

First Regional meeting of the UNESCO science-related chairs and centers for South East Europe and the Mediterranean

26-28 October 2022

UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (Palazzo Zorzi, Castello 4930) Venice, Italy

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day 1 - 26 October 2022

17.30 **Welcoming remarks** – UNESCO, local authorities

18.00 *welcome drink*

Day 2 – 27 October 2022

09.30 *Arrival of participants and registration*

10.00 **Introduction of meeting objectives and working methods** - Jonathan Baker, Head of Science unit, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe

10.15 **Ice breaking meet and greet exercise**

11.00 **Thematic roundtables**

The discussion will center not only in activities done by the Chairs and Centers at national and regional level, but also on collaborations with UNESCO networks (chairs, centers, sites, IHP/MAB committees, etc) and good examples of partnerships. Guiding questions will be provided prior to the meeting to all participants.

Disaster risk management, resilience and climate change	Science Technology and Innovation (basic science, open science and open data, artificial intelligence, open education and distance learning)	IHP programme (water quality, quantity and resource management)	MAB programme (ecosystems, plants and human health, biodiversity, ecotourism)
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11.30 *Coffee break*

12.00 **Thematic roundtables continuation**

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 **Thematic roundtables**, *focus on identifying interdisciplinary and cross cutting themes (education for sustainable development, heritage, etc.).*

16.00 *Coffee break*

16.30 **Thematic roundtables**, *focus on common challenges and opportunities at the regional level*

18.00 *End of day 1*

19.30 *Dinner in local restaurant*

Day 3 – 28 October 2021

9.30 *Arrival of participants*

10.00 **Recap of the first day and objectives of second day**

10.15 **World café' roundtables on way forward, pathways and opportunities**

The discussion will center on how to amplify the impact of the Regional network of UNESCO Chairs and Centers. In a world café' style the groups will discuss the following questions:

- What does it mean to be part of these Regional networks?
- How can the Chairs and Centers work together?
- What roles centers/chairs have within the larger UNESCO universe
- What is the best way to promote coordination among the networks
- How the UNESCO Regional Bureau can facilitate this common work

11.00 *coffee break*

11.30 **Plenary discussion on key messages**

12.30 **Agreement of the Declaration from the UNESCO chairs and Centers of the South East Europe and the Mediterranean**

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30 *End of meeting and departure of participants*