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**ADVANCING YOUTH AND  
WOMEN SOCIAL INCLUSION  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**



## BACKGROUND SITUATION

The economic hardships following COVID-19 have heavily affected **employment opportunities in the Mediterranean region**, raising numbers of citizens at risk of poverty and social exclusion. The most vulnerable groups – youth and women – are facing, as a result, serious socio-economic challenges. Moreover, the growing importance of diversifying and investing in **sustainable economy sectors** to better cope with future economic and climate crises require **reskilling or upskilling of youth** as part of an effective response to such challenges.

## OBJECTIVE

CLUSTER will tackle social exclusion and poverty amongst vulnerable groups in Cyprus, France, Italy, Jordan, Palestine, Spain, and Tunisia, by capitalising on results of previous projects and equipping young people, particularly women, who are Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEETs) with marketable skills in the **blue, circular, green economy and sustainable agriculture sectors**.

CLUSTER will lead to the strengthening of partnerships between Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions, the private sector and social economy actors, and will support policy-makers in the design of **inclusive employment policies**.

## EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ 175 NEETs trained on-site
- ✓ 1,750 NEETs trained online
- ✓ 70 NEETS enrolled in 3-month traineeship in companies in the sustainable economy sectors
- ✓ 400 jobs generated (part-time/full-time contracts)
- ✓ 7 social employment initiatives supported by the project
- ✓ 7 public institutions engaged in employment schemes

## ACTIVITIES

- 1 Targeted online and on-site skills-oriented training courses, sub-granting traineeship scheme, coaching and tutoring actions for **NEETs**.
- 2 TVET-oriented catalogues, local and regional information events, networking events and interchange scheme for **TVET institutions and SMEs**.
- 3 Policy-oriented regional reports and Action Plans delivered to **public authorities and policy-makers**, through regional and cross-border advocacy sessions.



## CLUSTER IN NUMBERS



**Project duration**  
**24 months:**  
01/09/2021 – 31/08/2023

## € Budget

**€ 1.1 million total budget**  
90% ENI CBC Med Contribution