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Med4Jobs

Creating Job Opportunities
Promoting Inclusive Growth

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projects benefitting over **100,000**
young people and supporting the
development of over **800** SMEs



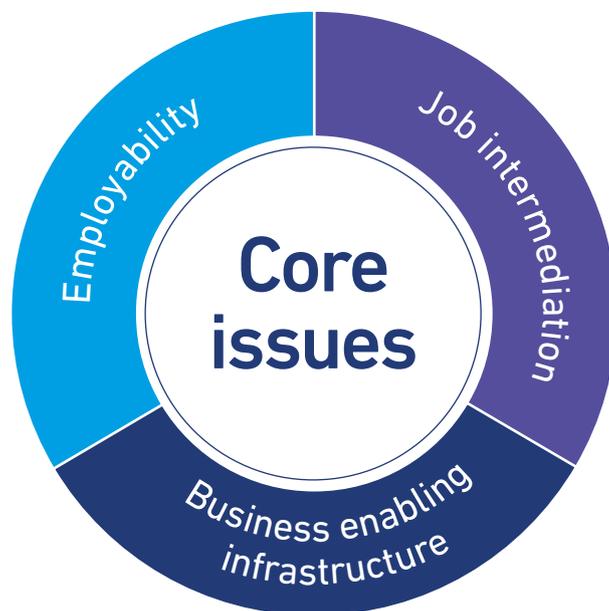
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The Mediterranean Initiative for Jobs

Med4Jobs is a cross-sectorial flagship initiative of the Union for the Mediterranean driven by the need for an integrated regional approach to job creation.

The aim is to help increase the employability of youth and women, close the gap between labour demand and supply, and foster a culture of entrepreneurship and private sector development by promoting and replicating a number of visible private sector job creation projects in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean region.

Med4Jobs contributes to bringing job creation to the centre of the socio-economic development debate, notably by shedding light on employment at a local and national level. As a project-based initiative and employment platform, the initiative covers both the supply and demand side of the labour market.



Young Women as Job Creators

Regional context

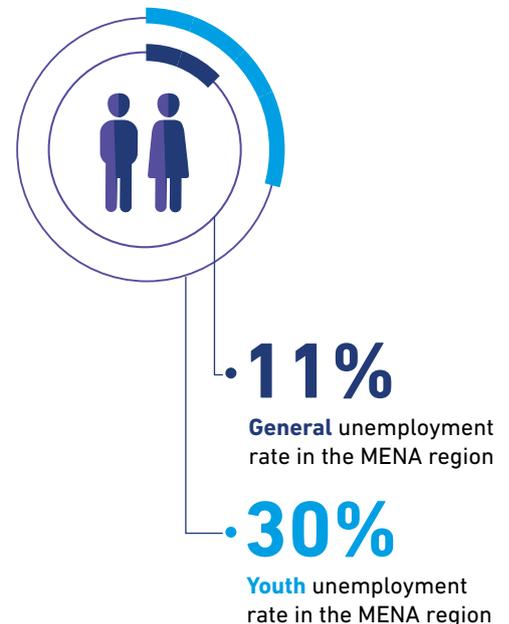
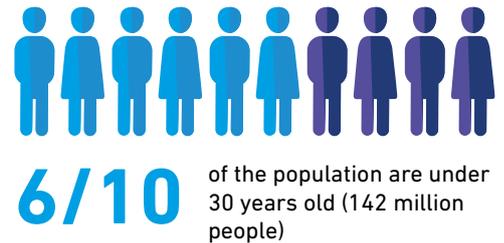
Almost 60% of the regional population is currently under the age of 30, and the number of under-15s is expected to increase by over 18% by 2020. 2.8 million young people enter the job market each year in the MENA region. With an average of about 30% youth unemployment, the Middle East and North Africa region has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in the world.

Youth employability is a key issue, both for Southern Mediterranean countries and for the EU. Thus, there are solid grounds for regional cooperation, and action taken by the Union for the Mediterranean in this area consists in boosting efforts to achieve a higher impact on youth employability, higher education and vocational training, through developing exemplary projects and replicating best practices.

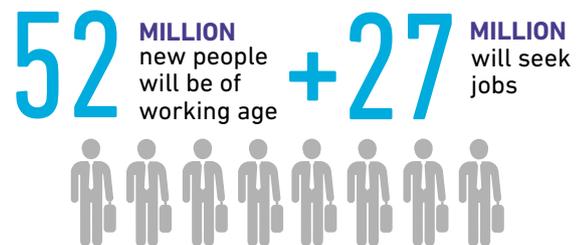
UfM launched the **Mediterranean Initiative for Jobs (Med4Jobs)** in 2013 to create jobs and tackle the adverse effects high unemployment has on society. Med4Jobs aims to build a sustainable employment environment in the region by promoting projects in line with employment, employability and decent work and, in cooperation with the relevant actors, to enhance, visibility, ownership and access to finance.



YouMatch -Toolbox Project



in the next five years over



A UfM Ministerial Mandate

In the Declaration of the third UfM Ministerial on Employment held in Jordan on 26 & 27 September 2016, the Ministers from the 43 Member States welcomed the UfM Secretariat's contribution to implementing the UfM framework action plan on employment, coordination among donors and enhancing policy dialogue by labelling and promoting cooperation projects in the area of youth employability and inclusive growth, under its Med4Jobs integrated regional programme.

They called on the UfM Secretariat to continue its active contribution to improving the employment situation in the region to promote projects further in line with employment, employability and decent work priorities and to enhance, in cooperation with relevant actors, visibility, ownership and access to finance.

Advisory Board

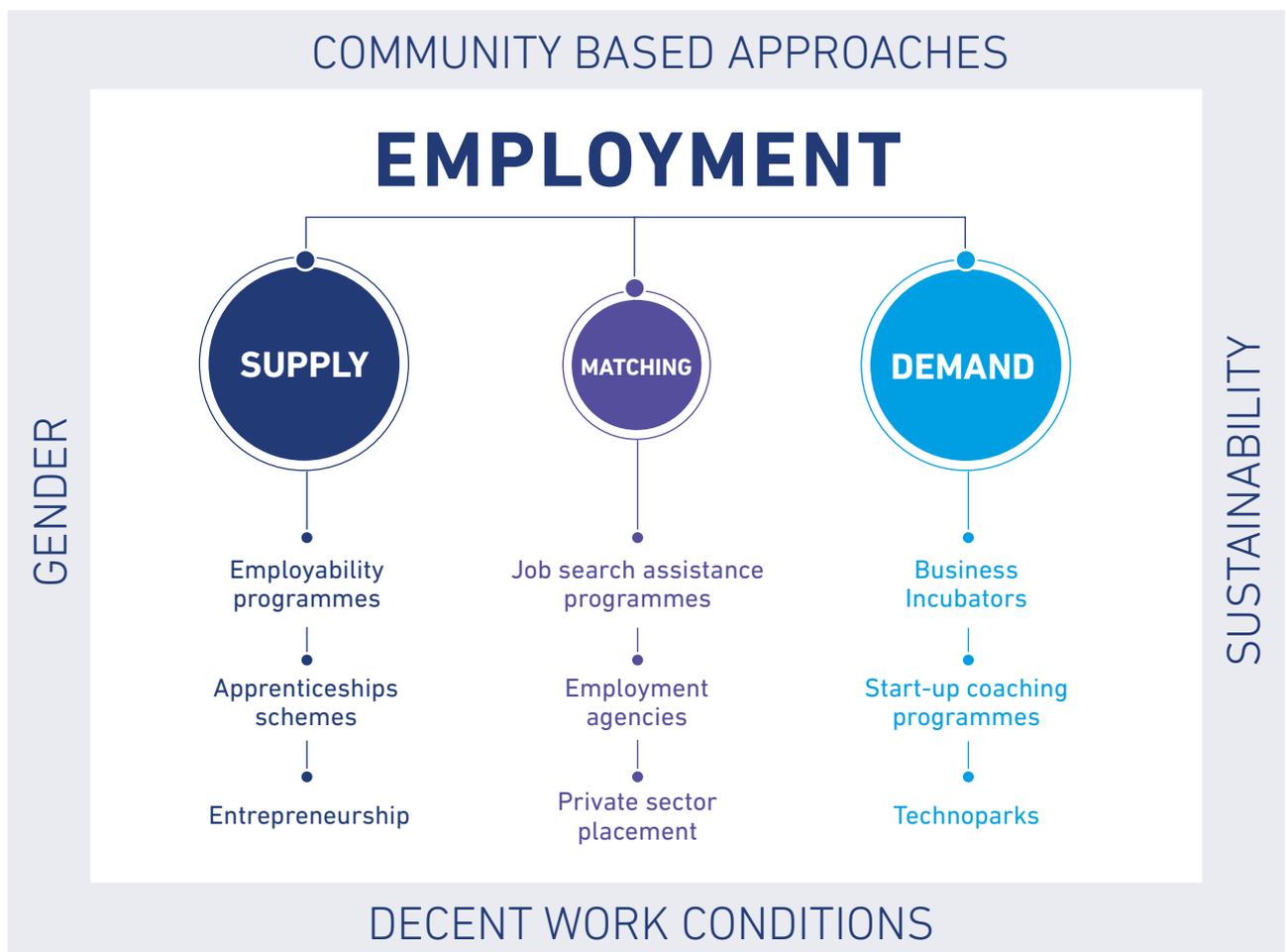
The initiative benefits from the expertise of the **Med4Jobs Advisory Board**, whose members include the ILO, UNIDO, OECD, ETF, GIZ and UNCTAD. Regular meetings bring the Advisory Board together with other influential organisations and institutions working in employability, job creation and with SMEs in the region.

The Board's objective is to:

- Select **good practices** that address gaps in the region's labour markets for the Med4Jobs

initiative, whilst providing feedback on project proposals submitted for UfM labelling.

- Contribute to the promotion of **job creation** and the **development of SMEs** through identifying potential synergies with other related programmes.
- Render more effective and **coordinate action** across the range of available tools, programmes and policies in the Mediterranean region.



Med4Jobs UfM-labelled projects

Generation Entrepreneur

Sustaining an environment of entrepreneurship by providing business skills training to youth from: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

Maharat Med

Developing youth employability & entrepreneurial skills to transform job seekers into job creators
Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Palestine

MedNC-New Chance Mediterranean Network

Promoting exchange of best practices among centres working for the socio-professional integration of young people

Algeria, Egypt, France, Lebanon, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia

HOMERe - High Opportunity for Mediterranean Executive Recruitment

Using internship mobility to combat the skills mismatch

Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Spain and Tunisia.

Mediterranean Entrepreneurship Network

Mentoring and support for new-business starters

Morocco and Tunisia

Young Women as Job Creators

Promoting entrepreneurship among young women about to graduate from university

Albania, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Spain and Tunisia

Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes

New regional centre of excellence for higher education, research and innovation

All UfM countries

Skills for Success

Employability skills focusing on disadvantaged and unemployed women

Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia

Promoting women empowerment for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the MENA region

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia

CEED GROW

Growing and scaling SMEs with a particular focus on women

Albania, Morocco and Tunisia

YouMatch - Toolbox Project

Knowledge-share platform to improve sustainable employment services for young people

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia

Establishment of a Regional Platform for the Development of Cultural and Creative Industries and Clusters

to leverage these industries' potential to create new employment opportunities
Southern Mediterranean

Incorpora - A labour integration programme

Facilitating access to employment for vulnerable people

Morocco and Tunisia



MedNC-New Chance Mediterranean Network

For more information

<https://ufmsecretariat.org/project/mediterranean-initiative-for-jobs-med4jobs/>

UfM in short

Mission

To enhance regional cooperation and dialogue through the implementation of concrete projects and initiatives addressing human development, stability and integration.



43 Members

28 EU members and 15 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries. Their Senior Officials meet regularly to oversee and coordinate the activities of the UfM.

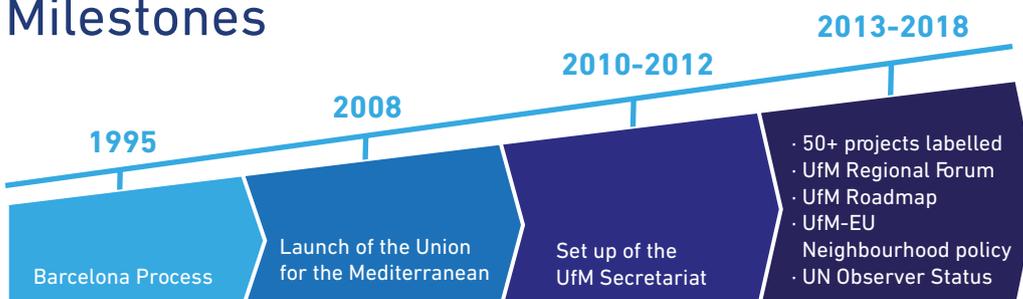
2 Co-Presidents

The EU and Jordan have assumed the Northern and Southern co-presidency since 2012, embodying the UfM principle of co-ownership.

1 Secretariat

Based in Barcelona, the Secretariat is the operational platform of the UfM.

Milestones



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