

**MoreThanAJob in Palestine informs University Students about its Activities and Subgrants to Support Labor Integration of Vulnerable Groups.**

**MoreThanAJob revamps its portal for better access to Mediterranean social and solidarity economy initiatives.**

**MoreThanAJob in Lebanon completes a series of trainings as part of "Carving out a Better Path Forward" project in the Bekaa region.**

**MoreThanAJob in Greece launches its management meeting and social entrepreneurship skills training.**



*MoreThanAJob's call for subgrants focused on SSE-PA collaboration projects that aim to strengthen welfare and social services, as well as to assist the social and labor inclusion of disadvantaged groups, with a focus on increasing work possibilities and empowering young people and women.*

*MoreThanAJob advocates for the economic resilience of vulnerable groups in deprived areas surrounding the Mediterranean. One shared goal amongst all stakeholders of this project is fostering economic empowerment.*

*This issue of MoreThanAJob's newsletter showcases how sub-granted initiatives are creating social economy and public administration relationships for a new community welfare. This newsletter is intended to summarize the most essential aim achieved by the MoreThanAJob Partnership by compiling the most recent relevant news.*



*Subgrantees Contributing  
to the Economic  
Empowerment and  
Inclusion of  
Vulnerable Groups.*

Advocating for the Economic Resilience of  
Vulnerable Groups in Deprived Areas  
surrounding the Mediterranean.

## PSD in Palestine Supports 50 Young People towards Employment



One of the winning projects funded by MoreThanAJob titled "Orjuwan: Fostering The Economic Empowerment of Fresh Female Graduates (From The Marginalized Areas) and Preparing them to Enroll in the Labour Market" is run by PSD which strives to promote economic and social development by fostering the economic empowerment of fresh female graduates from marginalized areas and preparing them to enrol in the labour market. The training started on March 13 and 17, 2022 in an opening event that took place at Nablus Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hall. The training is initiated through 10 hours on life skills and the upcoming topics divided in two separated sessions. Monitoring

and evaluation efforts will take place through a joint collaboration between An Najah National University, Nablus Chamber of Commerce & Industry and PSD. PSD is also working hard on obtaining new synergies and enhancing the Networking with private sector and CBOs to gain the most benefit. After the completion of these trainings, 10 projects will be selected and funded with priority given to female participants who have experience in graphic design and digital marketing and based on economic need. The project also expects to offer 50% of participants the opportunity to sign official contracts with a number of community-based organizations (CBO) as employment opportunities.





# Launching a Training Course to Transfer Technical Skills in the Upholstery Industry



The Civil Society of Nablus Governorate (CSNG), a subgrantee of MoreThanAJob in Palestine, organized in May, 2022 a closing ceremony of a number of vocational trainings in the field of international desserts making and number of life skills trainings. These training were offered for a total of 44 Palestinians from low-income socio-economic backgrounds aged between 35-16 in Palestine.

The event included a dessert competition for the trainees of the international desserts making training course,

and Leadership” training course by Ms. Heba Al-Masry, “Projects’ Financial Management” course by Mr. Wassim Kalbounah, and “Cake Baking” course by Chef Kifah Askari. The vocational trainings are part of “Fostering Economic Empowerment of Women from Less Fortunate Families through vocational Training” project run by CSNG which strives to promote economic and social development by fostering the economic empowerment of women from less fortunate families from marginalized areas and preparing them to enter the

honoring ceremony for the partner institutions, and a certificate awards ceremony for the training courses’ participants held by CSNG such as “Life Skills Training” course delivered by Mr. Kamil Al-Khalidi, and “Project Management

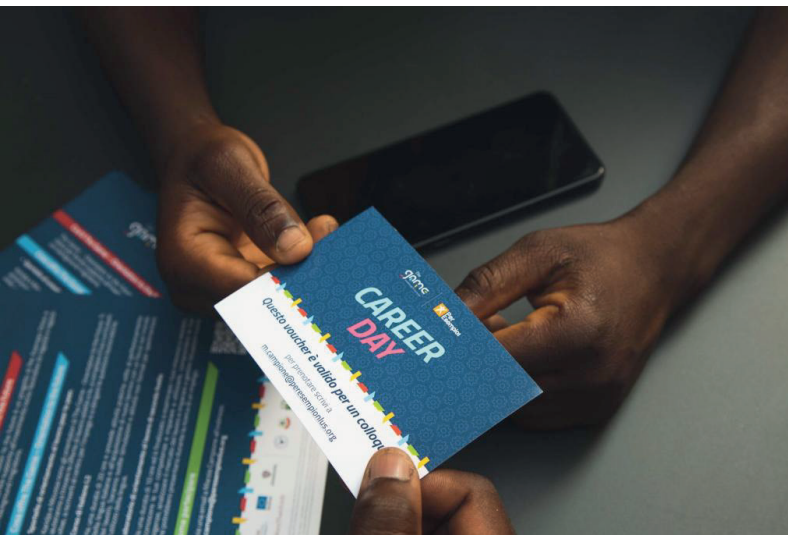
labor market through vocational training. The trainings are implemented under the supervision of MoreThanAJob project's partners in Palestine: the Nablus Chamber of Commerce & Industry and An-Najah National University.

An upholstery training course in collaboration with the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) in Nablus and under the supervision and affiliation to the Ministry of Labour is now held in parallel with this training. The training targets 15 participants among them, 1 female interested in this profession and enrolled accordingly.





## The Game Career Day: Fostering the Employment Inclusion of Migrant Communities



During 8 months of activities, The Game – Orientation to the Future has supported migrants in Palermo in accessing local services and in fostering their competences to join the labour market. A peer-to-peer desk for career guidance and services' orientation has been established in three different spots in the city center of Palermo, including Casa dei Diritti. It is a service of the Municipality of Palermo for supporting the welcoming and inclusion of migrants.

The collaboration with the Municipality of Palermo and other realities of the city allowed to reach a higher number of people and to inform them on the opportunities available in the territory. In continuation with the work done as part of the desk, Per Esempio, the organization coordinating The Game, organized a career day on the 8th of June 2022. During the event, three counselors - Moussa, Karidja and Marzia – shared information on the labor market in Palermo and provided employment guidance.

The event saw the participation of around 40 persons who accessed the information counters.

The Game – Orientation to the Future is one of the two initiatives sub-granted by MoreThanAJob in Italy. The main aim of the project is to increase the level of social and labor inclusion of people with a migrant background by strengthening the collaboration between public and private actors in order to enhance social and welfare services for them.







## MoreThanAJob in Italy supports a new business model for street sellers

**A path has been activated through Artigianato Interculturale - one of the Two Local Initiatives Co-funded by MoreThanAJob Consists of:**

- **Training in traditional and digital crafts, particularly through the use of biomaterials**
- **An orientation desk for the start-up of social enterprises and ethical business management**
- **A dialogue with the Municipality of Palermo for the establishment of an Observatory on street selling**

These activities took place at NOZ - Nuove Officine Zisa, a place managed by the Centre Ricerche Economiche e Sociali per il Meridione (CRESM) with the aim of supporting the recovery of artisan skills. Through its craft workshops, NOZ aspires to combine the tradition of craftsmanship with digital techniques with the ultimate goal of encouraging the development of social enterprises.

Guglielmo Sano, the cultural mediator at CRESM, the organization that coordinates the initiative noted that street sellers, the final beneficiaries of the project, often do not recognize the potential of their craft skills, particularly those who have a migrant background. They often take for granted these skills because CRESM conducts a broad and deep dialogue with the public administration and, in particular, with the Department of Social Activities and the Department of Productive Activities of the Municipality of Palermo. The direct relationship with the former is fundamental, for example, in reaching the beneficiaries and their families. Dialogue with the latter can help in the process of modifying regulations which, although simplified over the years, represent a difficult obstacle to overcome. CRESM aspires to elaborate a vademecum that would allow all to access the procedures to start a business in a faster and more effective way.

The desk aims to support the development of realities that, on the one hand, allow the livelihood and, on the other hand, the full expression of their creativity to craftsmen, to those who want to become such and to those who want to turn a hobby into a job. At the desk, people ask for support in facing the bureaucratic machine that often frightens people with migrant backgrounds. CRESM would like to create a network of craftsmanship, of entrepreneurs who are able to propose a new business model that can attract interest and give way to a new sector related to the recovery of traditional skills combined with the use of digital tools. As well as to allow the development of associations and companies that aim to involve their community.



# ASRF training 300 Young Refugees in Jordan

The "Social Solidarity Economy Values and Principles: Education and Training Action and Financial Plans" project run by the Applied Scientific Research Fund (ASRF), a subgrantee of MoreThanAJob in Jordan,

dynamics of SSE, as well as distinguish SSE from other economic dynamics. They were also equipped with the main knowledge, as well as basic competences, to implement those values and principles and translate them into collective

SSE. It worked with the target groups through vocational and educational trainings in the fields of social solidarity economy values and principles, democratic management in the social solidarity economy, and ethical and solidarity finance and resources. The vocational and educational training aims to invest in the education and training of those trainees so that they can grow up as citizens who develop their professional activity with a more critical view on the current economic system.

The project included three training modules aimed at promoting the Social Solidarity Economy at the level of Initial Vocational and Educational Training (IVET). These modules will affirm a new paradigm through IVET curricula innovation that will be developed by ASRF. So far, ASRF has completed the needs assessment and research studies, networking with relevant stakeholders to increase awareness through media campaigns and has also completed participant selection through an application process that included over 60 applicants with priority given to Palestinian young people who are uneducated, unemployed from marginalized areas and those who have initial background in SME Development and initial experience in developing start-up ideas. ASRF is working hard on developing new synergies and enhancing the networking with private sector and Vocational Training Center (VTC) to gain the most benefit out of this training.



aimed to understand the topic of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) as a transversal movement, linking values and principles to collective action and practices. Trainees from various geographical regions in Jordan were expected to understand the

action.

The project started in February 2022, targeting around 300 refugee trainees from various geographical regions in Jordan (Karak, Tafila, Maan and Shoubak) from low-income socio-economic backgrounds and working in





**Collaborating with  
SSE Actors for  
Better Social  
and Economic Growth.**



# Syrian Families towards becoming Agents of their own Integration

The Sihan Charity Association (SCA), a sub-grantee of MoreThanAJob in Jordan, runs the Dairy Products project aiming to promote income and social solidarity for unemployed young people, poor families and Syrian refugees". In the complex environment of Jordan with its high unemployment rates and scant industry, the "Dairy Products" project worked towards helping make refugees economic actors in their communities and agents of their own integration in Jordan, while also contributing to the development of the area where they live by generating employment and

supporting the creation of small businesses. The project has been designed to promote economic and social development in 4 areas in the South of Jordan. The project worked with a total of 15 Jordanian and Syrian families in the southern part of Jordan. It targeted poor and low-income families, especially the ones with unemployed mothers, and unemployed young people aged between 16 and 35 years old. The project was divided into 3 phases. The first phase, which lasted for 45 days, provided 58 persons with several training courses on how to make products out of the sheep's milk. The training focused on increasing production,

manufacturing and service activities, supporting the development of small enterprises that create employment and wealth for refugees and the local community.

The SCA entered the second phase of the project in which the necessary equipment and raw material (milk) required will be provided to the target groups. The production process was supervised by the association for each family. In the 3rd phase, the marketing process was provided to the producers for the market and neighboring areas. The project is expecting to create 100 job opportunities at the end of the implementation.





A series of Workshops and Vocational Trainings conducted by the Subgrantees Under the Framework of MoreThanAJob.



## PHI Group completes a Series of Trainings as Part of “Carving out a Better Path Forward” project

PHI group, a subgrantee of MoreThanAJob, was able to spread its roots across the socially diverse Lebanese society as it commenced its training program titled “Carving out a Better Path Forward” as part of MoreThanAJob project. PHI group successfully managed to reach out to the target groups, experts, the Ministry of Social Affairs and the mayors of several Lebanese regions.

The “Carving out a Better Path Forward” program addresses the inequalities present within the Lebanese labor market, particularly in the most deprived areas in Lebanon such as Bekaa, South Lebanon, Mount Lebanon and Greater Beirut area. Through implementing this program, new sets of skills and qualifications amongst under-skilled workers, especially those coming from less privileged areas in Lebanon have been cultivated. Help and support were provided to those who are deeply affected by the situation in Lebanon through offering health and safety in the workplace awareness sessions, vocational trainings for under skilled labor and soft skills trainings.

The awareness sessions aimed to equip the participants with the knowledge, skill and competence to recognize and maintain good health and safety practices in the workplace. They focused on covering different risks, hazards and controls associated with the workplace and raising health and safety awareness of the learners. Another training was conducted by the PHI group focusing on how unused items or discarded material can be converted into useful products, and thus be turned into a useful opportunity. The training included several activities and exercises that aimed at enhancing the participants’ knowledge and empowering them with practical skills to manage and engage effectively in the workplace.



# Further exploring the role of Women in Building Economic Resilience.



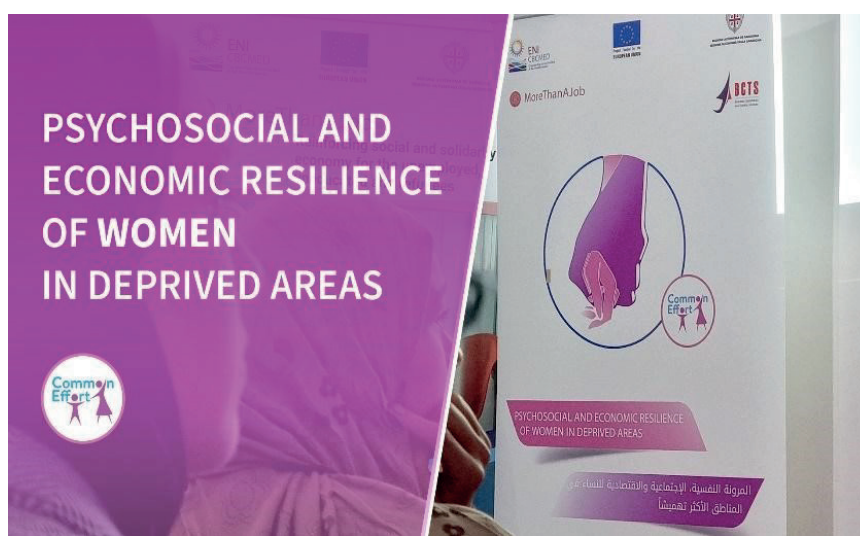
## PSYCHOSOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE OF WOMEN IN DEPRIVED AREAS

For instance, on June 2022, Common Effort, a subgrantee of MoreThanAJob in Lebanon further explored the role of women in building economic resilience through putting in motion its ongoing project and initiative titled “Psychosocial and Economic Resilience of Women in Deprived Areas”. The project targeted vulnerable women and girls who are the most affected by the political and socio-economic crisis in Lebanon. It focused on strengthening mental health and fostering economic resilience of underprivileged women emerging from host and refugee communities. It also supported vulnerable women by providing them with primary and essential protection services throughout peer-to-peer counseling sessions and their integration in the labor market by initiating income

generation and employment opportunities. The project included several sessions that were implemented in a systematic and efficient way across several days. The sessions focused on enhancing psychosocial wellbeing through peer-to-peer counseling, strengthening economic resilience through social business development workshops, and fostering efficient dialogue.

Despite the critical circumstances Lebanon had been going through, with dramatic economic

and socio-political challenges, and in spite of parliamentary elections being conducted on mid-May, Common Effort managed to successfully launch and implement its initiative. Additionally, it has signed a memorandum of understanding with the “Ministry of Social Affairs” whereby the partnership’s focus was on promoting sustainable economic growth and boosting employment opportunities for vulnerable groups in deprived areas in Lebanon. Under this framework, the Ministry of Social Affairs coordinated the implementation process. After communicating with the mayor of neighboring towns/villages, and thanks to the community outreach team, Common Effort decided to intervene and targeted a total of 515 beneficiaries.





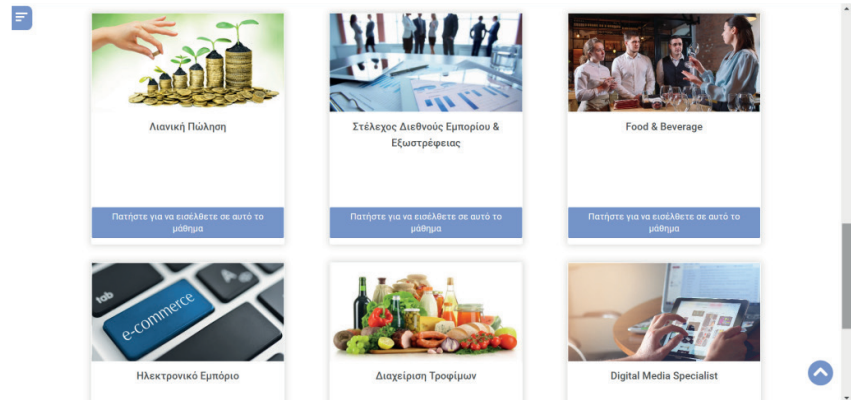
# Responding to the Socio-economic Phenomenon of Unemployment: the Educational Platform



The Greek sub-grant project EdAct implemented by KMOP launched an educational platform with funding from MoreThanAJob after an extensive piloting and testing phase. The project was designed to respond to the socio-economic phenomenon of unemployment, taking into account current trends in the labor market, taking full advantage of the possibilities that technology offers. EdAct thus offers added value for the development and delivery of welfare services promoting the social and labor inclusion of vulnerable people, a main goal of MoreThanAJob. The educational platform offers specialized courses in areas of the labor market in which

there is an identified shortage of workforce. The educational material is designed for people that belong in vulnerable groups, i.e. unemployed, uneducated, women, and migrants. For this reason, an extra focus was given to the skills needed for improving the beneficiaries’ public and civic participation, as well as their inclusion in society. Beneficiaries can sign-up, and then attend one or more courses based on their needs and wants free of charge. The ultimate goal is to train 100 beneficiaries, so that they can be (re)integrated in the Greek labor market. The platform will remain in operation after the project’s end, so that more people can benefit from it even at later stages.

The offered courses are: Digital Media Specialist, E-commerce Systems Specialist, Sales and Retail, International Commerce, Food and Beverage, and Food Management. Each course is tens of hours long, and consists of multiple modules that focus both on soft and hard skills. The material is available through asynchronous e-learning in order to facilitate the participation of people regardless of their location in the country, or their schedule. The material is interactive and dynamic, and it also provides the students with self-evaluation tests to ensure they achieve the learning outcomes of each course themidst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the migrant and energy crises.



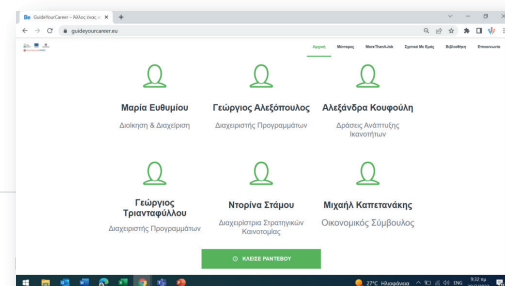


# Guiding and inspiring future Community Leaders through Providing E-mentoring Opportunities

The Greek sub-grant project GuideCar implemented by Symplexis launched an e-mentoring platform with funding from MoreThanAJob. The project aspires to shape project beneficiaries into future community leaders through their interaction with experienced professionals, helping them to build the interpersonal skills that are necessary to reach their full potential. GuideCar thus offers added value for the development and delivery of welfare services promoting the social and labor inclusion of vulnerable people, a main goal of MoreThanAJob.

The e-mentoring website offers orientation sessions where participants develop the skills necessary to maintain mutually beneficial relationships. The mentoring activities are designed for people that belong in vulnerable groups, i.e. unemployed, uneducated, women, and migrants. GuideCar's mentorship programme facilitates participants to develop their career prospects, leadership and diversity skills needed to succeed in a dynamically changing labor market. The ultimate goal is to mentor 100 beneficiaries, giving them the chance to create employment opportunities for themselves. The website will remain operational after the project completion, ensuring that participants will have the opportunity to stay in contact with their mentees.

The GuideCar mentoring program is built to facilitate knowledge transfer and career development, as a means of combating unemployment in Greece. To achieve that, GuideCar uses an innovative competency-based and learning-outcomes-oriented approach that utilizes user-friendly ICT applications. This allows for more personalized and individualized guidance, in contrast to more traditional approaches of mentoring. Beneficiaries can book 1-on-1 sessions with mentors, and gain access to online training and individualized mentoring. There are currently 6 mentors offering their services free of charge, 3 men and 3 women. They are experts with leadership skills with different specializations: Business Management and Administration, Innovation Strategic Specialist, Business Consultant, Capacity Building Trainer, Project Managers. Depending on the beneficiary's needs, the mentor and the mentee schedule at least 2 sessions together to set goals and check on their progress. The website also features the "GuideCar Library", a tool that features opportunities for training and education, portals for job-searching, and occupational profiles for different career paths.



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## GuideCar: e-Mentoring για ηγέτες του μέλλοντος





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Further supporting  
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# A Euro-Mediterranean Partnership to rethink Local Welfare: Meeting in Palermo



In the last three years, MoreThanAJob has been working to support the development of cooperation mechanisms between social economy actors and public administration for more effective welfare services and initiatives to enhance the social and employment inclusion of vulnerable groups. Moments of encountering and training had been organized during which these actors had the opportunity to share strengths and weaknesses of their collaboration experiences in order to identify the success factors that should be taken into consideration when thinking about how to restructure local welfare services and initiatives.

The results of this phase of the project were brought in the open call for sub-grants to fund local initiatives to encourage the development of bottom-up initiatives for new services fostering the employment opportunities in the addressed territories and facilitating the access to available services through the public-private collaboration. MoreThanAJob partners met in Palermo to

share the activities carried out as part of these initiatives and the results achieved in the different countries. But also, to plan the very next steps of our project and the activities that will be realized in the next weeks.

MoreThanAJob had also the opportunity to discover more about the local initiatives sub-granted by MoreThanAJob in Italy that have strengthened the project's commitment in encouraging new synergies among local actors and stronger welfare services and initiatives. These initiatives allowed to support in a more incisive way these actors in reaching citizens and communities through welfare initiatives and services that promote their employability and social inclusion. Representatives of the sub-grantee organisations shared the results achieved and the impact of the carried activities on the participants and their communities.

Moreover, Per Esemplio organised a career day during which participants discovered more about the labour market in Palermo and had the opportunity to receive vouchers for an interview with local organisations and companies. The interview will allow participants

to test their capacities in carrying out a job interview and, at the same time, to get to know local realities.

At the end of the meeting, stakeholders had the opportunity to do a guided tour around the city centre of Palermo coming across the influences that the culture and architecture have received from the different populations that have inhabited the city. They discovered how the flows of Mediterranean people over the centuries have influenced the habits and traditions of Palermo.





MoreThanAJob in Greece  
Launches its Management  
meeting and Social  
Entrepreneurship Skills  
Training for its Subgrants.



# MoreThanAJob in Greece launches its management meeting and social entrepreneurship skills training

MoreThanAJob unveiled social economy and social inclusion initiatives in Greece. Besides the partners’ meeting, MoreThanAJob got to know about the Municipal Market of Kypseli and the Romantso Creativity Hub and Incubator. During March 8-10, 2022, representatives of all MoreThanAJob partners had the opportunity to meet in Athens, Greece to discuss the project’s progress and plan next steps. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this was the first time that the partners could all meet in person after the kick-off meeting in 2019. The meeting was held at EUROTraining facilities, the Greek partner, and the sessions were chaired by ANNU – An-Najah National University, the lead beneficiary. The first 2 days focused on technical and financial issues regarding the project implementation and progress on all Work Packages. The partnership was able to align priorities and define the next steps of the Project in order to achieved the biggest impact for the social and labor inclusion of the target groups. The main topics of discussion were the monitoring of the 10 winning sub-grants, the involvement of public institutions, as well as the new version of the MoreThanAJob portal. A prominent element of the in-person meeting was the ability to take part in a capacity building training as a team. The training was designed to advance skill for the social economy, with a focus on fostering engagement for social inclusion actions. At the end of the training, the partners took part in social awareness and team building participatory activities. Finally, a synergy session was organized with other ENI CBC Med Projects promoting social inclusion. Besides MoreThanAJob, 5 other ENI CBC Med projects with Greek partners had the chance to present their actions and exchange best practices. The session was held on-line to facilitate all participants whereby a small presentation was made by representatives of the INTERNISA, HELIOS, SIRCLES, MedTOWN, and MYSEA Projects.





Training about the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) is a critical part of MoreThanAJob project's capacity building strategy. The project seeks to engage people at many different levels including community education, and SSE development

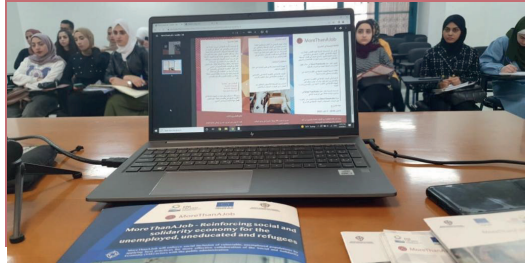
National University, organized an informative workshop about MoreThanAJob project's objectives and programs for the "social organization" course, 24 students from the social work program at An-Najah National University on Monday April 4, 2022.

services for vulnerable groups in order to increase their opportunities for social and labour inclusion. At the end of the workshop, students engaged in a question and answer session with the workshop's speakers and participants.

# Informing University Students about Activities and Subgrants supporting Labor Integration

organizations, as well as in schools and colleges. The big picture and framework of the solidarity economy is lacking. Thus, there is a critical need to inform people about the SSE in order to continue to strengthen their collective capacity and impact. In this context, MoreThanAJob project's partners in Palestine: the Nablus Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the International Grants and Projects Center at An-Najah

The event started with an introduction about the project which aims to promote the social inclusion of vulnerable, and unemployed people by applying the best identified practices for more effective collaboration between the SSE actors and the public administration. The event also included presentations about the project's sub-grants which were awarded to SSE entities to support the cooperation between SSE actors and the public administrations with the aim of improving welfare and social



**On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, the 2 sub-grantees of MoreThanAJob in Lebanon:** PHI Group represented by Mr. Rodolphe Saadeh, and Common Effort represented by Ms. Yara Ayoub in the presence of Business Consultancy and Training Services (BCTS), the Lebanese partner of MoreThanAJob project, represented by Dr. Wafaa Haidamous, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Social Affairs represented by the Minister Dr. Hector El Hajjar and his advisor Dr. Pierre Baz. The partnership focuses on promoting sustainable economic growth and boosting employment opportunities in Lebanon. This MoU aims at providing a cooperation framework in which all parties shall



# A New Agreement in Lebanon to reinforce the Support for Vulnerable Groups

collaborate in areas of common interest related to social and economic resilience in deprived areas in Lebanon. Through this agreement, the Ministry of Social Affairs will play an active role in implementing the 2 sub-grantees' projects in Lebanon aiming at improving welfare and social services for vulnerable groups to increase their opportunities of social and labor inclusion. The MoU brought PHI Group, Common Effort and the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon together to work on several initiatives, including supporting vulnerable women and girls as well as under-skilled workers from different rural areas. This collaboration will cut across policy, institutional, and individual levels to support the target groups and their small businesses and start-ups needed for employment generation in Lebanon today.



Subgrantees of MoreThanAJob aspire to strengthen Social Solidarity Economy through Effective Practices amongst Marginalized groups.

# Accessing Mediterranean and SSE initiatives through revamping MoreThanAJob Portal

## What does the portal offer?

The online portal of the MoreThanAJob project - <https://joinmorethanajob.org/> - is tailored for supporting private-public cooperation as a way to enhance the development and delivery of social services and initiatives for the social and labor inclusion of vulnerable groups. Providing both actors with a platform where to exchange information on their work and initiatives is an important step to reach this aim. This is what the MoreThanAJob online portal is about: a pilot action to offer an integrated offer of services for the community well-being and a place where to share expertise.

Through it, actors from the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) and public administrations can more easily develop synergies, collaborations and co-design processes with other actors by sharing such information. This will support the development of innovation processes and the capitalization of existing opportunities for citizens with the final aim of improving the

social services' offer of the territory. With its new look, the MoreThanAJob portal will further facilitate the exchange of information, ideas and initiatives by allowing to:

- more easily access the Registration form, the Services and Opportunities form and the Need help? sections.
- find information on our Sub-granted projects through the dedicated section collecting all the updates on the 10 local initiatives co-funded by MoreThanAJob.
- find more easily the news you are looking for through a new categorization of the News section to better navigate the updates on the project, relevant publications on the project topics, funding opportunities and the project results.
- better navigate the portal through the Need help? section where to find a user guide and the video tutorials explaining the portal structure and functions.

- An overview of services and initiatives available in the territory to support the social and labor inclusion in the Mediterranean region.
- The possibility to create new synergies for the territorial growth through the development of more effective services and by capitalizing on the different activities going on.
- Resources, means and new ideas to facilitate the development of synergies and collaborations at local and international level.
- Information and updates on the MoreThanAJob project, the sub-granted local initiatives and topics relevant to the project's themes.

## Concluding Training Courses on Digital Marketing and Graphic Design.

In June 2022, a MoreThanAJob subgrantee- Partners for Sustainable Development (PSD), organized a closing event of its groundbreaking project titled "Orjuwan: Fostering the Economic Empowerment of Fresh Female Graduates from the Marginalized Areas and Preparing them to Enroll in the Labor Market". The event was attended by representatives of project partners and local stakeholders. Orjuwan project aimed at promoting economic and social development by fostering the economic empowerment of fresh female graduates from marginalized areas and preparing them to enter the labor market. It targeted 50 Palestinian young people from low-income socio-economic backgrounds aged



between 20-35 through professional programs in the field of graphic design and digital marketing, fostering their capacities of self-employment, providing networking opportunities and encouraging their entrepreneurship. The beneficiaries were selected upon specific selection criteria including gender, age, experience, and additionally taking into account the economic status of the applicants, their interest to join the program, the level of leadership and self-awareness, priority for the unemployed and the residency in rural areas. The evaluation process took place

at Nablus Chamber Hall for two days. It included a specialized committee who evaluated each presentation based on a set of criteria, taking into consideration the performance, project impact on the labor market, creativity, market study and competitors, clarity of objectives, and the sustainability of the project.



# Economic Empowerment Policy through supporting SMES and Startups



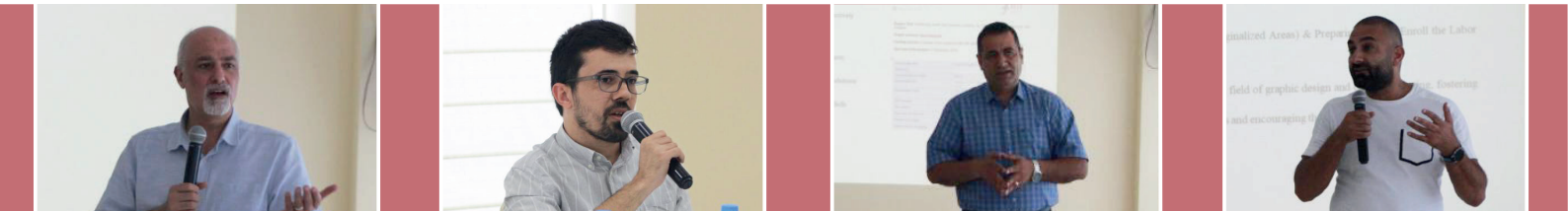
On July 05, 2022, the Ministry of Social Development of Palestine adopted the economic empowerment policy among MoreThanAJob project outputs. Per the workshop organized by the Nablus Chamber of Commerce & Industry and An-Najah National University titled “Effective Practices in the Field of Social Solidarity Economy towards a Consolidated Palestinian Community” on Tuesday, July 05, 2022, MoreThanAJob project’s stakeholder in Palestine: The Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) represented by the director of Empowerment Program “Tamkeen” at the Ministry, Mr. Murad Moqady stated that the ministry adopts the Social and Solidarity Economy policy as an output of MoreThanAJob project. The intervention made by Mr. Moqady initiated the discussion during the workshop and allowed the attendees from various institutions and local NGOs to interact and ask questions in this regard. As a result of this discussion panel, the involved project sub grantees : the Civil Society of Nablus Governorate (CSNG) and Partners for Sustainable Development (PSD) have established their own networking with the focal point of Tamkeen Program at the Ministry in a way that enable the beneficiaries of their training courses to get benefit and enroll in the Tamkeen Program. On the other hand, the representatives of other ENI CBC MED projects: CLUSTER, MedTOWN and MedRiSSE contributed to the discussion panel and started the initiative to establish networking and synergy with the Tamkeen Program and other similar programs so that the best benefit could be achieved.

## Effective Practices in the Field of Social Solidarity Economy towards a Consolidated Palestinian Community

MoreThanAJob partners in Palestine: the Nablus Chamber of Commerce & Industry and An-Najah National University organized a workshop titled “Effective Practices in the Field of Social Solidarity Economy towards a Consolidated Palestinian Community” on Tuesday, July 05, 2022. The workshop brought together representatives from the main involving ministries and institutions, including; the Ministry of Labor (MoL), the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), Tamkeen Programme affiliated to the MoSD, as well as practitioners, policy-makers and other

stakeholders concerned with the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) in Palestine and a group of representatives from the public administration. The two sub granted projects also attended with a number of their projects beneficiaries, besides representatives from various NGOs who work in the same field and serve similar objectives on top of them GIZ - PALM Project. The workshop was also attended by representatives and coordinators from the ENI CBC MED Programs counting; MedTOWN, MedRiSSE and CLUSTER projects that are an integral part of the social

inclusion thematic objective of the Programme. The main objective was to discuss the concept of Social and Solidarity Economy and its impact on employment policies in Palestine. Furthermore, the workshop aims at closely approaching the role of SSE and public administrations in the development and enhancement of these policies to foster job creation among vulnerable groups in Palestine. It also aimed to enhance the understanding of practitioners, policy-makers and other stakeholders on the SSE in Palestine to contribute to its development there.



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