for it, ensuring recommendations are feasible, operational and realistic.

Eligibility:

- The Call for Policy Briefs is open for all researchers with interest and knowledge on the subject.
- The Brief could be submitted by one or more authors.



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Submission and Evaluation process:

- The Policy Brief should be submitted **before June 27th 2020** to the following two email addresses contact@femise.org and info@cmimarseille.org with the subject: "Submission of a Policy Brief"
- CV(s) of the author(s) should be submitted with the Brief as well as a short bio (that will appear on the brief if selected) of no more than 250 words)

An evaluation committee made of CMI and FEMISE experts and associates will evaluate the proposed briefs and may provide suggested modifications. The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- the choice of the topic and its relevance
- the recommendation and policy relevance and their feasibility
- the contribution to the existing knowledge
- the style of writing

The decision of the evaluation committee will be one of the following:

- The Brief is accepted
- The Brief is accepted with suggested modifications (coverage, scope, more recommendations etc.)
- The Brief is rejected

The selected Policy Briefs will be published under the CMI-FEMISE Policy Briefs Series "COVID-19 MedBrief", on CMI's and FEMISE's online channels. They will be published in order of priority of the relevance of the topic.

The selected Briefs may undergo some editing and proof reading before publishing.

Remuneration

Each accepted Brief will receive remuneration of 500 euros (regardless of the number of authors). Once the Brief is accepted, a letter of agreement will be signed with the lead author. Names of authors and contributors will be disclosed in the publications.



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The Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) is a World Bank partnership with Governments, local authorities, international development agencies and civil society from around the Mediterranean. Its main objectives are to exchange knowledge, discuss public policies, and identify the solutions needed to address key challenges facing the Mediterranean region. Members of the CMI include Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Spain, Tunisia, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, City of Marseille, the European Investment Bank, and the European External Action Service (EEAS) as an observer.

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