

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



Chasing Stars on the Road – Jordan Edition

“Chasing Stars on the Road”, EU Neighbours South’s project visit concept continued on 28 October in Jordan. EU Ambassador Pierre-Christophe Chatzisavas and **20 EU Jeel Connectors** had an inspiring day **learning about EU-funded projects** in Zarqa, Muwaqqar and Amman.

The day started with the **Green Links project** at the National Employment and Training Centre in Zarqa where the youth experienced first-hand the maintenance and functioning of solar panels, followed by a visit to the Oasis Centre in Muwaqqar to learn more about the **Resilience and Empowerment of Vulnerable Women project**, a key initiative for Jordan's growth and stability implemented by UN Women. The trip ended at the Nazik Al Hariri Centre for Special Education in Amman, where participants learnt about **EFE's B-LIEVE project**, visited its center and discovered the arts and crafts designed by some of its beneficiaries.

This visit gave participants a deeper insight into the **profound impact of EU-funded initiatives** and allowed them to experience first-hand how these programmes are enriching communities and creating positive change in Jordan.

Discover the photos

Spotlight
on



EU Jeel Connectors in Egypt: Empowering Peers with Inspiring Initiatives

The **EU Jeel Connectors in Egypt** are making a name for themselves with their **impactful initiatives**, bringing like-minded people together to learn, collaborate and grow.

Yara Wael led a successful **Coffee Talk** in collaboration with the Aqua Dialogues of the EU Water Egypt Programme, in close collaboration with the EU delegation to Egypt. This inspiring discussion brought together young people to explore the **challenges and solutions in water sustainability** and promoted awareness and meaningful dialogue.

Abdallah Emad led the “**Cultivating Sustainable Leaders**” workshop at El Rakhawy Workspace, teaching young Egyptians **key leadership skills in sustainability**. His initiative is shaping a generation of mindful leaders who are ready to tackle today’s environmental challenges.

[Learn more](#)



Spotlight on EU Health Initiatives in the Southern Neighbourhood

EU Neighbours South has launched a comprehensive social media campaign on **health**, demonstrating the EU’s unwavering commitment to **supporting health initiatives** in the Southern Neighbourhood. Through social media videos and three feature stories, the campaign highlights the **transformative impact** of EU-supported projects and the **voices of beneficiaries** in the region.

The EU’s efforts are diverse and impactful, ranging from the provision of free **psychosocial services** to **raising awareness** about female genital mutilation and the rapid deployment of medical teams and resources in emergencies. In addition, the EU has played a crucial role in **rehabilitating health centers**, improving medical care and promoting epidemic response and vaccination measures to protect public health and strengthen community resilience.

[Discover the wrap-up post](#)

BACK 2BASICS



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Stories from the
EU's work in Syria
with Anas Badawi

قصص من عمل
الاتحاد الأوروبي في
سوريا مع أنس بدوي

Celebrating International Podcast Day with 'Back to Basics'

To mark **International Podcast Day** on 30 September, the three-part **podcast series «Back to Basics»** was launched with **Anas Maher Badawi**, a member of the Syria network of practitioners, inviting a new guest in each episode. The series looks at the EU's impactful work in Syria and highlights **powerful stories of youth empowerment and resilience**. From insights into the VIII. Brussels Conference and its support for Syrian youth, to the crucial role of Syrian civil society organisations in EU-funded projects, **Back to Basics** highlights the profound impact of EU initiatives and their importance for the **future of Syria**.

[Listen now!](#)



Youth Step Up for the Environment in Algiers

Under the leadership of **Abdelmoumene Benamara** and with the support of **Yacine Sadou**, both EU Jeel Connectors in Algeria, 30 young men and women came together to **clean up the Broken Boat Beach** in Algiers. This environmental initiative inspired the youth to get involved in **nature conservation** and emphasised the importance of **protecting our seas and oceans**.

The event also introduced participants to the EU-funded **Blue Economy Programme** and the exciting opportunities it offers for a sustainable and environmentally friendly future.

[See the photos](#)

Spotlight on



EU Jeel Connectors from Libya in Action!

With the support of the EU network Jeel Connect, Libyan young people are developing effective initiatives that **promote dialogue, learning and peace** in their communities.

One example of this is **Islam Al Atrash**, who recently organised an event on **media and journalism**. This event focused on exploring the role of the media in promoting peace and shaping positive narratives. Participants also learnt about the various projects and opportunities offered by the European Union in the field of media.

Another active Connector, **Mohammed Khiblil**, launched the initiative “**Debate to Decisive Decisions**”. The debate addressed a critical question: the role of Libyan youth in decision-making positions. Participants reflected on the challenges faced by youth in leadership positions, and ultimately looked for ways to promote their inclusion in the decision-making process.

These activities emphasise the important contribution of EU Jeel Connectors in **empowering Libyan youth** to take an **active role** in shaping their communities and their future.

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1 WEEK 3 EVENTS

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BRUSSELS
19 - 22
NOVEMBER



More than 90 Participants

Three Events, One Week: Celebrating TANDEM Media & DigiArt Awards in Brussels

Brussels will become a hub of creativity when EU Neighbours South hosts a special week of events from 19 to 22 November 2024. These include the **Media Connect Press Trip**, which will offer participants exclusive insights and experiences, and the **EU Jeel Connect Summit**, which will bring together young people for dynamic discussions and networking opportunities.

The highlight of the week will be the closing ceremony of the **TANDEM Media & DigiArt Awards**, which will be broadcast live on 22 November. This prestigious event will honour outstanding young creatives from the southern neighbourhood in the categories of journalism, photography, art and digital art. With over **100 impressive entries** from nine countries, the awards aim to shine a spotlight on those who have redefined storytelling and creative expression.

Join us in celebrating their achievements and find out which of these exceptional talents will be crowned the winner!

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NEWS

Egypt: EBRD supports small firms with €70million



Syria: EU releases €5 million for displaced people



9th Union for the Mediterranean Regional Forum



MENA YES!: EU supports youth employment



OPPORTUNITIES

Join the MENA Women Business Club 2025

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College of Europe: Full Scholarships for Students from EU's Southern Neighbourhood

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EUROPE**

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**MEDITERRANEAN
YOUTH WATER Hackathon**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OPEN!

New Webinar: Introduction to Long Duration Energy Storage

WEBINAR

**INTRODUCTION TO LONG DURATION ENERGY STORAGE
A CRUCIAL ENABLER TO THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

9 December 2024

3:00pm to 4:30pm CET
5:00pm to 6:30pm EET
7:00am to 8:30am PDT

