

Mediterranean Youth Academy Program 2022

Under the patronage of the Egyptian Prime Minister, Prof. Mostafa Madbouly, the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development, with the support of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Egypt headed by Prof. Dr. Ashraf Sobhy, Minister of Youth and Sports. is launching the second edition of the "Mediterranean Youth Academy" project, in partnership with civil, governmental and international organizations, through the Central Administration of Parliament and Civic Education, moreover the General Administration of Civic Education for Youth Leaders moreover the Central Administration for the Affairs of the Minister's Office, General Administration of Public as well Foreign Relations.

**You can watch a video documentary about the first version through this link:
The final report of the first version can be viewed through this link:**

Importance:

The Mediterranean is a platform for dialogue between East and West besides the meeting point of its three continents; Europe, Asia, and Africa. Accordingly on its coasts, the light of science and the merit of searching for rights and freedom in the countries of the Greeks appeared to the world, and the dawn of the first civilization in ancient Egypt dawned.

Furthermore, its history affected man in spirit moreover thought, further Andalusia was. Inspired by this unique mixture of humanity, the medium in place and spirit, we work on the unity of his thought also face its common challenges.

The "Mediterranean Youth Academy" seeks to prepare 120 young women in the second phase through a week-long training program aimed at enhancing awareness of Mediterranean issues moreover the challenges facing the Mediterranean countries, besides engaging young people in facing those challenges.

Participation details:

Number of beneficiaries: 120 young men and women from the Mediterranean region.

Place of implementation: Alexandria, Egypt

The proposed implementation date: from May 18 to May 24, 2022.

Accepted applicants will be informed of all details in a timely manner.

Program agenda

- A 6-day training program is being implemented, revolving around topics (economy, politics, geography, history, as well the relations of the Mediterranean countries with Egypt).

Program Goals

1) Introducing the issues of the Mediterranean Sea:

- **Topics of the first edition:** (climate change - gender equality - irregular migration - extremism).

- **Topics of the second edition:**(Human Rights - Entrepreneurship and Youth Employment - Youth Empowerment and Facilitating Mobility - Mediterranean National Security - Climate Change).

Continuing on the topics of the first edition, with presenting the implemented youth initiatives (13 youth initiatives).

2) To identify the successful experiences of some Mediterranean countries in various fields in addition to propose the possibility of applying them in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

3) Creating a nucleus for a Mediterranean youth network centered in Egypt to network among the youth of the Mediterranean countries.

4) Opening horizons for youth discussion to find innovative solutions to Mediterranean issues in addition to the role of youth in them.

Partners and cooperators in implementing the program and their roles:

Holy Azhar:

- Delegating a member of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity to speak about the Document on Human Fraternity in the session "Cairo and Rome.. Mediterranean Cities".
- The meeting of the participants with the eminence of the Grand Imam, Sheikh of Al-Azhar, in a session entitled "The Great Imam with Youth: Opportunities and Challenges".
- The participants' visit to the Al-Azhar Observatory to combat extremism after meeting with his eminence, the Grand Imam.

The Egyptian Church:

- Delegating a representative of the church to talk about the role of the Egyptian church in supporting the principles of human brotherhood.
- The meeting of the participants with His Holiness the Pope in a session entitled "His Holiness the Pope with Youth... Opportunities and Challenges" hosted by the Church.
- The participants visited the Theological Seminary at St. Mark's Cathedral in Abbasiya.

UN Women:

- Delegating a representative to talk about gender equality in the Mediterranean region besides the role of youth in combating gender-based violence, hosted by the "Ministry of Youth and Sports".
- Providing a handbook on gender equality for 90 participants.

Delegation of the European Union in Egypt:

- Delegating a representative to talk about the role of the European Union in confronting the phenomenon of irregular migration in the Mediterranean.
- The meeting of the participants with the Ambassador of the European Union in Egypt in a session entitled "Egyptian-European Relations, Visions towards the Future," hosted by the European Union.
- Providing an introductory brochure about the European Union and its programs to 90 participants.

Ministry of Environment:

- Delegating a representative to talk about the environmental challenges in the Mediterranean.
- The meeting of the participants with the Minister of Environment in a session entitled "Youth and Environmental Challenges in the Mediterranean Region", hosted by the "Ministry of Environment".

- Providing publications on the situation and environmental challenges in the Mediterranean.

Embassies of the Republic of Cyprus, Greece, Italy, France and Spain in Cairo

- The meeting of the participants with the ambassadors in a session entitled “Tripartite Cooperation in the Mediterranean Region”.
- Providing any embassy or country publications for distribution to 120 participants.

Union for the Mediterranean - Spain

- Granting political accreditation from member states, then nominating speakers specialized in Mediterranean issues.

Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport - Egypt

- A technological also logistical partner.

Conditions for joining the program

- **Nationality:** It is required that the applicant hold a nationality, or else have a permanent residence in one of the friendly countries that are members of the Union for the Mediterranean.

The list of countries can be found on the official website of the Union for the Mediterranean.

- **Age:** The applicant must be between 18-29 years old. Until March 1, 2022.
- **Communication:** The applicant should preferably be fluent in English, level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- **Commitment:** The applicant must be 100% committed to attending the entire program, and a pledge will be signed.
- **Acceptance:** The applicant must pass the personal interview with the selection committee after completing the registration form designated for this.

A graphical balance as well as an equitable representation of young people of both sexes will be considered when nominating. The organizers welcome applications from all candidates whose Entry requirements apply to them, regardless of gender, disability, marital status, ethnic or social origin, color, religion or belief.

The organizers also encourage young men and women with less access to opportunities who live in rural, borderline or slum areas and who face social, geographical, economic or physical challenges.

Participation cost:

- The program affords the costs of training, accommodation and subsistence, moreover does not bear the costs of transportation/flight or entry visas to Egypt in case of need, for the participants from outside Egypt.
- Invitations to accepted applicants can be issued to support the visa application in case of need.
- Informational besides logistical support can be provided about internal transportation from the arrival station/airport in Egypt to the place of implementation of the program.
- Participants can extend the period of stay after the end of the program for the purpose of tourism, at their own expense, and great discounts can be offered on accommodation. Those wishing to extend the period are kindly requested to contact the organizers during the program for details.