



“The Social and Solidarity Economy: an alternative for economic development and employability?” the topic of UM5R-UNIMED and RESUME Conference in Rabat, 20-21 March

The [RESUME partners](#) met in **Rabat on 20 March** at the premises of Muhammad University for a jointly event organised by the **University Muhammad V of Rabat (UM5R), UNIMED and RESUME project.**

The Conference on the main topic **“University and Employability”** has been focused on the sub-theme **“The Social and Solidarity Economy: For a new sector of Sustainable Development”** that has seen the participation of universities, enterprises, officials and representatives from Ministries of Higher education and stakeholders from socioeconomic sector from Morocco.

The main objectives of the conference were the following:

- *Reflect on best practices on promoting entrepreneurship within higher education institutions and building relationships between the university and the social and solidarity economy sector;*
- *Exchange experiences and good practices of stakeholders for potential standardization;*
- *Make social entrepreneurs a driver for Economic Development.*

Speakers and audience have debated on the following main questions and problems:

- **What is the position of the University in the national landscape dedicated to Employability?**
- **What tracks, news, are they explored or must be explored to develop the employment and integration of young graduates?**
- **What is the role of the social and solidarity economy in absorbing the unemployment of young graduates?**
- **Does the Social and Solidarity Economy have the fundamental factors enabling it to be part of the National Sustainable Development Policy?**

The RESUME partners took part in sharing their view and best practices on the topic thanks to their already consolidated experience in the project

A **Third Mid-Term Meeting** of RESUME project has been also organised on **20 March afternoon and 21 March only for RESUME partners** to further update each other’s about the progress of the implementation of the activities and for a state of the art as well as to plan the next steps for the next remaining six months of the project. It has been an important meeting for RESUME partners

where sustainability and impact aspects have been underlined as well suggestions and remarks have been shared among the partners.

To know more on the conference and the RESUME meeting, download the [leaflet](#) and the [programme](#) of the two-days event.