



## TARGETED AUDIENCE

The MSS (Two Shores Youth Scheme) is composed of 20 participants seeking to deepen their knowledge in geostrategy and geopolitics in order to understand interactions between the two shores of the mediterranean sea. The MSS is made up of two auditors per member country: the first one coming from military academies and the other one from the academic world:

- Higher education students (master level) ;
- Researchers or research students ;
- Young graduates in office or looking for a job ;
- Cadets.

This seminar will be held in English.



## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATIONS

Applicants can sign up by sending a CV or be proposed by partner institutes or universities. The profiles will be studied by a commission formed by some FMES institute members in liaison with its partners.

Depending on specific cases, some charges (travel costs, accommodation) may be financed by the FMES institute with the support of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and that of European organizations. For the countries on the northern shore (France, Italy, Malta Portugal and Spain), travel costs remain the responsibility of the participants.

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## TWO SHORES YOUTH SCHEME



2024



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Within the framework of the French Summit of the Two shores, the FMES institute has created an annual regional session including all countries of the 5+5 dialogue (France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia). These Mediterranean strategic studies (SMHES in French) consists of two seminars (one week long each), one in the North and the other in the South. It brings together young civilian and military graduates. In 2023, young cadets from the Air forces took part. For this fourth edition, we would like to involve cadets from the naval academies of the partner countries.

This informal gathering aims to make the concept of « Western – Mediterranean identity » tangible, it enhances the cooperation between young people in this region and raises their awareness on the common issues, risks and opportunities for both shores of the mediterranean sea.



## OBJECTIVES

- Promote exchanges between young civilians and officers from both shores of the mediterranean sea and participate in the implementation of a EuroMediterranean identity.
- Acquire a strategic culture and provide a large open mind on common issues.
- Better understand defense and security issues in the Mediterranean area.
  - Promote exchanges and collaborative work in order to build a diversified network of future leaders.
- Have the opportunity to participate in a renowned qualifying training course.



## PROGRAM

**WEEK # 1 :** APRIL 29 – 3 MAY 2024 in **RABAT (Morocco)**

**WEEK # 2 :** 17 – 21 JUNE 2024 in **LISBON (Portugal)**

The format of each week's programme aims to focus on one topic per day. The seminar is made up of visits (historical, industrial or military sites), conferences and collaborative work. From the topics studied, the auditors have to write a series of recommendations for national, regional and international decision-makers. These recommendations will be presented on Friday, during the closing ceremony, in front of a jury of stakeholders.

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Cradle of flourishing civilizations, empires and the three great monotheistic religions, the mediterranean sea, Mare Nostrum, remains in the 21st century the space of all possibilities. Yet more and more, the gap of ignorance, prejudice and incomprehension seems to be inexorably widening between its North and South shores. However, the Mediterranean remains a key space which, beyond the differences that need to be recognised and taken into account, can and must bring together and unite rather than divide. Its very strong geopolitical sensitivity therefore requires finding shared approaches and to pool our efforts to avoid the irenicism that has prevailed until now. This is what the FMES intends to do by organizing for the fourth time the meeting of young civilian and military graduates from the Western Mediterranean. This original and unparalleled approach aims to build, over the years, a network of future decision-makers who know each other well and who, therefore, will be better equipped to jointly face the challenges of tomorrow in the western Mediterranean.