



## Outcome Document

### 10th Meeting of the UfM Community of Practice on Youth Employment in the Southern Mediterranean

Aswan, 16-17 December 2024

The UfM Secretariat, together with the German Development Cooperation and benefiting from the expertise of the European Training Foundation (ETF), organised the 10th Meeting of the UfM Community of Practice on Youth Employment in the Southern Mediterranean in Aswan on 16-17 December 2024, back-to-back with the 4<sup>th</sup> UfM Med4Jobs Stakeholders Dialogue

Both activities form part of the **UfM Roadmap for Action 2022-2025** which aims at implementing the [2022 Marrakech Ministerial Declaration](#) in close collaboration with DG EMPL and other actors in the ecosystem.



Day one of the CoP Meeting started with a **study visit to the Al-Nour Women-Led Association for Community Development in Aswan**, during which the participants were introduced to the work underway to support the women in rural areas through targeted training on embroidery, catering, and other fields of relevance.

The Association is one of the initiatives supported by **Om Habibeh Foundation** and is an award-winning initiative on sustainable and inclusive rural development, which is related to the thematic discussed during the UM Med4Jobs Stakeholder Dialogue the day before. The participants also learned about the business model in place and how marketing is done, profit is distributed, and sustainability is ensured.

The actual meeting of the CoP focused on **takeaways from the Med4Jobs Dialogue**. It also engaged the participants in an exercise of refining the **Charter on Youth Employment** which was developed by the CoP members, and which will be presented to the 6th UfM Ministerial on Employment and Labour in 2025. It was agreed to include a reference to the Charter in the draft Ministerial Declaration of 2025.



A brainstorming exercise explored ways through which the CoP's structure and modus operandi could be enhanced in a potential future edition.

A video is also being produced based on several questions submitted to the CoP members.

The participants were also introduced to a sustainable rural development project in the field of eco-tourism, namely **Eco-Nubia** on the island of Bija, which created jobs for the Nubian inhabitants of the island as well as locals from surrounding areas. The Founder, Mr. Ahmed Yehia, introduced the participants to the model employed and the measures in place to ensure Sustainability and social impact. This project could be a relevant example to be presented at the occasion of the forthcoming UfM event on tourism and decent job creation to be held in 2025 as part of the UfM Roadmap 2022-2025.

Reflection is underway to explore the possibility of extending the CoP beyond 2024 and how the new modality, structure and scope would be.