



## **Youth Employment in Ports of the Mediterranean (YEP MED)**

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- Start Date : September 2020
- Duration : 30 months
- Countries represented : 7

### **CO-FINANCING**

Budget : 2.9 M€ (90% EU Contribution)

### **Project Description**

Ports connected to international trade, environment and sustainability, digitalization, port logistics and transport networks are currently one of the main focuses of job creation in the so-called Blue Economy. Moreover, the ports ecosystem contains a high concentration of companies that are usually bigger than in other sectors, allowing a bigger investment and jobs absorption capacity. This potential can influence dual technical and vocational education and training (TVET) with job-oriented placement schemes to diminish NEET rates within Mediterranean region. Facing this challenge, YEP MED proposes to impact TVET offers by focusing on three areas with skills shortages: foreign trade, environment and sustainability, digitalization and port logistic operations. It will develop port-logistics TVET resources adjusted to the sector needs, launch learning programmes with job placements and establish partnerships between key stakeholders in the 7 countries represented in the project.

YEP MED will adapt 9 training curricula to the real needs of the productive sectors, introducing personalized monitoring to students and creating controlling systems and training courses that address environmental issues.

## **WHAT WILL BE IMPROVED?**

YEP MED activities will allow updating dual TVET curricula oriented to port industry, increasing job placement and employment opportunities with adequate and diverse profiles for NEETs and women. As a result, it will help increase employment rates of young people and women by offering real possibilities to work through personalized mentoring programmes (training centers) and tutor programmes (SME's staff). As a result, there will be a need for a permanent collaboration scheme between TVET providers, private sector representatives and public administrations both at local and international levels.

## **WHO WILL BENEFIT?**

- Young people, mainly NEETs, and women
- Port Authorities and logistics centers (7, 1 per country)
- VET providers and training centers (14 in total)
- SMEs and big companies operating in ports (600 companies in total)

## **EXPECTED OUTPUT**

- 420 newly contracted persons
- 9 adapted dual TVET curricula
- Training of 4.650 NEETS and women
- Collaboration with at least 600 companies in 7 countries
- 420 enterprises receiving sub grants for mentoring support

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

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## **CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY MAKING**

YEP MED will improve vocational training to provide youth at risk of educational neglect with the skills required by the labour market while influencing future policy through the involvement of public authorities. The insertion of a YEP MED pilot into national and regional framework policies will build the legal prerequisite for the introduction of a dual training system. Trainees will be identified and invited from the beginning to be a part of the Local Port's Occupation and Training Working Group (PLWG) to monitor results and assess and organize tailored workshops for them. Based on participative governance structure, all of these actors will coordinate within

the PLWG to reach local agreements between Port Authorities and VET training centres.

## **YEP MED PARTNERS**

### **- LEAD PARTNER**

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- Port Authority of Barcelona - Spain
- Port Authority System of Center-North Tyrrhenian sea - Italy
- Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture of Beirut & Mount Lebanon - Lebanon
- Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport – port training institute - Egypt
- The Mediterranean Institute of Maritime Training – Tunisia
- Merchant Marine and Ports Authority of Tunisia – Tunisia
- Valencia port Foundation - Spain
- Marseille Fos Port – France
- Damietta Port Authority – Egypt
- Aqaba Development Corporation – Jordan

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