

March 2024 Newsletter

EU NEIGHBOURS SOUTH



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



Celebrating Women's Stories from the Southern Neighbourhood

International Women's Day on 8 March was marked by posts surrounding gender equality and women's empowerment.

Throughout the month of March, EU Neighbours South shared stories of women empowerment from across the Southern Neighbourhood, supported by the EU. Inspiring stories of women **whose lives have changed and dreams came to life** through various **EU-funded projects** were shared on social media platforms.

From overcoming barriers in traditionally male-dominated fields such as plumbing to becoming successful entrepreneurs, these stories exemplify the potential for **empowerment** and **opportunities** made possible by EU funding.both shores of the Mediterranean.”

[Check out one of the posts!](#)



Coffee Talks by Connectors: Kick-off in Algeria!

The **EU Jeel Connect network** is entering a new phase as the EU Jeel Connectors will, from now on, organise their own Coffee Talks to which they will invite their communities while taking an active part in planning and moderation.. **The Coffee Talk by Connectors** will also be attended by EU representatives who will share insights, information and opportunities offered by the EU in various fields..

On 9 March, the very first **Coffee Talk by Connectors** took place at the Instituto Cervantes cultural centre in Algiers. Chaired by EU Jeel Connectors Sabine Bouras and Ayoub Kaouane and supported by Nacim Filali, the EUJC Country Coordinator in Algeria, the event focussed on EU cultural initiatives.

A panel discussion and a lively debate took place, with the contribution of Yacine Babouche, Head of Cultural Diplomacy in the EU Delegation to Algeria. A total of 30 participants were present, a promising start for the Connectors Coffee Talk series.

[Discover the photo album!](#)



Youth Networks Meet EU Ambassador in Jordan

On 4 March, around **15 EU Jeel Connectors** and the **EU Goodwill Ambassadors** met with the **EU Ambassador to Jordan**, H.E. Pierre-Christophe Chatzisavas.

The discussion focused on regional developments and on how EU Neighbours South's networks can **promote EU-funded projects and opportunities in Jordan**. The discussions covered topics such as the **regional situation** and effective ways to highlight EU initiatives in Jordan in this context.

Later, on 10 March, the group visited an exhibition organised by the Delegation of the European Union showcasing **contemporary Arab artists** from the collection of Hasan and Ica Wahbeh. This exhibition, which honours the **Gaza Strip** through art, offered an insight into regional themes and cultural expressions.

[Have a look on the exhibition!](#)



Coffee Talk at Kef4Youth Event Sparks Connections and Promises

A Coffee Talk was organised during the **Kef4Youth** event, which took place on 4 and 5 March 2024 at the CIRTА cultural centre in **Kef, Tunisia**. The event provided a forum for youth from the Kef region to have a productive exchange of ideas and experiences with other projects under the **#EU4Youth programme** as well as with local and national partners.

Thirteen members of the **EU Jeel Connect network** engaged in the event. They met and engaged with project beneficiaries and other participants from Kef, the EU Jeel Connect network, and others. Activities included learning about EU4Youth programme components, followed by a brainstorming session where members split into thematic groups to identify key issues relevant to **employability and entrepreneurship, cultural and sporting innovation, as well as education and TVET**.

Hichem Zidi, **EU Jeel Connect Country Coordinator**, said “ EU Jeel Connectors radiate the spirit of Tunisia’s partnership with the EU, embodying a future full of promise and progress. Theirs is a generation of hope and vitality.”

[Discover the event](#)



#EyesOnEarth is Back on!

After coming to a halt due to the war in Gaza and the region, #EyesOnEarth is back, showcasing the inspiring work of professionals, organisations, CSOs/CBOs and NGOs in the field of **green and sustainable practices**. Focusing on biodiversity conservation, forest regeneration, forest-based bioeconomy and circular economy strategies, the competition aims to shine a spotlight on impactful projects and initiatives.

#EyesOnEarth was relaunched on 21 March, Forest Day. One of the highlights of the relaunch is the «**Meet the Projects**» series, which showcases the shortlisted initiatives.

Voting for the «People's Choice» award also opened in March and ended on April 1. Public audience were able to vote in two categories - Civil Society Initiatives and Eco-Innovators

Keep up with your #EyesOnEarth and stay tuned for updates!

[Check out the relaunch announcement!](#)

NEWS

EGYPT: Joint Declaration on Partnership with the EU



PALESTINE: EU advances Humanitarian Aid for Gaza



OPPORTUNITIES

The Woman Greening Food Systems Award



MAISHA, an Afro-European Art Experiment

