

Madrid, 13-14 October 2021

### **BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **ROGER ALBINYANA**

Managing Director, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

Roger has been working at the IEMed since 2016 and as an associate professor at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Barcelona, where he teaches international economic policy. He has published numerous papers and articles in his fields of expertise. Roger is also a board member at CIDOB and a member of the Advisory Council of EMEA. Prior to joining the IEMed, Roger served as Secretary for Foreign and EU Affairs of the Government of Catalonia (2013-2016) and was a member of the EU Committee of the Regions. From 2010 to 2013 he served as advisor on private sector development at the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean. He holds an MA in Economic History from the University of Barcelona, a BA in Economics from Pompeu Fabra University and a BA in Business Administration and Management from the Open University of Catalonia (UOC).



### TAÏEB BACCOUCHE

Secretary General, Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)

Taïeb Baccouche has held different key positions as a politician, human rights militant, trade unionist and university researcher. He has been Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union since 1 August 2016. In recent years, he served in the government as Tunisian Minister of Foreign Affairs between February 2015 and January 2016 as well as Minister of Education and Spokesman of the Council of Ministers from 17 January to 24 December 2011 in the post-revolution transitional government. He is also a founding member and Secretary General of the party Nidaa Tounes (since 2012) and has been its Vice-President since September 2015. Taïeb Baccouche holds a State Doctorate in Linguistics and an "agrégation" in Arabic (Paris-Sorbonne University 1980 and 1968). As a trade unionist, Taïeb Baccouche was Secretary General of the Tunisian General Labour Union (UGTT) from 1981 to 1984 and Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper Echaab (Le Peuple) from 1981 to 1985.













**ORIOL BARBA** 

Director, MedCities

Oriol Barba is an economist and political scientist with over 10 years' experience in international projects related to urban development in the Mediterranean, specially linked to city planning, climate change and local development. He has worked on multiple initiatives linked to institutional building at local level in the field of urban management. He is the author of several publications on these themes. He has an Msc in Global Politics from the London School of Economics and further developed his studies at the University of Damascus. He is proficient in Catalan, Spanish, English and French and has an advanced level of Italian and Arabic.



#### **GHAZI BEN AHMED**

Founder and President, Mediterranean Development Initiative (MDI)

Ghazi Ben Ahmed is the Founder of the Mediterranean Development Initiative (MDI). He is now running the Brussels Office of MDI. Ghazi Ben Ahmed is advising the EU and the Tunisian government on trade issues in the context of the ongoing negotiations between the EU and Tunisia for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement. Ghazi Ben Ahmed also set up the first Office of the US German Marshall Fund in Tunisia and led the US Initiative "MENA Partnership for Democracy and Development". He is also the founder and was the Secretary General of the Club de Tunis, He was the national coordinator for the US led Initiative LEND - Leaders Engaged in New Democracies. Previously he was the Lead Trade Expert in the African Development Bank (AfDB) in charge of the Bank response to the financial crisis in coordination with the G20, the WTO and the World Bank. Before joining the AfDB, he was employed at the UNCTAD in the Africa and LDC Division, as Senior Advisor. He has also worked for several years in the European Commission in Brussels, in several Directorates-Generals.



#### NOR-EDDINE BENFREHA

Director of Cooperation with the EU and European Institutions, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Algeria

Mr. Nor-Eddine Benfreha is in charge of the Mediterranean cooperation and dialogue issues including the UfM and 5+5. He served as a diplomate at the Permanent Missions of Algeria to the United Nations in New York and Geneva and at the Algerian Embassy to Morocco in Rabat. He holds a Doctorate and Magister degrees in Political Science and international relations, a Diploma from the National School of Administration (Diplomatic section) and a trade policy diploma from WTO. He 2



teaches international relations at the University of Algiers and at the National School of Administration. He is the author of two books: the first one on "Transnational Firms and the globalization" the second on "Multilateral diplomacy in the United Nations". He also did many research contributions.



#### JIHEN BOUTIBA

Secretary General, Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises (BUSINESSMED)

Jihen Boutiba, General Secretary of BUSINESSMED since 2014, has led the International Relations of the organisation for more than 15 years. Previously to her current role, she worked at the U.S Department of States in Tunisia within the Political and Economic section for foreign grants assistance on the Economic Support funds. Mrs. Boutiba has an extensive experience in managing large programmes at international levels and is responsible for partnership and networking relations with diplomatic Institutions in the Euromed/MENA Regions. She holds several Expert Position: she is currently the Executive Director of the EU-project "Enhancing Business Support Organizations-EBSOMED", Director of the ENI-CBC Investmed project, Consultant in Euro-Mediterranean diplomatic trainings with ENA "Ecole Nationale d'Administration" & Deputy Director of the South Mediterranean Social Dialogue Project "SOLiD II" and liason manager with ILO project component. Mrs. Boutiba is also a member of the MENA-OECD Business Advisory Board, board member of HOMERe project, member of the Policy for development and Instituto Eurispes. She is member of the Italian B20 coalition under the chairmanship of Confindustria on Trade and Investment, Digitalisation and Women.



#### **BORHENE DHAOUADI**

President, Tunisian Smart Cities

Mr. Dhaouadi is a Franco-Tunisian architect/urban planner, former Project Manager within the Group COPLAN Engineering, and in Marseille Architecture Partners and Manager of the DTA Group - Multidisciplinary Design Office since 2009. In 2011, he founded the Bizerte 2050 Association, of which he is the President. Since 2012, he has been organising and leading thematic workshops on the inclusive development of northern Tunisia through strategic studies related to land use planning and the programming of economic and modern transport infrastructure. He launched the "Bizerte Smart City" programme with partners in institutional, legislative, professional and academic circles under the aegis of a "Bizerte Ville Durable" 3



Organising Committee of which he is the president. He is also a "Consulting Urban Planner - Smart City" with the Société de Promotion et Exploitation du Lac de Tunis for the creation of the first Smart City Perimeter in Tunisia - 220 Hectares. In March 2019, Dhaouadi launched the National Tunisian Smart Cities programme to make Tunisia the largest "Smart City" laboratory in Africa.



### SENÉN FLORENSA

Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

A diplomat and ambassador, Senén Florensa is currently Executive President of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed). He was previously Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to UN and the International Organisations in Vienna (2018-2020) and Consul General of Spain in Rome from 2017 to 2018. From 2006 to 2017, he was Director General and then Executive President of European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed). Author or director of a long list of books and articles on Euro-Mediterranean and international affairs, he has been President of the World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies WOCMES in 2009, Secretary for International and European Affairs of the Generalitat of Catalonia and Member of the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games Barcelona 1992. During his diplomatic career, he notably served as General Director of the Institute for Cooperation with the Arab World, the Mediterranean and Developing Countries (ICMAMPD) of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (1996-2000), and as Spanish Ambassador to Tunisia (2000-2004).



#### ISIDRO GONZÁLEZ

Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Isidro González Afonso is the Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean in charge of Water, Environment and Blue Economy since September 2019. Isidro González Afonso is a Spanish career diplomat who has served the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation for the past two decades, holding positions as Counsellor and Senior Adviser in several Foreign Affairs Minister's Cabinets in Madrid, and, lately, as Counsellor at the Embassy of Spain in Rabat. He has also been a member of the Spanish OSCE Chairmanship Team in 2007 at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Vienna; Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Spain in Nicosia; and Deputy Consul General at the Consulate General of Spain in Jerusalem. Isidro González Afonso has a wide experience in the Mediterranean region, 4



with a special focus on regional integration and negotiations for conflict management and resolution. Furthermore, he is part of the "Negotiations Strategy Institute" of Harvard University.



#### **AAWATIF HAYAR**

Professor, University Hassan II of Casablanca. Chair, Casablanca IEEE Core Smart City Project

Pr. Aawatif Hayar was appointed Minister of Solidarity, Social Development, Equality and Family by His Majesty King of Morocco Mohammed VI in October 2021. Dr. Aawatif HAYAR was the President of the University Hassan II of Casablanca since 2019, being the second female in the history of Morocco to hold this position. From 2011 till June 2019, Aawatif Hayar was Professor at the engineering school ENSEM of the University Hassan II of Casablanca. She was research and teaching associate at EURECOM from 2001 to 2010 in Sophia Antipolis-France. She is also the initiator of the E-madina Smart City Cluster. She is currently Chair of Casablanca IEEE Core Smart City project. She was also selected by the prestigious African Innovation Foundation as one of the top ten innovative African women in 2015. She is the Scientific Advisor, at the City level, since 2016 of the Smart City Expo Casablanca and General Co-Chair of IEEE international Smart Cities Conference. She was the First Moroccan to receive with honours the degree of "Agrégation" in Electrical Engineering from ENS Cachan in 1992. She is an Engineer in Telecommunications Systems and Networks by the ENSEEIHT de Toulouse in 1997. She holds a Ph.D. degree in Signal Processing and Telecommunications from Institut National Polytechnique in Toulouse in 2001.



#### MOSBAH HELALI

Chairman, SONEDE (National Water Distribution Utility of Tunisia). Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arab Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA) He is currently the CEO of SONEDE and the President of the board of directors of SONEDE-International. He began his career as a global engineering consultant before joining SONEDE in 1992 as Project Manager. At SONEDE, he worked his way up to Head of Division for Hydraulic Studies in North-West Tunisia in 1996, then Territorial Director for the North and Greater Tunis Studies in 2007, and then to Central Director of Studies in 2013 before becoming its CEO. In the beginning of 2016, Mr. Helali additionally became the CEO of the ELKANOUET society. He has had many other roles: expert consultant for Tunisian Technical Cooperation 5



Abroad (ATCT); Tunisian representative for international delegations on management of water and development; developer of national decadal strategies for the water sector in Tunisia; member of the board of directors for multiple national companies; and member various professional associations. He holds a baccalauréat in mathematical sciences and an engineering degree in hydraulic and rural planning from the National Agronomy Institute of Tunisia. He also has a specialist degree in managing water for development from the National School for Rural Engineering of Water and Forests (ENGREF) in France.



#### **FERNANDO HERRERO ACEBES**

Director General for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Madrid City Council Fernando His currently Director General for Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the Madrid City Council. He worked in various companies related to new technologies and the Internet until 2001, when he joined the State Corps of Engineers as a civil servant in the Ministry of Industry. From 2001 onwards he was in charge of the National Programme for Digital Cities until 2008 when he joined the General Directorate of Innovation and Technology of the Madrid City Council. In the Madrid City Council he was Deputy Director of Madrid Emprende, setting up a project called "La Nave". Fernando Herrero Acebes is Associate Professor at the Polytechnic University of Madrid and a member of the Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation Advisory Board of the Camilo José Cela University. He holds a PhD in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. He completed his PhD between Madrid and Aachen in automatic control and laser technologies.



### **VICTORIA JIMÉNEZ**

Head of Sector for Urban Development, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Victoria Jimenez joined the UfM Secretariat in 2015. Since then, she has been in charge of developing and launching the UfM Urban Agenda, the UfM Regional Platform on Sustainable Urban Development and its different working groups while establishing links with the main actors dealing with urban projects and policies in the region. Before joining the UfM, for more than ten years she worked as an urban planner for the Government of Catalonia, assessing and reviewing town planning policies and instruments, spending two of these years at the Delegation of the Catalan Government in Brussels following EU urban policies. She is an architect by the Barcelona School of Architecture (ETSAB - UPC) has 6



also a Master in Diplomacy and External Action by the Universitat Pompeu Fabra and a Master in Knowledge and Information Society by the Open University of Catalonia (UOC).



#### CRISTINA JUARRANZ

Deputy Director, Casa Árabe

She has a degree in Semitic Philology (specialization in Arabic) from the Complutense University of Madrid and is a career official of the Superior Body of Civil Administrators of the State. Until joining Casa Árabe, she has been a member of the Technical Cabinet of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture and Sport and manager of the Reina Sofía Museum. Previously he held various responsibilities in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, as well as in the National Institute of Public Administration and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), where, among other positions, she was Head of the Support Unit of the Bureau for Cooperation with Africa and Asia and Director of Multilateral, Horizontal and Financial Cooperation. She has been co-chair of the Civil Service Reform and Integrity Working Group of the OECD-MENA Governance Initiative for seven years.



### NASSER KAMEL

Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

A career diplomat for the Egyptian government, Nasser Kamel held the position of Ambassador of Egypt to the United Kingdom from 2014 to 2018. He was also Ambassador to France in the period 2006-2012, during which he took part in the drafting of the Joint Declaration of the 2008 Paris Summit that marked the launch of the Union for the Mediterranean. Furthermore, between 2012 and 2014, he was Assistant Minister for Arab and Middle Eastern Affairs. From 2004 to 2006, he was the Director of Egypt's Public Information Service. Prior to this position he served in various embassies, including Washington (1984-1988), Lisbon (1990-1994), Tunis (1994-1998), Brussels (1999-2001) and Paris (2001-2004). Mr Kamel studied Political Science at Brussels University (1977-1979) and Cairo University's Faculty of Economics and Political Science, obtaining his bachelor's degree in 1981. He graduated from the Diplomatic Institute – Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo (1981-1982) and the École Nationale d'Administration (ENA) in Paris (1982-1983).





#### MOHAMMED LOULICHKI

Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South (PCNS)

Mr. Loulichki is a Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South, who focuses on Diplomacy, conflicts resolution and Human rights. He has an extensive experience of 40 years in diplomacy and legal affairs. He assumed inter alia the functions of Head of the Department of Legal Affairs and Treaties in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was also Ambassador of Morocco in Hungary, Bosnia - Herzegovina and Croatia (1995-1999), Ambassador Coordinator of the Government of Morocco with MINURSO (1999 - 2001), Ambassador of Morocco to the United Nations in Geneva (2006-2008) and New York (2001-2003 and 2008-2014), as well as President of the Security Council (December 2012). Mr. Loulichki was appointed President of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council (2013), President of the working Group on Peace Keeping Operations (2012), Vice-President of the Human Rights Council (2006), Facilitator of the Universal Periodic Review of the said Council (2006 and 2010) and President of the National Committee in charge of the follow up on nuclear matters (2003-2006).



### **CARMEN MAGARIÑOS**

Director of Cooperation with Africa and Asia, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

Before joining AECID's Directorate for Cooperation with Africa and Asia in 2021, Carmen Magariños was Deputy Head of Delegation/Head of Political, Press and Information Section of the European Union Delegation in Dakar, and Temporary Agent in the West Africa Division of the European External Action Service (2014-2018). Previously, she had been Head of Area in the Sub-Directorate-General for the Maghreb of the Directorate-General for the Maghreb, Africa, the Mediterranean and the Middle East and Deputy Head of the Technical Cabinet of the Undersecretariat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Between 2010 and 2012 she had been Head of Consular and Administrative Affairs at the Embassy of Spain in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, after her first stint at AECID, where she held the positions of Technical Advisor in the Department of Coordination of Cultural and Scientific Relations (2008 -2009) and Head of the Support Unit of the Cooperation Directorate for Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe (2009-2010). She has also been assigned to the General Directorate of Foreign Policy for Ibero-America (2007-2008) and the Embassy of Spain in Chile (2007), as Head of the Internal Policy and 8



Human Rights and Administrative Affairs Sections. She has a degree in Geography and History, a PhD in American Anthropology and a Master in International Relations.



#### ANA HELENA MARQUES

Director of Middle East and Maghreb Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Portugal

Ms. Ana Helena Marques is the Director for Middle East and North Africa at the General Directorate for External Policy of the Portuguese Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She began her diplomatic career in 1999 at the General Directorate for European Affairs. Afterwards, she was Adviser to the Portuguese Foreign Minister. She has been posted to the Portuguese Embassy in London and to the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations in Geneva. She was Coordinator of the Centre for Strategic Studies, at the Diplomatic Institute and, more recently, Deputy Director for Asia and Oceania. She holds a degree in Economics from Universidade Nova de Lisboa and a M.A. in European Economic Studies from the College of Europe, in Bruges.



### RAMIRO MARTÍNEZ COSTA

General Coordinator, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO). Coordinator of the 5+5 Water Strategy for the Western Mediterranean

Ramiro Martínez Costa has developed his professional career during more than 30 years as a consultant in the fields of Terrain Engineering, Hydrology, Glaciology, Nivology, Hydraulics, Hydrological Planning and River Environment. For 12 years, he was a Professor in the Polytechnic Universities of Valencia and Madrid. In the last 16 years, he has developed his main activity as a consultant on Hydrological Planning and River Engineering (EU-ERDF Programmes in the Júcar, Segura and Ebro River Basin Authorities), and in water-related international relations. He is the General Coordinator of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO) and he has participated in international cooperation and exchange projects, especially in all the areas related to the Union for the Mediterranean, and the recently approved Water Strategy (2015) and Action Plan (2016) in the Western Mediterranean within the Western Mediterranean Forum (Dialogue 5+5), for which MENBO has acted as facilitator/secretariat of the process. Ramiro Martínez is a Civil Engineer (1984) and Doctor Civil Engineer PhD (1988) by the Department of Civil Engineering in the Polytechnic University of Valencia.





#### **ALAIN MEYSSONNIER**

President, Institut méditerranéen de l'Eau (IME)

Alain Meyssonnier joined Marseille Water Company (SEM) as a deputy manager of the international department. He took the lead of the international affairs department between 1989 and 2003. In 2004, Mr. Meyssonnier was appointed Operation Manager in charge of water and sanitation public service delegation contracts signed with the communities of Marseilles Provence Metropole. In 2014, he was appointed Deputy General Manager in charge of development, then in 2017, his Deputy General Manager portfolio covered international affairs and partnerships. At the level of the Holding, Mr. Meyssonnier is the manager of SOMEI subsidiaries (business information systems), Eau de Marseille Environment in charge of waste management, as well as subsidiaries located overseas (Morocco and Tunisia). In July 2019, he was elected President of the Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) by members of its Board of Directors. He is an ESSEC graduate, and he holds a master's degree in Econometry from the Aix-Marseille-Provence University.



#### **ÁNGELES MORENO BAU**

State Secretary for Cooperation on Foreign and Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Government of Spain Until July 2021, Ángeles Moreno served as State Secretary for International Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. She has also served in the Spanish Embassies in Russia, Panama, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Mexico and the United Kingdom. Deputy Director-General for Foreign Cultural Cooperation and Promotion and Ambassador on Special Mission for Energy Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Deputy Director-General for International Relations, Immigration and Aliens and Director-General of International and Alien Relations at the Ministry of the Interior; Director of the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Defence; and Director of the Cabinet of the Secretary-General for the Presidency of the Government. In July 2018 she held the post of Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. She holds a law degree and has been in the Diplomatic Career since 1994.





#### **BLANCA MORENO-DODSON**

Director of the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

Blanca Moreno-Dodson is the Director of the Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI), the only regional partnership gathering international development institutions, national, regional, and local authorities, and civil society from around the Mediterranean, currently hosted by UNOPS and located in Marseille, France. She has over thirty years of experience as a World Bank development economist, including several positions as Lead Economist, mainly for the Global Tax Team, the West Africa Region, the Investment Climate Department, and the Office of the Vice-President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management. As a Senior Economist, she previously worked at the World Bank Institute, the West Africa Region, and the Corporate Strategy Group of the World Bank. She started her career as a Robert Shuman scholar at the European Parliament and as junior economist at the European Commission, before joining the World Bank Group. Moreno-Dodson holds a Ph.D. as well as a Masters (Diplôme D'Etudes Approfondies) in International Economics and Finance from the University of Aix-Marseille, France, in addition to a Masters (Licenciatura) in Economics from the University Autonomous of Madrid, Spain.



#### LUIS ÓSCAR MORENO GARCÍA-CANO

Expert and former Commercial and Economic Counsellor of the Spanish Embassy in Rabat

Luis Óscar Moreno was Director General of Economic Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Government of Spain until September 2021. From September 2019 to September 2020, he has been the Head of the Support Unit of the Directorate-General for Trade and Investment. From 2014 to 2019, he was the Economic and Commercial Advisor Head of the Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy of Spain in Rabat. He was Assistant Director-General for International Trade in Services and Investment from 2012 to 2014. In 2014, he was a Member of the Spanish Foreign Expansion Council. From November 2013 to March 2014, he was a Member of the Board of COFIDES. He was Deputy Director in S.G. International Trade in Services from 2009 to 2012. From 2008 to 2009, he was the Head of Service and Head of Area in S.G. of International Trade in Services. He holds a Degree in Economics at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (U.A.M.), and a Bachelor in Market Research and Techniques Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (U.A.M.). He has also a Diploma in Advanced Studies Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (U.A.M.).





#### **EMMANUEL NOUTARY**

General Delegate, ANIMA Investment Network

Emmanuel Noutary is General Delegate of ANIMA Investment Network since 2010. He joined ANIMA in Marseille in August 2006, as Project Director in the field of innovation, SME financing and investment. He notably initiated the first business angel networks in Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia. Since then, he initiated and steered many cooperation projects implemented by the ANIMA network in the field of SME internationalization, inclusive investment promotion, the mobilisation of talents from the diaspora, clusters, innovation and growth companies. Emmanuel spent 12 years in the telecoms, internet and communications sector: telecoms consultant in Paris; marketing director of a pioneer operator in the field of internet telephony based in London and targeting the MENA markets among others; and research director delivering to various telecom operators. He is graduated from University Paris IX Dauphine: Master 1 in Management Science and Master 2 in Management of Telecoms and New Medias.



#### **FATMA OMRANI CHARGUI**

Ambassador of Tunisia to Spain

H.E. Ms. Fatma Omrani Chargui was appointed Ambassador of Tunisia to Spain on 11th February 2021. From 2019 to 2021, she was Director for the bilateral relations with the European Mediterrean Countries within the General-Directorate for the Political, Economic and Cooperation relations with Europe and the Mediterranean (MFA). Within the same General-Directorate (MFA), she held the positions of Director for the bilateral relations with the EU Countries (2018-2019) and coordinator for the bilateral relations with EU countries (2017-2018). She has been a Tunisian career diplomat since 1996. Since then, she has been Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Tunisia to Iceland (2017) and Sweden and Iceland (2015-2017). Moreover, H.E. Ms. Fatma Omrani Chargui has been Deputy Director in charge of the relations with France, Germany and Austria, the Scandinavian Countries and the Deauville Partnership (2009-2012), Desk Officer for Germany and Austria (2005-1009) and Counsellor at the Embassy of the Tunisian Republic - Rome (2000-2005). H.E.Ms. Fatma Omrani Charga holds a Certificate of Diplomatic Studies within the Foreign service Programme at the Oxford University, a master's degree in Management Studies from the University of Tunis and a degree in High Commercial Studies from IHEC at the University of Tunis.





#### JOHN O'ROURKE

Ambassador, Former Head of Delegation of the European Union to Algeria, European External Action Service

From 2016 to September 2021 John O'Rourke was Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the EU to Algeria. From 2012 to 2016 he headed the Division Arabian Peninsula, Iraq and Iran. From 2007 to 2012 he was responsible for the development of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP). In particular, he led the preparation and launch of the Commission proposal for the Eastern Partnership. From 1999 to 2004 he was deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Warsaw and from 2004 to 2006, he worked on financial cooperation and accession negotiations with Turkey. During the period 1994-2021 he worked in the external relations services of the European Commission. Initially his responsibilities concerned Russia and the NIS, and in particular cooperation on energy and nuclear safety issues. He was educated at McGill University (B.Sc, 1977) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Ph.D., 1982).



#### **OLIVIA OROZCO DE LA TORRE**

Coordinator of Education and Economics, Casa Árabe

Olivia is the senior editor of Casa Árabe's publications on finance, business, industrial policy, water, migration, development and the economic consequences of conflict. She specialised in economics and development in the Arab countries, economics and Islamic banking and economic thinking in the Mediterranean. She holds a PhD in History and Civilization from the European University Institute of Florence (EUI, 2008), a master's degree in Contemporary Arab Studies from Georgetown University (MAAS, 2003) and a degree in Economics from the Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM, 1998). She is the co-author of the first book in Spanish on Economics and Islamic Banking (AECID, 1998), she has published articles on the subject, as well as on the history of economic thought in the Mediterranean and Arab economies today.



#### MAROUA OUESLATI

Information and Project Manager, Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the Water Sector (EMWIS)

Maroua Oueslati has been working as an information & project manager at the technical unit of the Euro-Mediterranean Information System on knowhow in the Water sector "SEMIDE" since September 2015. In 2014, she 13



worked at the UfM secretariat in the Water & Environment Division. Maroua has strong experience in virtual water and food security, in urban agriculture and water management gained through her participation in different European funded projects. Moreover, Maroua has participated and contributed to several Mediterranean workshops, such as the 3rd Mediterranean water forum, EURO-RIOB. She has also represented SEMIDE at the UfM water expert group meetings and contributed to the UfM water agenda. Maroua is an engineer in natural resources management, and she has a Master of Science from CIHEAM-IAMM on Agricultural Management and Territories.



#### FRANCISCO PEDRERO SALCEDO

Senior Researcher, CEBAS-CSIC. Former Coordinator, Mediterranean Youth for Water Network (MedYWat)

Francisco Pedrero has worked for the last 12 years on the use of nonconventional water resources in agriculture, having written more than 40 SCI papers and numerous communications to national and international conferences. He has participated in more than 20 international, national and regional research projects in close collaboration with private enterprises. In the last years, he has been Technical Director of the International Congress "IWARESA", Country coordinator of the ENI CBCMED project "PROSIM", Quality Manager of the PRIMA project "PRECIMED", and recently member of the Advisory Board of PRIMA. As Water Quality Consultant to the FAO, he was one of the Editors of the guide "Water Quality in Agriculture: Risks and Risks Mitigations". He was MedYWat coordinator from 2015 to 2019 and he participated actively as Senior Advisor. He is an Agricultural Engineer, Scientist in the Irrigation Department at CEBAS-CSIC (Murcia, Spain) and Assistant Professor in the Agricultural Engineering Department at the University of Cartagenat (UPCT).



#### **JAVIER PUIG**

Deputy Director General for Maghreb, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Government of Spain

Since May 2017, Javier Puig is Deputy Director General for the Maghreb at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He holds a Degree in Law from the University of Barcelona. He has been a Spanish career diplomat since 2002. He has been posted at the Embassies in Tunisia (2003-2006), Morocco (2006-2010) and Guatemala (2010-2012). From 2012 to 2014 he was 14



Assistant Deputy Director General for the Maghreb at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He then served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy in Vietnam from 2014 to 2017.



#### **OCTAVI QUINTANA**

Director of the Secretariat, PRIMA Foundation

Octavi Quintana is Director of the Secretariat of the PRIMA Foundation since 2017. Previously, he has been Director of the Malaga hospital, Deputy Director General of INSALUD, President of the Bioethics Steering Committee and member of the Public Health Committee of the Council of Europe. He has also served as President of the Spanish Society for Healthcare Quality, Coordinator of humanitarian aid in Rwanda, Burundi, Bosnia and Kosovo, Vice President of the European Ethics Group of the European Commission, Director of International Affairs at the Spanish Ministry of Health and Director of Scientific Research in the European Commission in Health, Energy, European Research. He has also been Director of TVE2 scientific dissemination programmes. Octavi Quintana is a Medical Doctor, specialised in intensive care and MPH by the University of Columbia.



#### DANIEL SCHLOSSER

Advisor to the Inter-ministerial Delegate for the Mediterranean, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Government of France

With more than 30 years of experience in Education and European and foreign affairs, Mr. Schlosser currently holds the post of Adviser in charge of the Education, Higher Education and Research, Communities and Civil Society sectors to the Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs. He is also an Associate Professor at the Sorbonne, Paris. Previously, he was Advisor of the Permanent Representative of France to the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) in charge of Education and Higher Education issues and Advisor for Education and Higher Education to the Ambassador in Charge of Economic Affairs for Reconstruction and Development - Head of the Interministerial Mission for the Reconstruction of Haiti and Mali. Mr. Schlosser has worked in Germany and Kosovo for the United Nations as well as in Turkey and Gabon.





#### **DAVIDE TENTORI**

Research Fellow, Centre on Business Scenarios, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

Davide Tentori is a Research Fellow at the ISPI Centre for Business Scenarios. Previously, he worked for the British Embassy in Italy as Senior Trade Policy Advisor and Economic Officer, for Italy's Presidency of the Council of Ministers as G7/G20 Policy Analyst in the Office of the Diplomatic Advisor, and as Research Associate in the International Economics Department at Chatham House — The Royal Institute of International Affairs. He obtained a PhD in Institution and Policies at the Catholic University in Milan. His main areas of expertise include international economy, with particular reference to trade policy issues.