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Green Forward - Advancing Policy Frameworks in the Mediterranean

Project Description	
Title of the Action	Green Forward - Advancing Policy Frameworks in the Mediterranean
Geographical scope	Regional <ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Africa: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt• Middle East: Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan
Key objectives	Support and develop sound policies and regulatory framework in order to promote a Green and Circular Economy in the Southern Neighbourhood
Budget	EUR 4,000,000
Duration	48 months
Start date	January 2024, with 6 months of inception phase
Donor	European Union
Name of the MS implementing agency	Expertise France (EF)
Team location	Amman, Jordan



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Overview

The European Union, through DG NEAR, has launched the “**Green and Circular Economy in the Southern Neighbourhood**” programme. This initiative aims to focus on three levels of intervention: macro, meso and micro. Expertise France has been entrusted with implementing the first component at macro level, entitled: ***Green Forward – Advancing Policy Frameworks in the Mediterranean***. This action involves strengthening and supporting regional and national policy framework that promote a Green and Circular Economy (GCE).

This 48-months project, with a budget of €4 million, aims to advance the cause of GCE in the Southern Neighbourhood, by fostering economic opportunities and job creation.

Furthermore, the project is willing to encourage policy convergence within the region, drawing upon principles of the European Green Deal, and eager to contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 12, related to sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Context

Southern Mediterranean countries still have progress to make in integrating principles of sustainable development into their economies. This is mainly due to governance issues, a lack of regulatory frameworks and incentives, a limited involvement of the private sector, as well as technical obstacles.

However, several countries in the region have developed national strategies and priorities regarding a sustainable development, driven by their comparative advantage in certain sectors, such as renewable energy production, as well as resources scarcity concerning water, energy and food.

Furthermore, despite having one of the world's youngest populations and high unemployment rates, the connection between environmental protection and economic challenges remains unclear in the region.

Overall, promoting and facilitating the transition to a Green and Circular Economy within public authorities of the Southern Neighbourhood can lead to a wide range of benefits, including environmental sustainability, economic prosperity, social equity, and improved public health.



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Objectives

The main objective of the project is to develop and support sound policies and legislation that tip the scales of Green and Circular Economy practices.

We have identified two main outcomes, accompanied by a set of outputs to successfully carry out this project.

Outcome 1: Regional public authorities share a common vision of inclusive GCE, inspired by EU best practices.

- Output 1.1: Regional stakeholders are sensitized and informed about GCE opportunities and EU initiatives.
- Output 1.2: Political dialogue is encouraged at regional level between policymakers and EU counterparts.
- Output 1.3: Good practices are shared among stakeholders at regional level.

Outcome 2: Principles of inclusive GCE, inspired by EU policy framework, are integrated and established at both national and regional levels.

- Output 2.1: Roadmaps are designed to integrate GCE principles into public policy and regulatory framework of Southern neighbourhood countries.
- Output 2.2: Countries are supported in implementing these roadmaps based on identified priorities.

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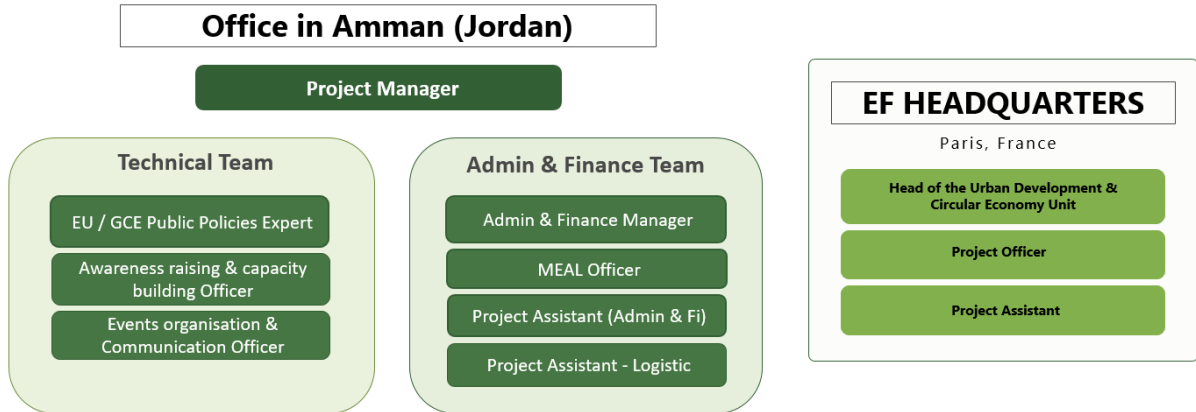
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Project team

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