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MoreThanAJob

In May 2021, MoreThanAJob launched a call for proposals for sub-grants to be awarded to Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) institutions and entities with the main purpose of enhancing cooperation between Social Solidarity Economy actors and Public Administration (PA) actors.

MoreThanAJob's call for sub-grants targeted SSE-PA cooperation projects, which aim to improve welfare and social services, and to support the social and labour inclusion of vulnerable groups, with an emphasis on creating job opportunities and empowering young people and women.

The project spans over five countries: Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Greece, and Italy. The MoreThanAJob team carefully evaluated all sub-grant applications and announced two winning projects in each country, with the participation of the main relevant PA representatives.

MoreThanAJob aims to enhance welfare services in Italy

MoreThanAJob's Italian partner, il Centro studi e iniziative europeo (CESIE), organised a conference on the 5th of October to promote the dialogue between public and private actors on the challenges facing welfare services and possible ways of improvement. During the event, participants presented projects aiming to enhance welfare services, especially for the most vulnerable groups. The MoreThanAJob team awarded sub-grants to the two following projects:

The Game

This project was presented by Per Esempio ONLUS. It foresees the development of activities and services, promotes the inclusion of people with migratory backgrounds, strengthens the collaboration between SSE and PA actors, and enhances the social and welfare services addressed to young and adult migrants.

Artigianato Interculturale - NOZ

"Artigianato Interculturale", presented by CRESM, intends to address the working conditions of street vendors in Palermo, particularly the conditions facing migrant workers. The aim of the project is to promote the renewal of the working model in a sustainable, ethical, and legal way.

MoreThanAJob awards two sub-grants to address social and economic resilience in deprived areas in Lebanon

On the 10th of November, 2021, MoreThanAJob's partner in Lebanon, Business Consultancy and Training Services (BCTS), announced the two winning projects out of the 26 proposals received from Lebanese institutions.

Carving out a better path forward

Presented by PHI GROUP S.A.R.L, this project aims to tackle the inequalities present within the Lebanese labour market by implementing new sets of skills and qualifications amongst unskilled workers, especially those coming from less privileged areas in Lebanon, such as Beirut, Mount Lebanon, and Beqaa. The participants will undergo vocational training, soft skills training, and awareness sessions addressing health and safety in the workplace.

Psychosocial and economic resilience of women in deprived areas

The project was presented by Common Effort. It targets vulnerable women and girls from rural areas who are the most affected by the ongoing aftermath of the political and socio-economic crisis in Lebanon. Its main aim is to support these women by providing them with primary and essential protection services through peer-to-peer counselling sessions as well as integrating them in the labour market by initiating employment opportunities.

MoreThanAJob supports women's economic empowerment in Palestine

Economic Empowerment of Poor Women from Less Fortunate Families

The project was presented by Civil Society of Nablus Governorate (CSNG). It intends to empower women from disadvantaged backgrounds who financially support their families by making homemade products or performing other domestic activities. The women will be enrolled in training programmes that will teach them how to monetize their homemade products.

During a workshop organised on the 23rd of November 2021 by MoreThanAJob's partners in Palestine Nablus Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NCCI) and An-Najah National University (ANNU), two projects were awarded sub-grants. The event was attended by the main local PA actors and governmental representatives.

Orjuwan; Fostering the Economic Empowerment of Fresh Female Graduates (From the Marginalised Areas) and Preparing them to Enrol In the Labour Market

Presented by Partners for Sustainable Development (PSD), this project aims to empower 50 young Palestinian women by enrolling them in professional programmes in the fields of graphic design and digital marketing, thus enhancing their self-employment capacities, providing them with networking opportunities, and fostering their entrepreneurial spirit.

"اكثر من فرصة عمل" يعقد ورشة لإطلاق المشاريع الحاصلة على المِنَح الفرعية "

نظمت وأهداف المشروع في توفير فرص عمل للفتات المهمشة والاعلان عنها في هذه الورشة.

وأعلن رئيس الغرفة بعد ذلك، عن فوز مشروع جمعية اللجنة الأهلية في محافظة نابلس بعنوان "تمكين الشباب الفلسطيني من خلال التدريب المهني"، ومشروع جمعية شركاء في التنمية المستدامة بعنوان "تعزيز التمكين الاقتصادي للخريجين الجدد من المناطق المهمشة وإعدادهم لدخول سوق العمل" تحت عنوان "مشروع أرجوان" بقيمة ٢٠٠٠٠ يورو لكل مشروع.

وقدم مدير عام التشغيل في وزارة العمل محمد الاعرج، استعراضا شاملا عن دور وتدخلات وزارته في مجال التشغيل، ومن التعاون الجاري مع كل الشركاء المحليين والوطنيين والخارجيين بهدف العمل بشكل متكامل للحد من البطالة في فلسطين.

وقدمت ممثلة وزارة التنمية الاجتماعية عرضا موسعا عن دور وتدخلات الوزارة تجاه كافة الفئات التي تتعامل معها وزارة التنمية الاجتماعية من اجل تحقيق شعار من الاحتياج الى الانتاج من باب تمكين تلك الفئات، والعيش بصورة كريمة.

كما قدم تصور عريفات عرضا تقديميا عن جمعية اللجنة الأهلية ودورها وخدماتها على مدار السنوات الماضية منذ تأسيسها، وفكرة عن المشروع التدريبي المقدم للمشروع.

وقدم حوا ابو عون من مؤسسة "شركاء في التنمية المستدامة" عرضا عن دور مؤسسته وشركائها مع كل المؤسسات، والشارع العاملة عليها، وتفاصيل عن المشروع المقدم والممول من قبل مشروع "MoreThanAJob".

وتم في الورشة تقديم عرض سريع من مدير عام الغرفة عصام ابو زيد عن التوجهات وملخص السياسات الكفيل بتحسين وتطوير سياسات التشغيل الحالية، والتي من شأنها خدمة الفئات الأقل حظا في المجتمع، والوصول الى أكبر عدد ممكن، وتشغيل أيد عاملة على نطاق مستدام والتي عمل على تطويرها خبراء وفريق المشروع، ومن ثم تسليمه للوزارات والمؤسسات ذات العلاقة وأصحاب القرار للحصول على تغذية راجعة وتوصيات من هذه الجهات.

يذكر ان هذه الورشة تأتي في اطار تنفيذ مشروع "أكثر من فرصة عمل" "لتعزيز الاقتصاد الاجتماعي والتضامن للعاطلين عن العمل وغير المتعلمين والأحذين"، بتمويل من برنامج مبادرة دول الجوار الأوروبي لخلق الشركات العابرة للحدود على حوض المتوسط في الاتحاد الأوروبي تحت إدارة منظمة سيريس المتنمذة الحكم الذاتي "ايطاليا"، والهادف إلى تعزيز التعاون العابر للحدود في منطقة البحر الأبيض المتوسط، وايجاد فرص عمل جديدة، وتطبيق الادماج الاجتماعي للسكان الصعداء والعاطلين عن العمل من خلال تبني أفضل السياسات وتطبيق أفضل الممارسات

دولة فلسطين
سلطة الطاقة والموارد الطبيعية
الشركة الفلسطينية لنقل الكهرباء
الدعوة لتقديم عطاءات

وأضاف ان مشروع تعزيز الاقتصاد التضامني والاجتماعي لفئات العاطلين عن العمل، وغير المتعلمين، والأحذين يعتبر مشروعا اقليميا ممولا من الاتحاد الاوروبي، ويضم نخبة من الشركاء، وهم جامعة النجاح وغرفة تجارة نابلس من فلسطين، وشركاء من لبنان والاردن وايطاليا.

ويتضمن المشروع «العمل على تسهيل دمج هذه الفئات الثلاث من العاطلين عن العمل، وغير المتعلمين، والأحذين في سوق العمل من اجل توفير فرص حقيقية لهم، والمساهمة في خفض نسب البطالة في صفوفهم، حيث قامت جمعية اللجنة الأهلية في محافظة نابلس، وجمعية شركاء في التنمية المستدامة بهذه المشاريع بقيمة ٢٠٠ يورو لكل مشروع كمخرج أساس من مخرجات هذا المشروع.

وعبر هاشم عن الاعتزاز بالشراكة مع جامعة النجاح في تنفيذ هذا المشروع، مؤكدا ان العمل جار لإنجاحه منذ اطلاقه عام ٢٠١٩، بوجود هذه النخب من الشركاء المحليين والوطنيين والخارجيين، من اجل الاستفادة من مخرجاته لصالح الفئات الصعبة، وايجاد فرص التدريب والعمل في منشآت القطاع الخاص الذي يحتاج دوما الى العمالة الماهرة والمؤهلة والمتميزة من اجل مزيد من الازدهار والنمو الاقتصادي، والعمل بالتوازي على دفس نسب البطالة خاصة في فئة الشباب.

من جانبه، استعرض منسق مشاريع الاتحاد الأوروبي ومدير مركز النجاح الدولية في جامعة النجاح ومدير المشروع د. عماد بريك في كلمته، أهمية دور المؤسسات العاملة في مجال التدريب والتأهيل والتمكين والتوظيف، وهي الوجهة الأولى المستهدفة بالمشروع والتي قامت في هذه الرحلة من المشروع بتطوير مقترحات مشاريع بهدف ايجاد فرص عمل جديدة، وتوفير بيئة تفاعلية لتبادل المهارات والخبرات، وتعزيز الوصول إلى نظام العمل والتعليم لغير المتعلمين واللاجئين والفئات المهمشة الذين لا يمتلكون المؤهلات والمهارات، وتصميم واستخدام إطار للمخططات الاجتماعية الجديدة القائمة على أفضل الممارسات الدولية، لمساعدة الجهات الفاعلة في الاقتصاد الاجتماعي والتضامني التي تعمل في مجال التشغيل وتيسير تفاعلها مع الجهات الحكومية.

وبين ان هذه المقترحات التدريبية تم تقييمها محليا واقليميا من قبل مقيمين خارجيين، وصولا الى الخروج بمقترحات مشاريع، تدريبية، تطبيقية، تساهم في تحقيق الاهداف المرجوة من المشروع.

اعلان صادر عن مجلس التنظيم الأعلى

بشأن مشروع تعديل تنظيم تغيير صفة الاستعمال من منطقة حرف وصناعات خفيفة (فعاليات) الى منطقة حرف وصناعات خفيفة (فعاليات) وأحكام خاصة على القطع ذوات الأرقام (٨٠، ٨١، ٨٢، ٨٣) من الحوض رقم (١٩) المدينة حي (٢٧) المريجمه - رام الله / محافظة رام الله والبيرة.

قرر مجلس التنظيم الأعلى في جلسته رقم (9/2021) بتاريخ 07/10/2021م وبموجب القرار رقم (327) الموافقة على وضع المشروع موضع التنفيذ . والمتعلق بالقطع ذوات الأرقام (٨٠، ٨١، ٨٢، ٨٣) من الحوض رقم (١٩) المدينة حي (٢٧) المريجمه من أراضي مدينة رام الله وذلك حسب المخططات المودعة في مقر الحكم المحلي / محافظة رام الله والبيرة وعمر بلدية رام الله .

ويعتبر مخطط التنظيم نافذا بعد مضي (١٥) يوما من تاريخ نشر الاعلان في الجريدة الرسمية وجريدتين محليتين وذلك استنادا لمادتي (21 ، 26) من قانون تنظيم المدن والقرى والابنية رقم (٧٩) لسنة 1966م.

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MoreThanAJob promotes social innovation and empowerment of marginalised groups in Jordan by awarding two sub-grants

A total of eight proposals was received from several institutions in Jordan, and the two winning projects were announced during a press conference held at Tafila Technical University (TTU) and organised by MoreThanAJob's partner, Mutah University, on December 16, 2021.

Dairy and Cheese production

The project was presented by Shehan Charitable Society. It aims to promote income and social solidarity amongst the unemployed youth, low-income families, and Syrian refugees living in remote areas in the south of Jordan, such as Karak, Tafila, Ma'an, and Shobak. The target groups will be provided with training courses in dairy production as well as support and guidance on the market needs of the food industries in the project area.

Social Solidarity Economy Values and Principles: Education and Training

The project was presented by International Support for Applied Scientific Research. It targets trainers helping young people develop their professional activities. Participants will undergo multiple training and awareness sessions that will render them qualified to engage in professional roles. The main aim of this project is to view the SSE as a transversal movement that links values and principles to collective action and practices.

MoreThanAJob awards two sub-grants to address unemployment in Greece

Educate Your Future - EdAct

Following the pandemic, the unemployment rate in Greece increased. Therefore, it became crucial to investigate methods and tools that will lead to a short-term solution, in addition to preventing similar future risks. The project, presented by KMOP- Social Action and Innovation Centre, takes into account current trends in the labour market and uses technology to good advantage. It is built on the creation of a website that will provide specialized courses (seminars, workshops, etc.) in areas of the labour market where there is a gap between skill needs and demands.

Guide your Career – GuideCar

Presented by Symplexis, this project offers participants the opportunity to develop their careers by providing them with the leadership skills they need to succeed in a dynamic global workforce. It operates under strict parameters and defined goals and features orientation sessions that train participants in maintaining mutually beneficial relationships. The project targets vulnerable groups, particularly migrants and unemployed people.

The evaluation and selection process of sub-grants proposals

In each partner's country, the evaluation and selection process was carried out by a committee composed of two external evaluators and at least one representative of the partner organisation. Each organisation was responsible for managing the entire process in its own country.

The evaluation process has been divided into four main steps:

1- Administrative check

2- Qualitative evaluation

3- Interview with shortlisted proposals

4- Selection

The efficient involvement of local communities in welfare development

MoreThanAJob debates on how to involve local communities to develop welfare in Italy

Rethinking the territorial welfare system starting from concepts such as co-design, co-planning, and co-delivery has been the focus of the conference organised by CESIE, our Italian partner, on the 5th of October. The role of the social economy is crucial in this process and is increasingly being discussed on the European and international levels.

On the one hand, the European Commission is working on the development of a Social Economy Action Plan to foster social investment and support social economy actors. The social and proximity economy has also been included amongst the 14 clusters on which to base the relaunch of growth in Europe, making it the central theme of the programmes presented by national governments for the use of the Next Generation EU resources.

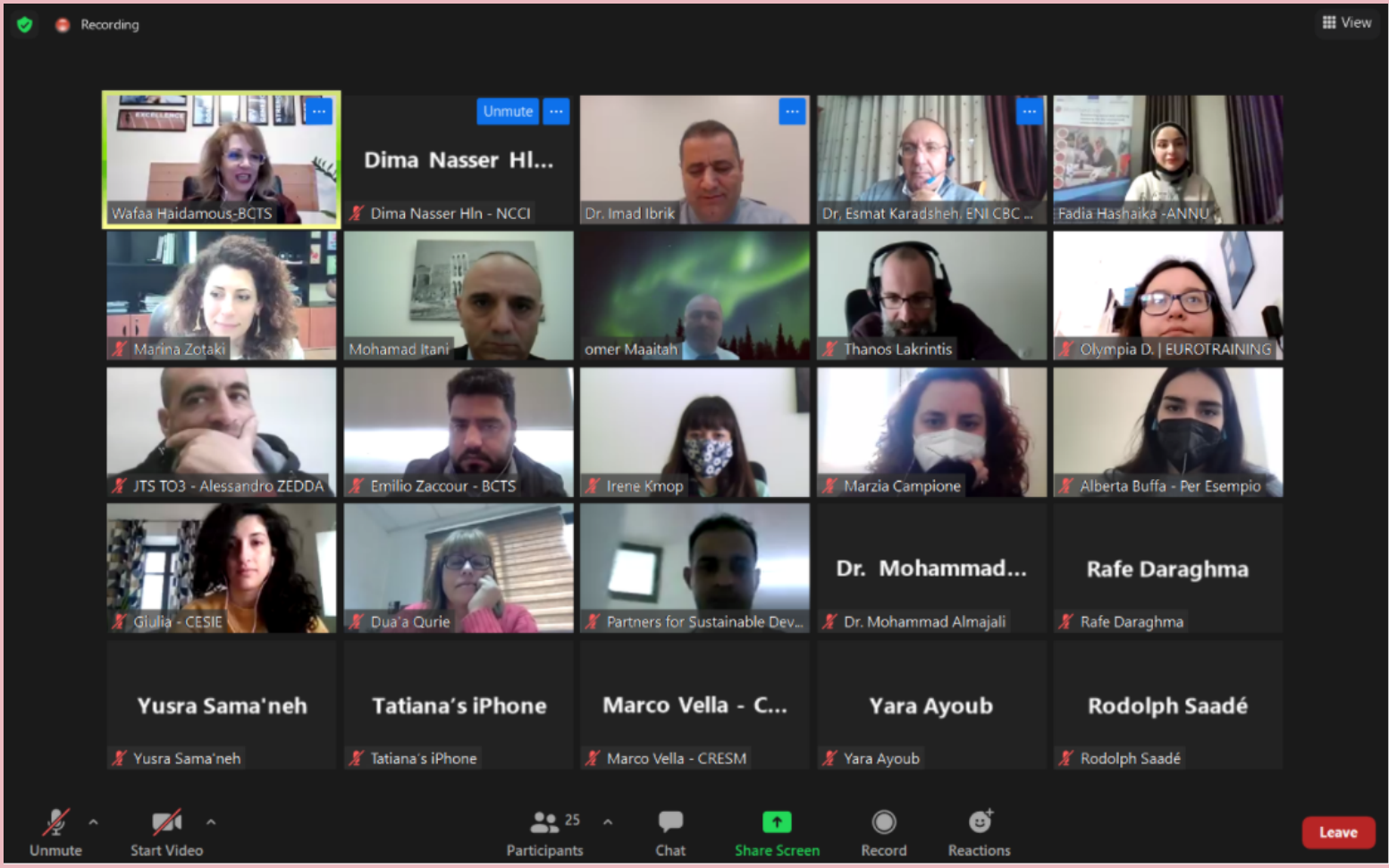
On the other hand, the role of the social economy and the third sector in the recovery phase is also highlighted in the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan, placing these actors amongst the main interlocutors in the definition and implementation of social and territorial projects.

In this context, the theme of shared administration, co-programming, and co-design cannot but be at the centre of today's debate regarding future opportunities and scenarios for territorial welfare.

The MoreThanAJob project was born in a period prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, and its activities began on the eve of the first lockdown in Italy. This led us to reflect on the effect of the pandemic on the pre-existing inequalities in our society and on the means that can be put in place by the private social sector to support local authorities in the provision of services for citizens. We also discussed the potential role of public-private cooperation in the process of recovery.

Cooperation and sharing of resources and means during the emergency phase of the first lockdown allowed to reach a greater number of citizens, especially those belonging to the most vulnerable groups. The lessons learned in those months are the basis for building a more structured and sustainable dialogue between the actors involved in the development of services and initiatives for the inclusion of all citizens.

> MoreThanAJob's commitment to promoting the Social Solidarity Economy in cooperation with other local actors is strengthened by the two local initiatives funded by the project, which allows for an even stronger presence in the territory, most notably in the Zisa and Ballarò districts.



MoreThanAJob's partner in Lebanon holds videoconference to enhance collaboration between sub-grantees

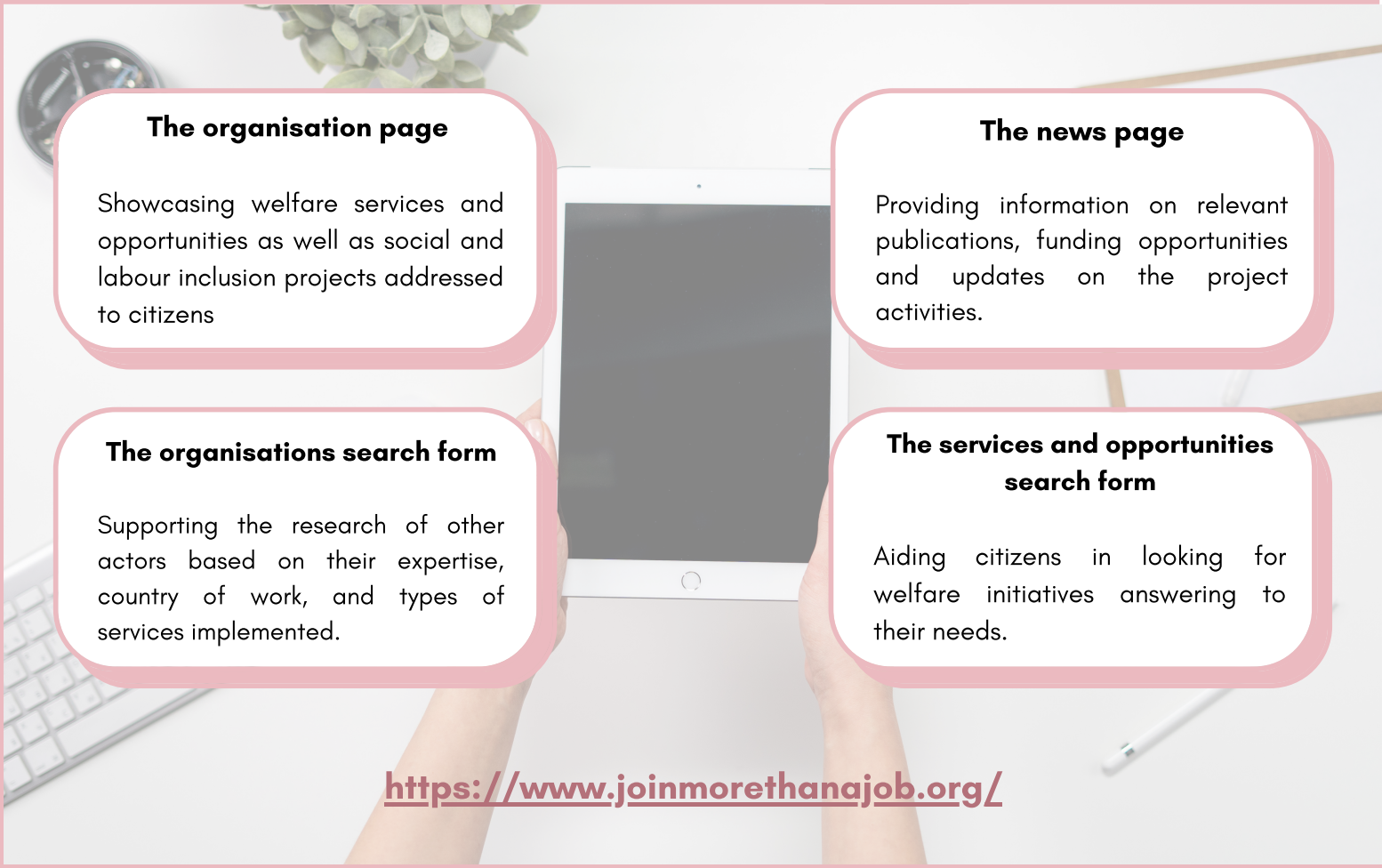
On February 16th, 2022, MoreThanAJob's partner in Lebanon, Business Consultancy and Training Services (BCTS), held a videoconference to discuss the progress made on the 10 winning projects targeting vulnerable groups. The online event was organised and managed by the founder of BCTS, Dr. Wafaa Haidamous, and was attended by representatives of MoreThanAJob's seven partners as well as sub-grantees and stakeholders. The event aimed to foster further collaboration between the sub-grant winners and to enhance the partnership between SSEs and PAs. All participants agreed to hold more meetings in the future to keep discussing the progress achieved by each project and realize the purpose of MoreThanAJob's framework.

Are you interested in collaborating with SSE and PA actors? Join an established network of Euro-Mediterranean actors through MoreThanAJob's online portal!
https://www.joinmorethanajob.org/

MoreThanAJob connects local actors to develop welfare services through its e-platform

The MoreThanAJob online portal helps determine the tools and action plans that can be put in place to make public-private partnerships structural and sustainable.

With this tool, MoreThanAJob aims to support SSE and PA actors in collaborating, sharing information and resources, and starting co-design processes with other realities.



The organisation page

Showcasing welfare services and opportunities as well as social and labour inclusion projects addressed to citizens

The news page

Providing information on relevant publications, funding opportunities and updates on the project activities.

The organisations search form

Supporting the research of other actors based on their expertise, country of work, and types of services implemented.

The services and opportunities search form

Aiding citizens in looking for welfare initiatives answering to their needs.

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Since its official launch, over 50 organisations registered in MoreThanAJob's online portal, and are ready to share their services and expertise supporting social and labor inclusion in their territories.

Register now to join this network of Euro-Mediterranean actors, and start collaborating to develop new services, projects, and initiatives on the local and international levels!

Strengthening social solidarity economy employment policies

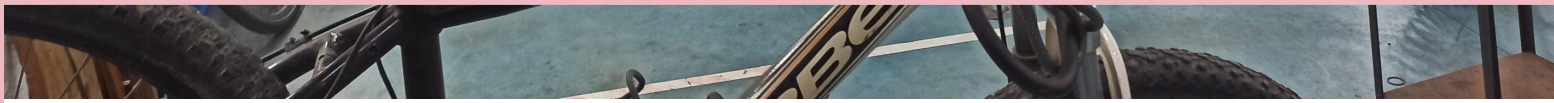
On August 25, 2021, MoreThanAJob's partners in Palestine, Nablus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) and An-Najah National University (ANNU), organised a workshop within the implementation of the ENI CBC-MED Programme Project, titled "Strengthening employment policies related to the social solidarity economy".

The main objective of the workshop was to study the employment policies in Palestine and the role of SSE actors in the development and enhancement of these policies to foster job creation amongst marginalised groups in Palestine. It also aimed at enhancing the understanding of practitioners, policymakers, and other stakeholders on the SSE in Palestine in order to promote its development.

The workshop was attended by representatives from several Palestinian ministries and institutions, as well as practitioners, policy-makers, stakeholders, and PA representatives. They discussed the lack of employment in Palestine, which is one of the main causes of social instability, and highlighted the importance of addressing this issue.

Throughout this event, participants gained a deeper understanding of the values of SSE and its role in promoting job creation in Palestine. The workshop also promoted dialogue amongst the participants and key SSE stakeholders, thus increasing their capacity in developing and strengthening SSE policies tailored to the national context.

MedRiSSE:
Another successful example of effective synergy



MoreThanAJob and MedRiSSE have a great common goal: ensuring a better future for vulnerable groups in the Mediterranean region.

The MedRiSSE capitalization project "Replicable Innovations of SSE in the Provision of Services and Creation of Decent Jobs in the Post Covid-19 Crisis Recovery" is funded by the European Union through the ENI CBC MED Programme.

The mission

MedRiSSE will develop a Mediterranean scalability pathway for social innovations that enable the co-production of municipal services with local SSE actors that emerged from interactions between the government and the SSE involved in several ENI-funded projects. These innovations represent successful and efficient practices for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in general, and the protection of the most vulnerable groups in post-Covid-19 economies in the Mediterranean region.

The partners

The project includes 7 partner entities and 7 associated entities from 5 countries (Spain, Italy, Palestine, Jordan, and Tunisia). It is built on the knowledge and experience gained from developing and running five cooperation projects funded by the European Neighborhood Instrument, including MoreThanAJob.

MedRiSSE's collaboration with MoreThanAJob

MoreThanAJob participated in the launch conference of the MedRiSSE project, which was held on 9-10 November 2021 in Barcelona. Our representative, Dr. Imad Ibrik, presented some of MoreThanAJob's main achievements, followed by a fruitful discussion on international best practices in order to assist the SSE actors working in the field of unemployment and facilitating their interaction with the public administration.

MoreThanAJob will contribute to the design of the MedRiSSE multilingual interactive portal and to the online presence of the Mediterranean Lab for Co-production, as envisaged in MedRiSSE.

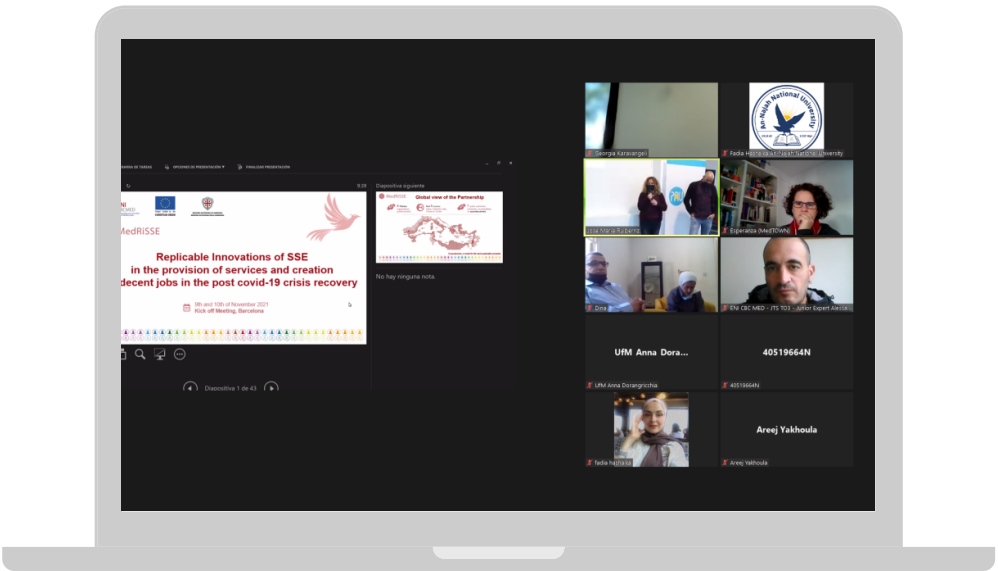
Capitalizing is the way to ensure the efforts made in the framework of projects have an impact on the territories!

MedRiSSE will use the following outputs from MoreThanAJob:

- Using a prepared framework of new social pilot schemes to assist the SSE actors working in the field of unemployment and facilitating their interaction with the public administration.

- Enhancing access to the employment and education system for the uneducated and the refugees that do not possess formal proof of qualifications and skills.

- Using a well-prepared online portal to enrich the interaction between the Social and Solidarity Economy and Public Administration actors. The portal also aims to facilitate exchanges and cooperation beyond the face-to-face interactions.



Boosting proximity and the social economy

MoreThanAJob will contribute to the implementation of the EU Social Economy Action Plan

On the 9th of December 2021, the European Commission adopted the Social Economy Action Plan, putting forward concrete measures to help mobilize the full potential of the social economy. In the Action Plan, the European Commission recognizes the role of social economy actors in supporting public authorities through fostering the inclusion of the most vulnerable groups in our societies by providing welfare and social services .

Social economy actors could provide innovative solutions to many of today's global challenges, especially climate change, digitalization, and social exclusion. Most of the actors are locally rooted and therefore constitute a driving force for local growth and the development of a more sustainable and inclusive economy and society.

Throughout the Action Plan, the European Commission encourages Member States to adopt or update their social economy strategies and measures in cooperation with social economy stakeholders into three main areas:

- Creating the right conditions for the social economy to grow
- Ensuring the social economy and its potential are absolutely recognised
- Providing opportunities for social economy organisations to start up and scale up

How can MoreThanAJob contribute to the achievement of the Action Plan's objectives?

MoreThanAJob is strongly committed to fostering the dialogue between social economy actors and public authorities by:

• Promoting the social economy on a regional and local level, thus enhancing the cooperation between local actors and societies by fostering inclusiveness, resilience, and sustainability.

• Promoting the social economy on an international level by fostering the exchange of experiences and practices amongst its partners in the Mediterranean region, with the objective of developing more effective social services through private-public partnerships, while supporting the achievement of the objectives embedded in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

• Boosting social innovation by promoting dialogue amongst the local actors in order to foster the sharing of resources and means for a greater impact throughout the Mediterranean region in which they operate.

The transition pathway

Through the Action Plan, the Commission is also launching a "transition pathway" to help the green and digital transitions of the social economy in dialogue with public authorities and interested parties.

To foster the involvement of the different actors, the Commission is inviting social economy entities to participate in this process starting with a survey running until 28 February 2022.

> We strongly believe that social economy entities have the capacity to find an innovative solution for the development and delivery of welfare and social services by operating in a bottom-up way and remaining close to communities, citizens, and the problems they face.

Survey link: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TP-P-SE-2022

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