

MEDITERRANEAN INITIATIVE FOR JOBS-MED4JOBS

OBJECTIVES

To promote employment and private sector job creation in light of recent changes in the region, based on a threefold pillar structure:

- Employability: enhancing employability of sections of society (women, youth) through the identification and up-scaling of successful training experiences across the region which address the mismatch between skills and labour market needs.
- Job intermediation: improving information flows between job seekers and employers by replicating successful job facilitation and intermediation experiences.
- Business-enabling infrastructure: providing coaching to start-ups and SMEs through the development of business enabling infrastructures for Small and Medium-sized Entreprises (such as incubators and coaching programmes).

IMPACT ON POPULATON

Increased employability of youth and women, aiding to close the gap between labour demand and supply and fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and private sector development



BENEFICIARIES

Women, youth, the unemployed, SMEs, entrepreneurs

PROMOTER

Initiative developed by the Union for the Mediterranean

PROJECTS FOR PROGRESS

STATE OF PLAY

Since February 2012, a number of actions have been carried out with the aim of officially launching Med4Jobs as the first UfM initiative in the second semester of 2013:

- Mapping of regional activities and projects through missions to Tunisia, Jordan, Egypt and Morocco
- Close cooperation with authorities and partners in Palestine, Lebanon and Algeria to identify common goals and synergies
- In December 2012, the programme was endorsed by the 43 member states at the Senior Officials' Meeting in Barcelona.
- The initiative was launched on the occasion of the Mediterranean Economic Conference, held in Tunisia in September 2013.

RESULTS

- Development of business projects with a view to replicating and up-scaling them across the region.
- Increased number of private sector job creation projects.
- Creation of new job opportunities and enhancement of regional development.
- Positive impact on the unemployment rate among youth and women.



PARTNERS

- Public (mainly alignment with national employment
- frameworks) and private stakeholders
- EU and International institutions
- Financial partners
- Institutions with technical expertise



