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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Spanish parliament approves controversial euthanasia bill (Euractiv)

The Spanish parliament (Congreso de los Diputados) approved on Thursday with a large majority a controversial bill to regulate euthanasia in the country, EURACTIV's partner EFE reports. Read more [here](#).

Lebanon's concrete cartel (Foreign Policy)

How business interests prevent Lebanon from rebuilding its infrastructure, government, and economy. Read more [here](#).

Turkey appoints ambassador to Israel after two years: Report (AlJazeera)

Ankara withdrew its envoy to Israel in 2018 over deadly attacks on the Palestinians in besieged Gaza. Read more [here](#).

Russia ready for dialogue on Syria with all interested countries (TASS)

Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that the ceasefire was holding in most of Syria. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Tunisia minister sacked and arrested in scandal over illegal waste from Italy (Guardian)

Mustapha Aroui held along with 22 others after 200 containers of decaying household and medical waste discovered in July. Read more [here](#).

Will the Mediterranean become too hot for tourists? (Guardian)

Late-summer temperatures may prove unbearable for some visitors, posing threat to vital holiday industry. Read more [here](#).

Arab-Israeli town to build green paradise over dump (Al-Monitor)

The municipality of Taibeh is working to rehabilitate a waste site and turn it into a park. Read more [here](#).

5G could worsen climate change, claims French government advisor (Forbes)

The widespread installation of fifth generation cellular broadband networks (5G) will likely increase greenhouse gas emissions over the next ten years, according to France's High Council on Climate. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Greek and Turkish musicians perform “Songs Without Borders” at Sydney Opera House (Greek Reporter Australia)

The beautiful and evocative music of Asia Minor took the audience at the Sydney Opera House on an historic, emotional journey in two performances recently, showcasing the melodies and rhythms of its rich, ancient cultures. Read more [here](#).

2020: Year of unprecedented archaeological accomplishments in Egypt (Egypt Today)

24 December 2020: On 22 December 2019, the Ministries of Tourism and Antiquities merged into one ministry. Read more [here](#).

Archaeologists find evidence of Neolithic mega-tsunami in Israel (Sci-News)

A catastrophic tsunami occurred sometimes between 7,910 and 7,290 BCE with an extreme 16 m (52.5 feet) wave height and 1.5-3.5 km (0.93-2.2 mile) run-up on the Carmel coast of Israel, according to new research published in the journal PLoS ONE. Read more [here](#).

Five Greek Islands among threatened European cultural heritage sites (Argophilia)

According to the European voice of civil society, Europa Nostra, and partner, the European Investment Bank Institute, several Greek islands are in danger of losing their cultural heritage. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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