## Programme

| *Timeframe (CET)* | *Key moment of the event* |
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| **9:00 – 9:45** | Welcome and introduction to the AU-EU-Med Innovation Fair in the context of the Mediterranean Innovation Agrifood Week (MIAW), by co-moderators<br><br>High-level institutional greetings:<br>1) European Commission, Ms Nienke Buisman, Head of International Cooperation, DG RTD<br>2) African Union Commission – Speaker TBC<br>3) Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) – Speaker TBC<br>4) Italy's key Ministries – Speakers TBC<br>5) Representative of Regione Puglia<br>6) Representative of Comune di Valenzano<br>7) Director of CIHEAM Bari, Dr Biagio Di Terlizzi |
| **9:45– 10:00** | Warm-up, introduction of the day's programme & demonstration of the *Matchmaking App* for the Fair – by co-moderators |
| **10:00 – 10:30** | Policy presentations:<br>[10:00 – 10:15]<br>- The AU-EU Innovation Agenda and the renewed AU-EU R&I Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)<br><br>[10:15 – 10:30]<br>Union for the Mediterranean Research Roadmaps, R&I dimension of Med Pact (including also the Mediterranean Innovation Partnership Report for the period 2027-2036) |
| **10:30 – 11:00** | 2 minutes- pitches on transformative results from 14 innovative FNSSA projects |
| **11:00 – 11:30** | Coffee break |
| **11:30 – 12:30** | 2 minutes- pitches on innovative solutions generated by 20 innovative, science-based or deep tech start-ups and SMEs |

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| **12:30 – 14:00** | Lunch break |
| **14:00 – 16:30** | Networking and Matchmaking in "The *Fair Space*" (exhibition component of the event) – this part will be in-person only |
| **16:30 – 17:00** | Awarding of winning start-ups or SMEs |
| **17:00 – 17:30** | High-level concluding remarks<br>1) European Commission<br>2) African Union Commission<br>3) Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)<br>4) Italian Ministries<br>5) Regione Puglia<br>6) CIHEAM Bari |
| **17:30 – 18:00** | Cultural / musical ending of the event |
| **18:00 – 20:00** | Networking reception |