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**Coordinator &
Lead Educational
Advisor:**

**DAVIDE
CAPECCHI**
Italy / Belgium /
Germany – based
in Portugal

Davide Capecchi is a senior advisor and facilitator with over 20 years of experience in youth policy, intercultural dialogue, and non-formal education. He has led 100+ international trainings and policy labs for institutions like the Council of Europe, EU, KAICIID, and UN agencies. His leadership roles in EU-CoE Youth Partnership, ERYICA, and KAICIID reflect his expertise in multi-stakeholder education processes. Davide brings strong strategic, pedagogical, and operational capacities essential for coordinating the Youth Med Lab 2025.



**Coordinator of
Trainers' Team:**

**MARKO
PAUNOVIĆ**
Portugal

Marko Paunović is a youth trainer, facilitator, and CEO of Out of the Box International with extensive experience in EU-funded projects, youth policy, and non-formal education. He has moderated EU youth dialogues, facilitated high-level events for the Council of Europe, the European Youth Forum, and served as trainer for the Euro-Arab Youth Conference “Mare Nostrum.” His profile combines educational expertise, intercultural facilitation, and Mediterranean cooperation.



Trainer:

**MUSA
AKGUL**
Türkiye

Musa Akgul is a senior youth trainer and facilitator with over 20 years of experience in civic engagement and human rights education. He has worked with UNICEF, GIZ, UNHCR, and the Council of Europe, and led social cohesion and refugee inclusion programmes. Musa has facilitated several EU Presidency youth conferences and is part of the OTB Expert Pool, contributing to education and inclusion-focused programmes across Europe.



Trainer:

**MARAM
ANBAR
HASSAN**
Egypt/Spain

Maram Anbar is a trainer and project manager with expertise in intercultural dialogue, gender equality, and social inclusion. She is part of the OTB Expert Pool and an external expert to the European Commission. Her experience includes coordination roles in Erasmus+ and Youth Action for Peace, with a strong focus on youth empowerment and non-formal education in Europe and the MENA region.



**Facilitator –
Youth & Climate
Adaptation:**

**RIYADH
HILAL**
Jordan

Riyadh is a Biodiversity Officer at UNDP Jordan with a background in agroecology, and biodiversity conservation. With dual master's degrees in Plant Health and Sustainable Agriculture, he brings an interdisciplinary approach to integrating biodiversity into national policy, planning, and implementation frameworks. Riyadh works at the intersection of environmental governance and sustainable development, mainstreaming nature into economic and development agendas, supporting cross-sectoral strategies through inclusive, data-driven, and locally grounded approaches.



**Facilitator –
Youth from
Education to
Work:**

**KHADIJA
AMAHAL**
Morocco

Khadija holds a master's degree in Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching, with her academic pursuits in teaching and education reflecting a strong passion for accessible, quality education. She has been actively engaged in fostering meaningful youth participation, contributing as a participant, facilitator, and coordinator in various national and international events and projects. Through these experiences, Khadija's interest in international cooperation and development has been further strengthened. She is deeply committed to empowering youth, providing them with growth opportunities, and advocating for their potential to drive sustainable, impactful change in their communities.



**Facilitator
– Youth in
Peacebuilding:**

**AHMED
ABDULGHANI
ALAWAMI**
Libya

Ahmed Abdulghani Alawami is a Youth, Peace & Security (YPS) practitioner and facilitator from Libya. He leads Partnerships & Development at the MENA Coalition on Youth, Peace & Security (MCYPS) and is senior manager at Perpetual Peace Foundation (PPF). An advisory to the UN's Global Youth Investment Platform, with strong experience in building multilateral partnership and development and funding he coaches youth teams on project design, MEAL, and pitch storytelling, and His portfolio spans cross-border YPS dialogues, comparative studies, and practical pilots that align Track I institutions with youth-led priorities and evidence from the field.



**Thematic Expert
– Youth & Climate
Adaptation:**

**AUGUSTĖ
TARUŠKAITĖ**
Lithuania

Augustė is a project coordinator with experience in youth participation, social enterprise, and climate-related engagement. A University of London graduate, she works on initiatives supporting youth-led climate action and sustainability, with a focus on outreach and community-based innovation.



**Thematic Expert
– Youth from
Education to
Work:**

**IVANA
DAVIDOVSKA**
North Macedonia

Ivana is a youth policy expert with extensive experience in education-to-employment transition. A former Director of the European Youth Forum, she has led over 80 EU-funded projects and facilitated 50+ policy events on youth work, employability, and education reform.



**Thematic
Expert – Youth in
Peacebuilding:**

**ISMAEL
PAEZ CIVICO**
Spain / Belgium

Ismael is a youth and peacebuilding expert, currently Director at CESES, managing EU-funded civic dialogue projects. A former European Youth Forum Board Member and member of the OTB Expert Pool, he is an advocate for democracy and youth participation through public engagement and institutional cooperation.



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