

Middle  
East  
Mediterranean  
MEM



# Summer Summit 2023 Call for Applications

[www.mem-summer summit.ch](http://www.mem-summer summit.ch)

*The secret of change  
is perpetual engagement,  
developing new answers  
to old questions.*



# Middle East Mediterranean MEM Summer Summit 2023 Call for Applications

The sixth edition of the Middle East Mediterranean Summer Summit will take place in Lugano from 17 to 26 August 2023, with the support of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation.

The MEM Summer Summit, composed of a Seminar and a Forum, aims at developing new approaches, different methods, as well as new projects to transcend physical and cultural boundaries between communities on all shores of the Middle East Mediterranean region.

**Grants**  
The MEM Summer Summit offers a limited number of partial or full grants for participating in the MEM Summer Summit 2023. For further information see [mem-summer summit.ch](http://mem-summer summit.ch).


## Main objectives

- to offer a safe space for dialogue between young change-makers from the Middle East Mediterranean region and Europe, giving them the opportunity to envision a common future
- to build a common ground and intergenerational exchange between young people and decision-makers, public and private institutions, non-profit organisations, social enterprises
- to develop novel approaches that tackle persisting critical issues
- to act as a breeding ground for developing across border and multilateral project proposals
- to initiate collaboration and start networks among several actors in the region

## By participating in the MEM Summer Summit

- you will enrich your curriculum with a blended learning experience
- you will have network opportunities in an international, intercultural, and interdisciplinary environment
- you will be given the space to collaborate on project-proposals, assisted by a team of professionals and experts
- you will have a chance to be involved in projects and initiatives, as well as international conferences and workshops
- you will gain international exposure

## Application process

Applicants must submit the following documents on the application platform:  
[Link](#) 

- an up-to-date curriculum vitae
- a letter of no more than two pages replying to the questions:  
What does the MEM statement "What unites us is more important than what divides us" mean to you? In which ways do you feel you contribute to this? Which are the most urgent topics to discuss in the MEM region, according to you?
- a short introduction video in English (up to two minutes long), in which the applicant introduces themselves, briefly state why they are the right candidate and how they can contribute to the Summit

**Deadline**  
**14 May**  
**2023**

## Candidate profile

## From

The Middle East Mediterranean region and Europe with a proven interest in the region and social engagement

## Age

Between 25 and 35

## Experience

With diverse educational backgrounds and work experience (business, media, human rights, non-governmental organisations, politics, technology, culture, art, entertainment, creative industries, social entrepreneurship, education, and research)

## Projects

Interested and willing to collaborate on across border projects with participants coming from all over the region

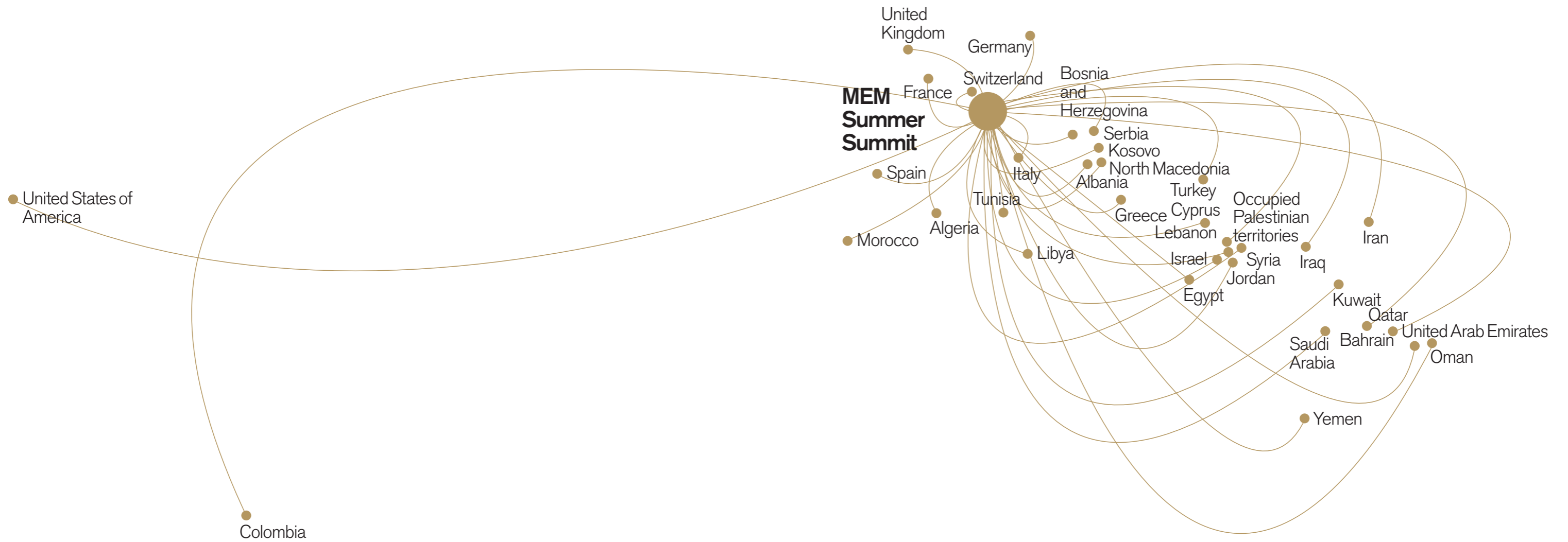
## Languages

Strong knowledge of English; knowledge of French is an asset



*It is an opportunity to meet people with whom we can't usually connect, from countries often depicted as enemies, learn first-hand about complex regional dynamics, and gain a wider perspective on our own neighbourhood.*

Young change-maker



Countries of the young change-makers that participated in the MEM Summer Summit

*What unites us  
is more important than what  
divides us.*





**Middle  
East  
Mediterranean  
MEM  
Summer  
Summit**

**Contact**  
Università della Svizzera  
italiana  
Middle East Mediterranean  
Summer Summit 2023  
Via Buffi 13, 6900, Lugano,  
Switzerland  
MEM@usi.ch  
[www.mem-summer.summit.ch](http://www.mem-summer.summit.ch)

