

Civil Society Facility South

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Call for Applications Dialogue Fellows - 2016 Programme

1. BACKGROUND

Young people have played a significant role in the recent Arab movements, demanding basic human rights for building their future towards sustainable processes.

The Fellowship programme invests in the mobilisation of youth as drivers of change and democracy: it aims **to involve Youth into policy making and dialogue** in the Southern Mediterranean region. It will support the creation of a network of fellows, meeting quarterly during the year, to share experience, monitor progress and provide mutual support.

Location: European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) Neighbourhood South: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine¹, Tunisia and Syria.

Implementation

It will be managed by the Civil Society Facility South (CSFS) in Tunis on behalf of the European Commission (DG NEAR), in close collaboration with partner CSOs from the region. This programme will cover trainings' fees.

2. MISSION

The overall goal of the “Dialogue Fellows” is to **foster young leaders** and build their capacity to facilitate initiatives through democracy, participatory and empowering approaches, at national, regional and international levels.

This programme aims to enhance skills of **30 fellows**, members (or staff) of CSOs with a balance in terms of: gender, fields of action, background, geographical coverage and nationality.

The fellows will identify key priorities in policy making and dialogue for sustainable solutions on: shrinking space, reducing inequalities and unemployment, mobility and migration.

Activities will be organised to support the fellows to deepen their objectives and mainstream best practices through various methods of interventions during, and in between the workshops.

The fellows will be expected to use gained skills to:

- Contribute to their CSOs via offering sustained and creative support.
- Apply tools (networking, advocacy, and communications) to continue their work in a sustainable manner, and become Trainers of Trainers to co-ordinate programme activities and build on knowledge and skills to reach further steps.
- Advocate their local governments and international institutions for supporting democratic processes and the role of CSOs.

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3. FIELDS OF ACTIONS

The programme targets young leaders and focuses on:

- **Involvement in Policy making:** providing tools to gain expertise on policy issues; entail policy research and advocacy initiatives, towards case studies.
- **Structured Dialogue mechanisms:** engaging fellows in round table discussions, conferences and interfaces to develop synergies for structured dialogue, and, with the European Union in particular.
- **Capacity / team building:** Capacity development to strengthen CS Networks both from outside and within their community through:
 - optimising resources and fund raising skills
 - **training of trainers** in order to identify and train other young leaders within fellows' organisations and from other CSOs in relevant networks
 - **communication skills** develop advocacy skills in practice; using communication channels and tools, at national and international levels and building relationships with other CSOs, governments, local authorities, EU institutions and other international institutions (UN, World Bank, etc.).
- **Networking:** creating a network of young policy makers at the national, sub-regional and regional levels towards: fora, think tanks on policy making, and the media.
- **Dialogue Platform:** providing an online platform for young people where they can express their opinions, exchange on good practice, propose solutions and perspectives.

4. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

1	18-22 April 2016 (one week)	Workshop 1 (WS1) Gathering fellows 5 days in Amman, Jordan	Intensive and tailored training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Day 1: balance needs and objectives considering available resources: draft specific roadmaps ▪ Day 2: specific capacity development themes on policy dialogue ▪ Day 3: communication and advocacy skills ▪ Day 4: policy formulation, research and analysis ▪ Day 5: Policy and public outreach / considering the local and sub-regional contexts of participants
2	May-July 2016	Online Training Twice a month Individually/Sub-groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow-up on activities: technical support and guidance on objectives set during WS1 ▪ Managing visual and written communication, ▪ case studies built on real-life advocacy initiatives
3	22-26 August 2016 (tbc)	Workshop 2 (WS2) Fellows meeting 5 days Place tbd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen communication and networking among the Fellows, e.g. public speaking skills ▪ Managing visual and written communication, ▪ Preparing case studies ▪ Working and advocating at regional level
4	August - October 2016	Online Training Twice a month Individually/SG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow-up on activities: technical support and guidance on objectives set during WS2 ▪ Reporting on concrete achievements from WS2
5	21-25 November 2016 (tbc)	Workshop 3 Fellows meeting 5 days Place tbd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication and visibility at international level: also entail concrete policy research and advocacy initiatives, in form of "on-the-job-training" ▪ Advocating on a specific issue in Arabic and EN/FR ▪ Reporting from each fellow on 3 pages and online ▪ conclusions of the programme and sustainability ▪ Training of trainers to be planed

Post Events: The fellows shall be available to interact virtually with the TA on regular basis to follow up on activities, receive technical support and guidance.

5. SELECTION

The selection will be organized through a competitive process (with a balance in terms of: gender, fields of action, background, geographical coverage and nationality). The assessment of applications will be carried out by a selection committee of four CSFS experts.

Applicants must be a member (or staff) of a **Civil Society Organisations** from the Neighbourhood South Region and comply with the definition below:

The EU considers CSOs to include all non-State, not-for-profit structures, non-partisan and non – violent, through which people organise to pursue shared objectives and ideals, whether political, cultural, social or economic. Operating from the local to the national, regional and international levels, they comprise urban and rural, formal and informal organisations. They include membership-based, cause-based and service-oriented CSOs. Among them, community-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, faith-based organisations, foundations, research institutions, Gender and LGBT organisations, cooperatives, professional and business associations, and the not-for-profit media. Trade unions and employers' organisations, the so-called social partners, constitute a specific category of CSOs.

5.1. Countries Eligible:

Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine², Tunisia and Syria

5.2. Profile Requirements:

Eligible CSOs from eligible countries are to make **ONE** proposition based on these requirements:

- ✚ 1 applicant per organization (CSO);
- ✚ Proposed applicant should be within the age limits of 25-36 years old;
- ✚ Proposed applicant has at least 3 years-experience being involved in sectorial projects, specifically in actions of advocacy and policy dialogue;
- ✚ English or/and French language proficiency in addition to Arabic will be required.

5.3. Required Documents to Apply:

- ✚ Written application from the applicant's CSO explaining and supporting the candidacy;
- ✚ Motivation letter from the applicant in Arabic; translated in either English or French, and co-signed by the CSO;
- ✚ Curriculum vita of the applicant;
- ✚ Copy of passport or ID (with birth date).

6. PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND DEADLINE

- **Costs** related to participation will be covered (flights and visas, accommodation, meals);
- Selected applicants will receive a confirmation of selection by email. They will have to confirm their **presence to all activities**. Invitations for obtaining visas will be sent.
- Workshops will be held mostly in **Arabic**. Some activities will be held in English (for Mashrek participants) and French (Maghreb): a good command of **English or French** is required.
- Eligible applications are invited to be submitted to: info@csfsouth.org
- **The deadline is 10 March 2016** (4.00 pm Tunis Time).

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