National Foundation for Civil Society Development

iM:PACT Innovations for Mediterranean

International Conference "Youth: The Strength of Local Communities in the Mediterranean"

- Ahead of Portugal's Presidency of the MED9 Initiative -

Arsenal Cultural Centre, Zadar, Trg tri bunara 1
26 and 27 November 2026

Pre-conference programme

25 November 2026

20:00 **18 Holes to Paradise/18 Buracos para o Paraíso**, Portugal, 2025, Director: João Nuno Pinto

Portuguese film screening ahead of Portugal's MED9 Presidency

Venue: Kino Zona, Governor's Palace, Trg Petra Zoranića 1

PROGRAMME

26 November 2026

10:30 – 11:00 Registration

11:00 – 11:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Cvjetana Plavša-Matić**, Director of the National Foundation for Civil Society Development
- **Adriana Grubelić**, Representative of the Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Republic of Croatia
- **H.E. Marija Pejčinović Burić**, former Council of Europe Secretary General

Priorities of Portugal's Presidency of the MED9 Initiative

- **H.E. Maria Manuel Quintela Batista Durão**, Ambassador of the Portuguese Republic to the Republic of Croatia

11:45 – 13:00 Panel – *Youth in Action: Experiences from Local Communities*

- **Josip Miličević**, Croatian Youth Network
- **Matija Mrakovčić**, Klubtura
- **Ines Katić**, National Foundation for Civil Society Development
- **Goran Medaković**, National Foundation for Civil Society Development
- **Neža Ivančič**, YouSea Institute, Slovenia

- **Mariangela Panico**, Anna Lindh Foundation
- **Fabio Marchesi**, Associazione Patch
- **Zoran Puljić**, Mozaik Foundation, Bosnia and Herzegovina

13:00 – 14:30 *l u n c h*

14:30 – 15:00 Panel – *Activities of the European Economic and Social Committee*

- **Lidija Pavić-Rogošić**, EESC Member, ODRAZ
- **Luka Bogdan**, EESC Member, National Foundation for Civil Society Development

15:00 – 16:30 Panel with iM:PACT Partners on Innovations for the Mediterranean

- **Ricardo Garcia – Centro Português de Fundações**, Portugal
- **Francisco Abad – Fundación Empresa y Sociedad**, Spain
- **Adriano Bisello – Accademia Europea di Bolzano – Eurac Research**, Italy
- **Irena Fonda – YouSea Institute**, Slovenia
- **Francesco Ballone – PHILEA – Philanthropy Europe Association**
- **Mohamed Hafez – Anna Lindh Foundation**

16:30 – 17:00 *b r e a k*

17:00 – 18:00 Portuguese Evening: Fado Concert – **Fábia Rebordão**

18:30 *d i n n e r*

27 November 2026

9:30 – 12:00 Parallel Workshops at Arsenal and the IMPACT Centre

- **Meeting of the Croatian Network for Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation** - Arsenal
- **Project Implementation Workshop for the Call for Expressions of Interest in Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation on "Intergenerational Cooperation in Local Communities"** - IMPACT
- **iM:PACT Partners – Planning Activities for 2027** - IMPACT

12:00 – 12:30 Transport back to Arsenal and *b r e a k*

12:30 – 13:00 Conclusions and Conference Closing

Post-conference programme

18:00 **Magellan/Magalhães**, Portugal, 2025, Director: Lav Diaz

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