



October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3 pm CET

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Thematic Webinar

#### ***Understanding Food Safety: Concepts and Challenges in a Changing World***

Food & Water are two cross-cutting issues of increasing importance in the Mediterranean region. The UNIMED SubNetwork on Food & Water was launched with the purpose of bringing together research centres, university departments, faculties, academics scholars and independent researchers that work in the selected fields, in order to favour scientific cooperation, the exchange of experience and information, the strengthening of existing partnerships and the establishment of new collaborations.

Within the context of partnership between UNIMED and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the UNIMED SubNetwork on Food & Water organises its 1<sup>st</sup> Thematic Webinar, with speakers from both FAO and the University of Évora-MED, Portugal, the SubNetwork Coordinator.

Food Safety can be defined as the food handling, preparing, and storing practices with the purpose of preventing or reducing foodborne diseases. Food Safety is an integral part of the Sustainable Development Goals and it is also the basis for Food Security. FAO is the only international organization overseeing all aspects of the food chain, thereby providing a unique vision on Food Safety. *Keeping food safe is a complex process that starts on the farm and ends with the consumer.*

Facing a changing World in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and now even more urgent with the current COVID-19 pandemics, it is important to understand Food Safety and discuss how we may reach it.

## AGENDA

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| <b>3 pm</b>    | <b>Welcome message and brief presentation of the speakers</b>   |
|                | Marcello Scalisi, Director of UNIMED<br>Marta Laranjo, Senior Researcher at Universidade de Évora-MED |
| <b>3.05 pm</b> | <b>Safety and quality of water used in food production and processing</b>                             |
|                | Kang Zhou, Food Safety and Quality Officer at Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)                 |
| <b>3.25 pm</b> | <b>Food Safety in the Mediterranean region</b>  |
|                | Miguel Elias, Assistant Professor at Universidade de Évora-MED  |
| <b>3.45 pm</b> | <b>Debate/Time for questions</b>  |
|                | Moderated by Marta Laranjo  |
| <b>4.00 pm</b> | <b>Webinar closure</b>  |

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*All times is CET (Central European Time)*