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YOUTHMED: Youth at the Heart of Mediterranean Cooperation

A transnational EU project launches to empower young voices and build inclusive societies

The YOUTHMED project, co-funded by the European Union under the Interreg NEXT MED Programme, has officially launched its activities in Lebanon, Spain, Greece, and Egypt. With a total budget of €1,110,000, including a €987,900 EU contribution (89%), the project supports young people and youth organizations in building inclusive, resilient societies through civic innovation, digital engagement, and cross-border cooperation.

Led by the Planning and Development Association (PDA) – Lebanon, YOUTHMED brings together a dynamic transnational consortium composed of:

- Seville Chamber of Commerce Foundation (FCCSEV) – Spain
- Action Synergy – Greece
- Best World Foundation – Egypt
- National League for Culture and Development (NLCD) – Lebanon

The project's activities include civic participation training, digital media workshops, and structured dialogue sessions with youth across the Mediterranean. A central innovation is the launch of *SmartMaria*, an AI-powered platform designed to enable intelligent cooperation among youth organizations, facilitate knowledge sharing, and manage digital collaboration networks.

In each of the four participating countries, transnational events will bring together youth leaders, institutional stakeholders, and civil society representatives. These events will involve political and cultural figures who will not only enhance visibility, but also engage in direct dialogue with young participants. Through this participatory approach, the project aims to strengthen the relationship between young citizens and decision-makers.

YOUTHMED is expected to train 510 young people across five Mediterranean regions, engage at least 25 youth organizations in transnational cooperation, and involve over 100 youth in joint actions that will continue beyond the project's duration. The project will also contribute to civic responsibility and innovation through multilingual outreach campaigns and digital media dissemination.

By placing youth at the center of Mediterranean cooperation, YOUTHMED contributes to the broader objectives of the Interreg NEXT MED Programme, including inclusion, cohesion, and regional integration.

For more information, please visit:

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