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By working with youth organizations, we provide young women and men with the necessary skills, tools and capacities, and we create an enabling environment for them to share experiences and knowledge and to be active citizens and take part in decision-making.

Our youth members take part in the development, revision and monitoring of national youth strategies and youth-related policies; the production and monitoring of youth-related media content; and the support to and follow-up with experts and national institutions on employment policy development and implementation.

**Who?**

Networks of Mediterranean Youth (NET-MED Youth) is a three-year project (2014-2017) implemented by UNESCO and funded by the European Union. The project benefits 10 countries along the eastern and western basins of the Mediterranean Sea.

**Why?**

Eastern and western Mediterranean countries share common youth challenges: social inclusion, little civic engagement, low gender balance, insufficient representation in public and political spheres and in mainstream media, high unemployment rate, weak participation of women, and more.

**How?**

We empower youth to be full participants in building their communities and to be agents of positive transformations.

**Networking & Collaboration**
- Mapping of youth organizations in each country
- Regional and sub-regional exchange of knowledge and experience
- Consolidation of existing youth online platforms

**Youth and Media**
- Monitoring of youth representation in media
- Outreach activities and trainings to promote youth-friendly, inclusive, objective and fair media coverage, as well as freedom of expression, media and information literacy
- Production of media content by youth
- Capacity building for young journalists, bloggers and citizen journalists

**Youth Policies**
- Capacity building for youth organizations on themes related to strategic planning, advocacy and communication, gender mainstreaming, policy dialogue, and more
- Development, revision and implementation of national/local policies and strategies on youth, with the participation of youth organizations

**Skills Forecasting, Capacity Building & Advocacy**
- National and regional research on labour market, youth transition and challenges
- Development of tools for skills anticipation in collaboration with national entities
- Capacity building for youth organizations to boost involvement in employment policy design