

## Topic title: The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (MEDA)

### Brief description and main aims:

FIEC is informing Member Federations about key aspects of the EU institutions' activity with regard to Southern Mediterranean partner countries, in particular in the context of the [European Neighbourhood Policy](#) (ENP).

### Why FIEC is dealing with this issue/topic and their objective(s):

The policy of the European Union towards the Southern Mediterranean countries aims at encouraging political and economic reforms in each individual country and at enhancing cooperation among the countries of the region and with the European Union. Relations with Southern Mediterranean countries are crucially important. The [ENP](#) guides these relationships, trying to support individual countries in aspects where the European Union can provide a specific and positive contribution.

Another field of attention for the MEDA Vice-Presidency is the [Union for the Mediterranean](#) (UfM), an intergovernmental organisation bringing together EU Member States and 15 countries from the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. It is a permanent structure dedicated to strengthening dialogue, cooperation and exchange of projects ideas. Six strategic priority areas have been identified: business development and employment, social and civil affairs, higher education and research, transport and urban development, water and environment, and energy and climate action.

### Actions and key dates :

MEDA Newsletters are available periodically on the FIEC website for Member Federations, containing relevant and updated information mainly from the EU Commission, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Union for the Mediterranean.

The banner is divided into three vertical sections. The left section is dark blue and contains the logo of the Union for the Mediterranean, which is a white circle with a stylized 'U' and 'M' inside. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Union for the Mediterranean', 'Union pour la Méditerranée', and 'الإتحاد من أجل المتوسط'. At the bottom of this section, it says 'Building bridges for the future'. The middle section is red and contains the text: 'María Ángeles Asenjo, ES', 'Vice-President', 'MEDA', and '(ES)'. The right section is a light grey color and features a portrait of María Ángeles Asenjo, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a light blue blazer.