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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.

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Empowering young media professionals: Regional Training in Constructive Journalism

As part of the **Media Connect initiative**, the EU Neighbours South programme and the Maharat Foundation organised a **regional training on constructive journalism**.

In total, **18 journalism students and young media professionals** from 9 countries in the Southern Neighbourhood (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia) took part in **4 online sessions** introducing them to constructive journalism and providing them with hands on exercises and practical examples to hone their skills and develop a sound understanding of constructive journalism.

The **final session** will take place in **Brussels** in November, where the participants will present their journalistic work, applying their acquired knowledge of constructive journalism.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Empowering Communities

World Rural Development Day: Inspiring Stories of EU-supported Local Empowerment

To mark **World Rural Development Day** on 6 July, a comprehensive campaign was launched, highlighting the importance of **integrated rural development** as laid out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The campaign included a series of curated feature stories, social media posts and videos created by EU-funded rural development projects across the region where they showcase their work and impact. Highlighted initiatives included **Innovagrowomed**, **CREACT4MED** and **CapdeI**. They all have inspiring stories that focus on **empowering youth and women in rural areas** to realise their potential and contribute to the development of their regions.

Read the stories here



Exploring EU Projects: A Journey Through Tunisia with Goodwill Ambassador Dhia Jendoubi

A series of videos entitled **«Forsa ya shabab 'With Dhia'»** was produced in collaboration with the EU Goodwill Ambassador to Tunisia **Dhia Jendoubi**. Each episode focuses on a **specific theme,** from culture to education women's empowerment, tourism and rural communities, health and heritage.

Dhia produced a total of **six episodes** and travelled around Tunisia to present **EU-funded projects** and meet the beneficiaries. Each episode presents a clearly defined topic and gives an insight into different initiatives supported by the European Union.

Watch the videos



EU Jeel Connector Opening Doors in Morocco

- **Dayae ddine Marouch** organised his own initiative called "**Jeel Alfia**" in Oujda, designed to connect start-ups in the region, helping them understand the opportunities provided by the European Union and encouraging them to join the Alfia incubator.
- Chaimae El Mahdaoui organised an Erasmus Information session with the objective to introduce the Erasmus+ programme to youth from different backgrounds as well as share concrete experiences from alumnis and open the floor to discussing EU opportunities for Moroccan youth.
- Abderrahim Baalla put a 2-day programme in place in Agadir, designed to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to succeed in the sports industry.
- Lahcen El Mejdoubi organised «Ride for the ocean: Coastal Cleanup Campaign», a
 project aiming to blend environmental conservation with community engagement through
 a bike tour along Tangier's coast, during which participants collected waste from the
 beaches.

NEWS

LEBANON: EC supports stability and economy



EGYPT: Boost in green investments



PALESTINE: €15.5 million for social allowances





OPPORTUNITIES



30th North-South Prize of the Council of Europe













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