Networks of Mediterranean Youth (NET-MED Youth) is a three-year project (2014-2017) implemented by UNESCO and funded by the European Union. We provide young women and men with the necessary skills, tools and capacities for them to share experiences and knowledge, to be active citizens and to take part in decision-making. Our youth members take part in the development, revision and monitoring of national youth strategies and youth-oriented policies; the production and monitoring of media content; and the follow-up with renowned experts on employment policy development and implementation.

We work with youth organizations from 10 countries along the eastern and western basins of the Mediterranean Sea. We also work with different national decision-makers (ministries and public institutions), social partners, media professionals, citizen journalists and bloggers.

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**GOALS**

**WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED IN YEAR 1 FOR EACH PROJECT GOAL?**

### GOAL 01

To provide youth with support and tools that allow them: 1. To develop and maintain a youth network, and 2. To be agents of change through education, gender, and youth-friendly policies.

**FINDINGS:**

- **Youth members** are the primary beneficiaries of the project’s activities. They are a diverse group in each country, and each office is implementing the project on a national and international scale.

The project focuses on:

- **Youth Workgroups:**
  - **Regional exchanges:** between youth, experts, and leaders from youth organizations in beneficiary countries.
  - **South exchanges:** between young journalists, citizen media activists, and journalists facilitate opportunities for South-South and North-South networking and brainstorming.
  - **Other activities:**
    - **Development of regional online course for young digital journalists:**
      - **EXAMPLE 1** 2014 World Press Freedom Day (UNESCO’s French for the Youth Newsroom). 33 young reporters from 14 countries produced 3 media reports on unemployment. They equipped 30+ Jordanian journalists and civil society advocates.
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- **Youth production of multimedia coverage in Arabic, English, and French media monitoring and adaptation of an existing multimedia coverage in Morocco and Tunisia implemented by youth, leading to 10 NET-MED Youth members among project goals.

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- **Regional roundtable:** with international and local youth leaders engaged in skills forecasting exercises.

### GOAL 02

To empower youth so they can participate in and advocate for the development of youth policies and participation in decision-making of national policies and strategies in their countries.

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  - **Youth participation:**
    - **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:**
      - **Regional exchanges between youth and experts in labor market, trade unions, ministries of youth, and Information Literacy training.**

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### GOAL 03

To encourage youth to take an active role in global and political processes, and to create a strong youth network that represent the interest of young men and women in international media.

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**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:**

- Your project will have a significant impact on the capacity development of beneficiaries. This includes long-term changes in thinking and behavior that lead to more sustainable outcomes.

- Your project will have measurable outcomes. This means you can track progress and success using a combination of qualitative and quantitative data.

- Your project will have a positive influence on the community, the organization, and the world.

- Your project will be sustainable. This means that after the project is over, the benefits will continue to be realized.