



DG NEAR Regional Programme on Social Dialogue

*DG NEAR B2 – Regional Southern
Neighbourhood*



DG NEAR B2 Regional Unit

- 1. Economic sector*
- 2. Climate, environment; transport ...*
- 3. Social and political sector*



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Building on pilot project SOLiD I.

- *3 years programme (2016-2019), with a €3.750 million budget (80% EU and 20% International Trade Union Confederation).*
- *Consortium which consists of 9 members: **ATUC** (Arab Trade Union Confederation), **BusinessMed** (Union of Mediterranean Confederation of Enterprises), **ANND** (Arab NGO Network for Development), **ISCOS** (Italian Union Institute for Cooperation and Development), **Progetto SUD**, **AIP** (Portugal Industry Association), **SOLIDAR**, **CNT Belgium** (National Labor Council) and **CES Morocco** (Economic and Social Council).*

SOLID I.

- *3 countries (Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia)*
 - *Results:*
 - A better understanding of the economic and social situation in the targeted countries and of the mechanisms of social dialogue including civil society
 - An enhanced exchange and a mutual learning of the relevant stakeholders on regional level
 - Promoted policies for social dialogue and exchange of best practices, in the region, and further developed at EU-Southern Mediterranean level.
- “Charter to promote social dialogue in the South Mediterranean: Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco” signed in UfM ministerial conference in Cascais*



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UfM Ministerial conference in Cascais

- *Declaration of the Ministerial conference reiterated “the crucial role, at all pertinent levels, of an **effective and on-going social dialogue**, (...) to help addressing the challenges of **growth, democracy and social justice in the region**”. Ministers called on national authorities to adopt strategies to, among others, promote a **well-functioning social dialogue, at all pertinent levels, including the involvement of social partners in the design, implementation and monitoring of economic and social policies.***



NEAR regional Action Plan 2019

- ***Promotion of social dialogue in the Southern Mediterranean Neighbourhood – SOLiD II***
- *financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument*
- ***EUR 7 million***
- ***Component 1: Inclusive and structured social dialogue (€3 millions)***
- ***Component 2: Social dialogue to bridge the employability gap (€4 millions)***



Component 1 – Inclusive and structured social dialogue SOLiD II.

- *Implemented as a follow up to the SOLiD I.*
- *Direct award to consortium led by ITUC*
- *Translating the Charter into concrete actions in the 3 countries (Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia)*
- *Expanding the work into new 3 countries (Algeria, Lebanon and Palestine)*



Component 2 - Social dialogue to bridge the employability gap

- *Indirect management to ILO*
- *Focus on employability issues and transition from informal to formal economy*
- *Support to policy framework*
- *Fostering skills development*



Component 2 - Social dialogue to bridge the employability gap

- *The target groups are representative national employers and workers' organisations, Ministries of Labour and other concerned ministries, tripartite social dialogue institutions and representative membership-based organisations in the informal economy in the target countries, as well as vocational training institutions.*



Component 2 - Social dialogue to bridge the employability gap

- *The ultimate beneficiaries of component 2 are workers and economic units in the informal economy, with a focus on youth and women.*



Promotion of Social Dialogue in the Southern Mediterranean Neighbourhood

- *The indicative operational implementation period of the action, during which activities of both components will be carried is 72 months.*



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