



Union pour la Méditerranée  
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# DEVELOPING WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

## OBJECTIVES

The project supports women of the Euro-Mediterranean region in their quest for empowerment and gender equality. It is done via specific actions including:

- the dissemination of gender related information and knowledge;
- the creation of a network of associations and organisations involved in women and gender equality;
- the development of on-the-ground- grassroots projects, focusing on women's socio-economic empowerment in the Southern Mediterranean.

The three mentioned objectives are all interconnected and supported with a trilingual internet platform in French, Arabic and English. Several local projects related to health, education, small business and handicraft development, have already been identified.

## BENEFICIARIES

Women and girls from the involved countries, NGOs active in the field of women empowerment and gender equality, governments, local authorities and scientific communities.

### LOCATION

- Union for the Mediterranean countries

### DURATION

Three years

### TOTAL COST

€1.5 million approx.

*PROJECTS FOR PROGRESS*



## ACTIONS

- Activate a trilingual internet platform in French, English and Arabic in an effort to implement the project by linking its actions and disseminating its results and recommendations;
- Publish and exchange relevant women and gender-related information, such as national legislation, research documentation and academic studies on women issues and gender equality. Support the Euro-Mediterranean Academic and Scientific Network on women and gender equality (RUSEMEG) to achieve this goal;
- Create a network of associations and organisations involved in women and gender equality. Each network of ministries, local authorities, non-governmental organisations and researchers will have a space on the internet platform for sharing experiences and enhancing their visibility;
- Deliver on-the-ground projects in the involved countries.

## RESULTS

The creation of networks and synergies between major stakeholders in the field of gender equality and women empowerment will lead to an enhanced knowledge in the field and facilitate the implementation of projects in the involved countries. The project's most pragmatic element refers to the reinforcement of the women's role in the areas of arts and crafts, rural development and agriculture, entrepreneurship and social economy, tourism, women's participation in trade unions and the prevention of violence against women and girls.



### PROMOTER

Euro-Mediterranean Women Foundation.

### PARTNERS

The Foundation's 6 founding members:

- European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed).
- Forum Femmes Méditerranée.
- Réseau Universitaire et Scientifique Euro-Méditerranéen sur le Genre et les Femmes (RUSEMEG).
- Fédération de la Ligue Démocratique des Droits des Femmes.
- Center for Arab Women Training and Research (CAWTAR).
- Délégation Interministérielle à la Méditerranée (DIMED).

The Directorate of the Foundation will include other members in the coming period.

### CONTRIBUTION

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