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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

- 11.45-12.00 **Digital room is open**
- 12.00-12.10 **Introductory remarks**
Joan Borrell, Deputy Secretary-General, Higher Education and Research, UfM
- 12.10-12.20 **Introduction and adoption of the agenda by the Co-chairs**
Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
Rasha Smadi, Director for International Cooperation, Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan
- 12.20-12.30 **Setting the scene: Introduction to the UfM Regional Platform on Research and Innovation; Path towards the next Ministerial Meeting**
Nienke Buisman, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- 12.30- 12.35 **The process of establishing Working Groups: Methodology and feedback from NFPs**
Giuseppe Provenzano, Higher Education and Research, UfM
- 12.35- 12.45 **Support Mechanism for the Working Groups**
Alessandro Calabró, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
Heba Gaber, European External Action Service
- 12.45-13.05 **Proposal for the new UfM Working Groups.**
- **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