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POLICY BRIEF / ORIENTATION PAPER / POSITION PAPER

You are a student, researcher or expert and wish to publish the results of one of your research conducted in the framework of a project. We invite you to present them in a “policy brief” (policy orientation paper, position note) in Watch Letter 41. Your results can be quite useful to decision-makers and stakeholders of cooperation and development to help them achieve a better understanding of an issue and make the appropriate decisions.

The policy brief is a short and didactic publication that provides arguments for a message (idea, policy, method, solution...) related to an issue or a problem faced by decision-makers.

➤ **Subject**

“Youth participation to build sustainable food systems in the Mediterranean”

1st Theme: Education and training

2nd Theme: Entrepreneurship and innovation

3rd Theme: Representation and participation

For further information, see the call for contributions: [here](#)

➤ **Summary**

Before sending a policy brief, the author must first send a summary of his or her draft policy brief (maximum 250 words) including 3 bibliographical references and a biographical note of the author or each of the co-authors (maximum 75 words per note).

POLICY BRIEF STRUCTURE

➤ **Title and subtitle**

Each article must have a brief and clear title, and possibly a subtitle. In this section it is possible to insert a catchphrase or quote

➤ **Summary of the key messages and identification of the subject**

Name and explain the issue and summarize important information.

In a short paragraph give a brief overview of the policy brief content inviting the reader to go further.

➤ **Presentation of the context** (international and Mediterranean)

Describe the context that justifies the importance of the question (or issue) being asked.

Why are the ideas or solutions in place not working? In what ways is your approach innovative (uniqueness of your approach)?

Why is your proposal of interest to decision-makers: does it provide elements for developing a strategy, a negotiation argument, for preventing or dealing with a crisis?

➤ **Analysis: approach and results**

Explain how current ideas or actions do not provide responses to the question (or issue).

Main areas of action, knowledge of facts and/or assessment of current options.

Interdisciplinary perspective: dynamics of the topic and relevance of the analysis.

Who are the actors involved in the issue raised and the interests they might have in it?

Identify other topics related to the issue.

➤ **Conclusions and teachings**

Expand by formulating new questions or possible avenues for further research.

➤ **Implications and recommendations**

Implications: Discuss the consequences of what could happen.

Recommendations: Identify options, good practices and suggestions.

Further information:

→ *Contributions should be in **English** or in **French***

→ ***The length** should be between **2,000 and 3,000 words** (or 12,500 - 15,000 characters or 2 to 6 pages)*

All contributions should include:

- ***A signature** - your name, job title and/or institution (included in the article),*
- *A high quality - high definition **photo**,*
- *A **brief but evocative title**;*
- ***Figures, tables and pictures** in high definition (jpeg or png format) and in a separate document*

- A **brief bibliography / webography** (not more than 4-5 references)

The target audience is very large and varied: non-initiated people, general public, mainly political decision-makers in the Mediterranean region, civil servants and donors. It will also be widely disseminated among academics and researchers and students.

Delivery - The papers must be sent via mail at watch.letter@ciheam.org

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