



Here we go again! Rome MED Mediterranean Dialogues 2021 is proud to announce the third edition of the “**Youth Forum Contest – Green and sustainable solutions for the future**” promoted by ISPI and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and implemented in cooperation with the Representation of Italy to the European Commission, ASSOCAMERESTERO, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Boston Consulting Group (BCG), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The purpose of the contest has always been to give the Mediterranean region’s youth a chance to present innovative projects aimed at facilitating dialogue and fostering development and cooperation in the broader Mediterranean region.

With this in mind, this year’s Youth Forum Contest is taking on a **new and improved format and scope**, one that aims to make the contest a real opportunity for contestants to grow alongside the development of their ideas. The future of the region’s youth is certainly one that is green, sustainable, and inclusive. As such, starting this year, the Youth Forum Contest will follow in the footsteps of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, and its holistic approach to achieving sustainable development for all through the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year’s projects will focus on these three SDGs:



In addition to this change in scope, this year’s Youth Forum Contest will present a new format. The contest will run from **March to the conference in December** and will include **training and vocational guidance opportunities** from mid-June to mid-October. From a course in **Project Development** provided by the ISPI School, to learning from the experience of professionals in the field through events, conferences, and workshops, this year’s contestants will be able to learn and grow as entrepreneurs together with their project ideas. At the end of this period of coaching and constructive feedback, contestants will **apply the lessons learned** to their projects and re-submit them to the jury of experts by the end of October. The jury will then select the **8 most interesting projects proposals** that will be presented during the Youth Forum at the 2021 Rome MED Dialogues, between December 2nd and December 4th. A **jury of experts and the Rome MED audience** will vote to select the two winners, who will be awarded a **cash prize**.

So, who can apply? Contestants must be between the **ages of 18 and 35**, must come from **North Africa or the Middle East** (those from **European countries** can apply only if in partnership with those from the MENA), and must possess an excellent command of English (the conference's working language will be English). Please visit the MED 2021 [Youth Forum Contest official page](#) for further information.

Applications will only be accepted via the online form. Each entry should include the following information:

1. A short letter of motivation (explaining why they wish to participate in the MED2021 Youth Forum Contest, no longer than 200 words, in pdf format)
2. A complete description of their project (using the attached PowerPoint format).
3. An updated CV (in pdf format)

The deadline to apply is May 31st.