



## YOUTH FORUM 2023

# Youth Policy Lab for Climate Action

We are seeking **young and motivated experts, scholars, and top students passionate about climate crisis** to join the **Call for Participation of the Youth Policy Lab 2023**.

The Rome MED Dialogues 2023 promotes the **7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Youth Forum**. The Youth Policy Lab supports the development of youth-led solutions to the **climate crisis** in the broader Mediterranean by acting as a global showcase for youth-led ideas. Innovators will be supported by Rome MED Dialogues and top international partners (UNDP Rome Center; the OECD Training Centre on Public Governance; Youth4Climate, UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Network, and CMCC Foundation) to develop and scale up their innovative policy ideas to address climate injustice.

Policy Lab selected participants will draft an official document with **actionable policies** which **will be shared with top policy makers** (Ministers, institutional leaders, and business community) from the wider Mediterranean region who will gather for the 2023 Rome MED Dialogues and may be presented at the **COP28 in Dubai**, in a dedicated event at the Italian pavilion.

### Thematic Focus

The **climate crisis** has become a primary challenge on both sides of the Mediterranean. Climate change is having adverse effects all around the world, by **increasing the frequency of extreme weather events** and by **causing higher global temperatures**, with **far-reaching impacts on all sectors of societies and their economies**. Notwithstanding being a multi-faceted concept, the climate crisis recalls that climatic and environmental degradation occurring worldwide is having differentiated impacts according to the specific local vulnerabilities and is causing imbalances in the regional and domestic orders.

This year's edition of the "Youth Policy Lab" will underline once again **the importance of the young generations' voice**. While young people are facing and dealing with both climate crises and geopolitical tensions on a local, regional, and global level, it is critical and urgent to question whether the **"leave no one behind"** vision (still) resonates nowadays and how to **"leave no youth behind"**.

Driven by these crucial questions, the Youth Policy Lab will address the potential of Mediterranean cooperation in the fields of climate crisis and in promoting the role of youth in this respect.

### Eligibility

**What are the requirements to participate?**

- Age: between **21** and **35 years**;
- Coming from: **North Africa, Middle East, or Europe**;
- With at least a **first university degree** (B.A. or M.A.) or equivalent qualification;
- A strong interest/expertise in climate crisis and Mediterranean climate cooperation;
- Excellent command of **English**.

**How to apply?**

Applications (only by filling in the online application form) must include:

- an **updated CV** (max. two pages including information on the applicant's education and relevant work experience);
- A **short video** (max. five minutes) to explain the candidate's motivation to take part in the "Youth Policy Lab 2023" your idea on how to tackle with climate crisis, providing a relevant example and room for action. Please, note that your statement should be innovative and ambitious.

**Application Deadline**

Applications are open and will run until the **1<sup>st</sup> September 2023** (23:59 CEST – Rome Time).

Selected participants will be announced on 20 September 2023.

In case of further questions, please contact [med.secretariat@ispionline.it](mailto:med.secretariat@ispionline.it) or [francesca.girani.ext@ispionline.it](mailto:francesca.girani.ext@ispionline.it)

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