



# AQABA

# Water-Energy-Food

# Open Living Lab



**For SUSTAINABILITY and RESILIENCE through  
INNOVATION and ENTREPRENEURSHIP in AQABA**





## The iPARK open living lab in Aqaba aims to:

- ▶ Enable better resource management for efficiency, sustainability and security
- ▶ Promote stakeholder co-creation of innovations addressing Water-Energy-Food(WEF)-NEXUS Challenges
- ▶ Develop of new products and services under the WEF-Nexus Driven Open Living Lab
- ▶ Mobilize a local community of innovation and entrepreneurship supporters
- ▶ Optimization of water/energy trade-offs in the food value chain
- ▶ Provide direct support to startups/SMEs through specialized support vouchers

### Key anticipated results:

- ▶ Creation of spin-offs in the field of Water, Energy, Food - Nexus
- ▶ Development of patented technologies
- ▶ Commercialization opportunities of research products



#### LOCATION AND FACILITIES

#### AQABA

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**iPARK's Aqaba incubator is the first of its kind in the south of Jordan.** It was established in 2017 to support entrepreneurs in tourism, logistics, entertainment and services sectors, and has since expanded to host a number of environmental and WEF projects including the **Aqaba WEF Open Living Lab**.

### How can you benefit from the Aqaba WEF Open Living Lab:

- Find direct support, advice, and enabling network to develop and launch your innovative product/service
- Collaborate and build synergies with WEF-NEXUS Stakeholders working across disciplines
- Contribute to the development of innovative and sustainable solutions to solve challenges faced in Jordan and the region
- Empower the local ecosystem by generating value throughout the innovation development process

### Who are we looking for:

- Entrepreneurs
- Innovators
- Researchers
- Startups and SMEs
- Students
- Industry and private sector representatives
- Academia and Research representatives
- Citizens
- NGOs

### How to join:

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## About NEX-LABS

NEX-LABS project includes a partnership of 11 institutions from seven different countries across the Mediterranean to tackle the challenges of a competitive and inclusive growth thanks to a nexus driven approach. This project is funded by the EU under the ENI CBC Med Programme. With a total budget of €3.450.984,97, the project has received a contribution of € 3.105.866,47 (90%).