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**Extraordinary Session of the UfM Platform on Research and Innovation
Launch of the UfM Working Groups on Research and Innovation
Online**

8 April 2025

12:00-14:00 Barcelona time

Draft Agenda

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| 11.45-12.00 | Digital room is open |
| 12.00-12.10 | Introductory remarks
<i>Joan Borrell, Deputy Secretary-General, Higher Education and Research, UfM</i> |
| 12.10-12.20 | Introduction and adoption of the agenda by the Co-chairs
<i>Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</i>
<i>Rasha Smadi, Director for International Cooperation, Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan</i> |
| 12.20-12.30 | Setting the scene: Introduction to the UfM Regional Platform on Research and Innovation; Path towards the next Ministerial Meeting
<i>Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</i> |
| 12.30- 12.35 | The process of establishing Working Groups: Methodology and feedback from NFPs
<i>Giuseppe Provenzano, Higher Education and Research, UfM</i> |
| 12.35- 12.45 | Support Mechanism for the Working Groups
<i>Alessandro Calabró, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</i>
<i>Heba Gaber, European External Action Service</i> |
| 12.45-13.05 | Proposal for the new UfM Working Groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- State of the art- Presentation of Working Group 1 (Egypt and Italy)- Presentation of Working Group 2 (Jordan and Spain)- Discussion on Working Group 3 |

Joan Borrell, Deputy Secretary-General, Higher Education and Research, UfM

13.05-13.45

Invitation to join the Working Groups and *tour de table*.

13.45-13.50

Upcoming events, opportunities and initiatives.

Giuseppe Provenzano, Higher Education and Research, UfM

13.50-14.00

AOB and conclusions.

Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Rasha Smadi, Director for International Cooperation, Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan