

# Newsletter

## EU NEIGHBOURS SOUTH

### 2025



EU Neighbours South is part of the EU-funded Regional Communication Programme for the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods. Running until December 2025, the programme 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



### Media Talk in Tunisia Sparks Dialogue on Water Security

On 26 February, 20 journalism students, journalism professors and EU representatives met for a **Media Connect Talk** to discuss one of Tunisia's most pressing challenges: **water security**.

Under the theme “Drop by drop, the planet is drying up: What can be done?”, EU-funded solutions, in particular the **IPDLI (Pilot Initiative for Integrated Local Development)**, were discussed. Saida Zouaoui, a direct beneficiary, emphasised the tangible impact of the initiative on local communities.

EU representatives provided insights into the **challenges of water supply** and **cooperation efforts**, while engaged students asked thoughtful questions. In a dynamic environment, the event emphasised the need to **involve young people** in shaping sustainable water solutions.

[Read more about it](#)

## Spotlight on



### EU Jeel Connectors Engage Moroccan Youth on EU Opportunities and Water Scarcity

Mohamed Alouane organised the «**EU Opportunities for Youth**» initiative to inform the youth of the Beni Mellal region about the various opportunities offered by the European Union for **studying, training and volunteering**. During the workshop, participants learned practical information on eligibility, application procedures, and deadlines for EU opportunities such as Erasmus+ and the European Voluntary Service (EVS). The session was further enriched by testimonials from Moroccan participants Younes and Badr, who shared their inspiring experiences within EU programmes, highlighting the impact of these initiatives on personal and professional growth.



Hidaya Tlemcani launched an initiative on **water scarcity** in her country. She introduced the European Union, EU Neighbours South and the **EU Jeel Connect Network**. The panellists then started a fascinating discussion on water and presented the initiatives taken by the government, civil society and partnerships, mainly with the support of the EU. Specifically, **CLIMTNA** and **Every Drop Counts** (funded by the EU and implemented by Youth For Climate Morocco) were highlighted.

[More information](#)



International Day of Clean Energy

**CONNECT**

**EMPOWER**

**CHANGE**

Webinar | 28 January 2025 11am-12:30am (CET)



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Women in Green  
Hydrogen



**MED•GEM**  
MEDITERRANEAN GREEN ELECTRONICS AND MOLECULES  
NETWORK

## MED-GEM and EU Neighbours South Join Forces for a Green Hydrogen Webinar

The EU Neighbours South programme and MED-GEM network hosted a webinar on **International Clean Energy Day**, exploring green hydrogen's role in the Mediterranean's energy transition. Organised with **Women in Green Hydrogen** (WiGH) and UNIDO, it drew over 350 participants.

Experts from MED-GEM, UNIDO, and Hydrogen Europe highlighted its alignment with the **European Green Deal** and the need for cross-border cooperation. Speakers from Lebanon, Morocco, and Jordan shared efforts to harness solar and wind energy for hydrogen production. A session by WiGH and GH2 Hackathon innovators showcased the role of women and youth, mentorship programmes, and new opportunities in the sector. The webinar reinforced green hydrogen as a **catalyst for change**, driven by innovation, cooperation, and inclusion.

[Check the replay](#)



## Coffee Talk at ISG Gabès Inspires Youth Engagement and Sustainable Innovation

The two-day **#EUJeelConnect event** at ISG Gabès brought together students, academics, and local stakeholders to discuss youth opportunities, sustainability, and heritage preservation.

At the **CoffeeTalk**, participants shared **EU support**, be it through funding, training, mentoring or other measures. Discussions revolved around heritage conservation, the green economy, and sustainable development. Drawn by the dynamic of the event and the discussions, many of the attending expressed interest in joining the EU Jeel Connect network. EU Delegation representatives, including Gianfranco Bochicchio and Imen Ghali, presented youth-focused EU projects on skills and sustainability. The event ended with field visits to EU-backed **Jeun'ess initiatives**, showcasing young innovators driving sustainable change.

[See the photos of the event](#)



# Education



## EU-Supported Initiatives Power Education Across the Southern Neighbourhood

EU-funded initiatives and events focusing on **education** is unlocking new opportunities for young people in the Southern Neighbourhood. From **vocational training** and **heritage preservation** to **coding** and **entrepreneurship**, schools are being modernised, and innovative learning methods are shaping a more inclusive future.

This campaign showcases **8 videos from 8 countries**, highlighting transformative projects—from Libya's Maharah Coding School to Jordan's TVET programmes and Erasmus+ opportunities for Moroccan students. Each story illustrates how education empowers young people to dream big and succeed. With EU support, these initiatives are breaking barriers, fostering innovation, and helping youth thrive in their communities and beyond!

[Watch the videos](#)

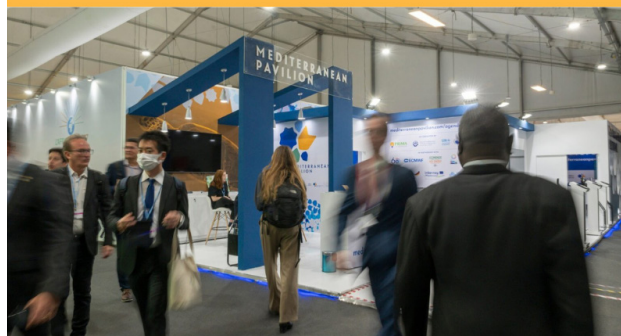


# NEWS

## EU mobilises support for Syria's transition



## UfM and Interreg NEXT MED sign MoU



## Lebanon: €10 million initiative for public health



## EU-Egypt: Celebrating World Water Day 2025



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Apply to the ARLEM Award as an entrepreneur



## Submit your proposal on Green Transition



## Apply now: Petra National Trust Heritage Award



## Open Call: Digital Citizenship Education Forum

