

June - July Newsletter

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The EU Neighbours South is part of the EU-funded Regional Communication Programme for the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods. The four-year programme (2020-2024) aims to raise awareness, increase knowledge and improve public understanding of the European Union and its policies, enhance strategic communication actions and build resilience against disinformation in the [Southern Neighbourhood](#).

HIGHLIGHTS



EU Goodwill Ambassadors and EU Jeel Connectors shine at the European Youth Event - #WeAreInStrasbourg

EU Goodwill Ambassadors and EU Jeel Connectors from the Southern Neighbourhood took part in the **5th European Youth Event (EYE)** held in Strasbourg on 9 and 10 June. EYE brought together young individuals from all over the European Union and beyond to share their ideas. The event included a series of **interactive workshops and discussions** that covered crucial topics such as anti-discrimination, freedom of expression, and gender equality. Our EU Goodwill Ambassadors and EU Jeel Connectors contributed their unique perspectives and ideas.

The youth also had the opportunity to explore the historic [Palais of the Council of Europe](#) and learn about the cooperation between the EU and the Council of Europe. The EU Goodwill Ambassadors and EU Jeel Connectors were joined by the YEAs from EU the East and Western Balkans, exploring interactive stands and enjoying the open-air concerts. EYE was filled with discovery, connections, and unforgettable moments, allowing youth to **expand their horizons**, forge new friendships, and celebrate their shared aspirations.

[Watch the video](#)



EU Jeel Connectors lead the way in Egypt!

On 12 June, the EU Jeel Connectors in Egypt attended an event at **Assiut University**. The event focused on getting young people involved in debates around climate change, water scarcity, and plastic pollution. The aim was to **discuss the challenges, opportunities, and solutions** related to these issues. The EU Ambassador to Egypt, the Governor of Assiut, and the President of Assiut University were present and highlighted the importance of **working together** to tackle these problems.

[Check our Facebook post](#)



#EyesOnEarth: Adventure for a Greener Future!

On 21 June, EU Neighbours South unveiled the **#EyesOnEarth regional contest**, a key highlight of #EyesOnEarth, the 2023 Environment-focused campaign. The countdown has begun! The #EyesOnEarth competition is officially open for applications and will be closing on July 21.

Embracing the EU's new forest strategy for 2030, this forward-looking contest challenges participants to **showcase solutions** with a real sustainable and long-lasting impact. By shining a spotlight on projects dedicated to biodiversity conservation, forest regeneration, forest-based bio-economy, and circular economy strategies, we aim to **safeguard our forests and foster cleaner air and flourishing ecosystems**. The contest is open to all Green professionals, organisations, CSOs/CBOs, and NGOs from the EU's Southern Neighbourhood.

The #EyesOnEarth contest is a collaboration between EU Neighbours South and partners including SwitchMed/MedWaves and EFI Mediterranean Facility, with the support of ENICBCMED.

[More info](#)



Relive the unforgettable: #InTheirEyes Series now available

Flashback: **Memories of the closing event of «#InTheirEyes»** held in March are now online, a chance for a nostalgic journey! The closing event of the regional contest for talented content creators was filled with heart-warming moments, engaging conversations, and exciting challenges.

The **8 episodes** cover the contestants' joyous gatherings and heartfelt reconnections, include a conversation with Eleni Papoutsis former project manager at DG NEAR as well as discussions on common values, shared aspirations, and collaboration for a brighter future ahead with H.E Marcus Cornaro, EU Ambassador to Tunisia, and H.E Josephine Frantzen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tunisia.

So, grab your popcorn, sit back, and get ready to be enthralled by the extraordinary #InTheirEyes series. **It's more than a competition, it's a human adventure!**

[Watch the video series!](#)

EU GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



Reem Masadeh from Jordan

Visionary content creator from Jordan, Reem is trying to capture the essence of our beautiful world through her creative endeavours. She strives to showcase the **charm and wonder** of life's small details, while keeping her inner child alive.



Mahmoud Abdelmageed from Egypt

Mahmoud is first and foremost a dedicated **husband and father**. Working as an engineer, in his free time, he's also a passionate **advocate for women's rights** as a content creator. Mahmoud's favourite thing about himself is his ability to continue learning and inspiring others.

[Read more about our EUGWA here!](#)

NEWS

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