

# January 2024 Newsletter

## EU NEIGHBOURS SOUTH



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



### 2023: A Year of Pushing Limits and Forging Bonds

As the curtain draws on another eventful year, we think back on the past year at EU Neighbours South programme. From **regional campaigns** to **thrilling contests** and to nurturing the **#InTheirEyes** and **EU Jeel Connect networks**, our commitment to connection has thrived. Youth from our networks participated in activities across the region and Europe, sharing their perspectives, acquiring new skills and making memories.

In this newsletter, we look back on some activities, and also on the networks that have made this year unique!

As we look forward to the new year, we hope for even more engaging activities and opportunities to connect with the public. May 2024 be a year where hope shines brightly, and **peace prevails in every corner of the world!**

[Watch our end of year video here!](#)



## Our networks at UfM's Youth Academy in Barcelona!

In November, some of our EU Jeel Connectors and EU Goodwill Ambassadors participated in **UfM's Mediterranean Youth Academy** in Spain.

This 3rd edition of the Academy focused on **centering Euro-Med youth** voices and enhancing their capacities. The 3-day programme featured 6 interactive sessions, providing a platform for 100 participants from the Euro-Med region to engage in **meaningful dialogue** and **collaborative learning**.

Our youth immersed themselves in a collaborative experience, returning eager to share their newfound knowledge within their peers from the youth networks and beyond.

[More info about UfM](#)



## #EyesOnEarth: Entrepreneurship in the Service of Ecology

In summer 2023, the EU Neighbours South programme launched #EyesOnEarth, an environment-focused campaign to highlight the importance of **environmental preservation** and **promote sustainable business** models in the region.

As part of this campaign, we highlighted success stories of environmentally conscious initiatives and entrepreneurs within the Southern Neighbourhood.

Explore the narratives of the innovative, **youth-driven businesses** dedicated to environmental preservation and sustainable development, all of which received **support from the EU**.

[Check out our stories](#)



## Investing in Culture: A Daring Gamble for Youth

Discover our **series of culture related e-cards**, published in 2023 as part of the Speak Up Culture! campaign. The e-cards shed light on **cultural initiatives**, start-ups, and the talented beneficiaries who have received EU funding and support to nurture culture in the Southern Mediterranean.

These stories showcase the success of **artists, cultural journalists, social entrepreneurs**, and more, all of whom exemplify the potential of youth in creating a vibrant cultural and entrepreneurial landscape. They are living proof of the concrete impact of EU support.

[Check out the e-cards!](#)



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# CONNECT SUMMIT

Organised by EU Neighbours South

## Connect Summit 2023: A Family Gathering

On 14 and 15 December 2023, the **Connect Summit** brought together both youth networks, EU Jeel Connect and #InTheirEyes in a two-day webinar.

This online gathering drew together over **100 young people** from the Southern neighbourhood. Discussions centred around shared experiences and the realities of youth in the region. The event included exchanges with **high-level EU representatives** as well as in-depth conversations on **relevant themes** such as women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, culture and environment.

The dynamic exchanges not only deepened our sense of community but also forged new bonds, setting the stage for **impactful collaboration**.

[Discover testimonials about the Connect Summit!](#)



## Meet the EU Jeel Connectors!

EU Jeel Connect is a network dedicated to raising awareness and promoting **youth engagement** in the Southern Neighborhood, showcasing **the impact of the EU**. With voluntary membership, the network extends across Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia and currently includes over 200 young people.

[Discover the EU Jeel Connectors here!](#)

# OPPORTUNITIES

## Apply for the Anna Lindh Foundation Mobility Programme

**ALF IN MOTION**  
YOUR TICKET TO CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATION!



**Mobility For Partnership**



For entities in the process of developing project proposals and are actively seeking international partners for collaboration or forming a partnership and are looking to engage in joint brainstorming exercises and more.



**Mobility For Action**



For entities participating in face-to-face intercultural dialogue events like workshops, debates, trainings, intercultural performances, etc. and are interested in enhancing these events by inviting external parties from different organizations around the Mediterranean.



**Mobility For Creativity**



For artistic and creative outlets willing to host creative individuals or artists allowing them to step out of their everyday practices and explore new horizons. Participants in this modality can bring their creative initiatives to life, experiment with new ideas, and collaborate with like-minded peers.



**Mobility For Knowledge**



For entities partnering with other peers or academic institutions to create knowledge products related to intercultural dialogue. It is an opportunity to co-produce cross-sectoral knowledge in the Euro-Med region.



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[www.annalindhfoundation.org](http://www.annalindhfoundation.org)

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## Apply for the "Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention Programme"



## Apply for the Interreg NEXT MED first call for proposals!



## Call for proposals to address joint Mediterranean challenges - Interreg NEXT MED

**Interreg NEXT MED**

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**FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Budget: €103.6 million  
Deadline: March 28, 2024

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