Supportive international approach to increase and improve the mobility and exchange programs for young people in the Mediterranean

MED-MOBIL

Priority 4  Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance

Measure 4.1  Support to mobility, exchanges, training and professionalism of young people
Project in brief

Although the Mediterranean territories have many cultural and economic similarities, there is a gap in the mobility of students and professionals compared to other areas of the world with less comparable features. The gap is even wider when looking at the intensity of mobility of young people within European Union. Specific EU funded initiatives, such as ERASMUS and Leonardo da Vinci, have demonstrated to be powerful means to boost the mobility of young people eventually leading to the mobility of workers.

MED-MOBIL intends to extend this experience to the Mediterranean area by creating a framework of cooperation which facilitates the exchange of students, professionals and young entrepreneurs. Support to future regulations and improvement of existing mobility programmes will also be addressed by the project.

Beneficiary

Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville (Spain, Andalusia)

Partnership

1. Mediterranean Universities Union - UNIMED (Italy, Lazio)
2. University College of Applied Sciences - UCAS (Palestine)
3. Jordan University of Science and Technology - JUST (Jordan, Irbid)
4. Union of Municipalities of Hermel - Planning & Local Development Agency (Lebanon)
5. National Research Centre (Egypt)
6. Knowledge and Innovation Consultants Consulting, Ltd. (Greece, Attiki)

Specific objective

To create a framework of cooperation to support future regulations and improve/consolidate programmes and initiatives aiming to facilitate the exchange of students, professionals and young entrepreneurs in the Mediterranean
Expected results
• Identified successful EU mobility programmes to be implemented in the Mediterranean area
• Proof based framework for the use of policymakers developed as a first step to create a space of exchange and mobility in the Mediterranean area truly open to all, and especially to young people
• Four ‘MED Mobility’ offices established in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine to support mobility programmes and cross-cultural exchanges
• 192 students, researchers, professionals, unemployed people and young entrepreneurs involved in pilot mobility actions

Main activities
• Organisation of 6 best practice meetings focused on mobility and exchange programmes, aimed at identifying transferable mobility programmes to be implemented in the Mediterranean and discuss the opportunities to improve existing programmes
• Drafting of a policy plan with recommendations on mobility programmes for the Mediterranean area
• Creation of the MED-MOBIL network of experts on mobility programmes
• Organisation of a ‘Train the Trainers’ seminar and development of local training activities
• Signing of partnership agreements among project’s partners to guarantee future cooperation in the field of youth mobility
• Organisation of cross-cultural events to enhance networking among young people

Target groups
• Young people
• National, regional and local authorities
• Chambers of commerce
• Universities

Final beneficiaries
• University students
• Researchers, professionals, young entrepreneurs, unemployed people
• Disadvantaged groups (young women and ethnical minorities)
• Vocational training centers
• NGOs
Duration
24 months (January 2014 - December 2015)

Budget
• Total budget: € 1,560,000
• Programme contribution: € 1,404,000 (90%)
• Project co-financing: € 156,000 (10%)

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