

VOICE OF YOUTH



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*"My message to policy makers:
Make education free and
compulsory" – Mahdi, 19*

*"The school needs more
resources, because the
classrooms are overcrowded,
which encourages dropout" –
Meryen, 19*

*"We need more space to talk and
share ideas between us, as young
people, with authorities and
politics"– Eslam , 22*

A consultation carried out in 6
MedNC member countries.

A UNIQUE CONSULTATION



- More than **100 young people**, from **16 to 25 years old**, were consulted among the members of the **Mediterranean New Chance network**, in **6 Mediterranean countries** (Spain, France, Morocco, Portugal, Tunisia and the West Bank*)
** Via our member Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo.*
- These young people wanted to share the **difficulties** they encountered in their educational and professional careers, but also to expose their **solutions** and their expectations towards the decision-makers.
- For this purpose, **10 discussion groups** were set up within **8 Mediterranean inclusion structures**: Second Chance Schools, training centres, associations, etc.
- A play was produced based on the messages transmitted during this consultation.

"The training offer does not correspond to the professional work and to our aspirations"
– Othman, 20

"At school, I suffered from the lack of esteem of the other students but also of the teachers"
– Abderezzak, 18

"I will never have work experience if they don't give me any" – Kevin, 22

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE RECOMMEND

Prepare them for professional integration

- Adapt training to the Labour market
- Include more practice in programs
- Trust them from the beginning of their career by promoting their hiring

Promote their personal development and limit their dropout

Improve and ensure their access to:

- Extracurricular activities
- Psychological support
- Spaces for safe dialogue

Address their economic difficulties

Facilitate and support young people in:

- Applying for and awarding scholarships (access to training and mobility)
- Young people's access to bank loans and investment to finance their projects

Improve education and training

Increase the resources of the education sector:

- Improving dialogue between students, teachers and families
- Create a more flexible school environment that includes cultural activities to allow young people to express themselves
- Train teachers in new professions and challenges in the world of work

"When I enrolled in Second Chance School, I felt like I was reborn"
– Meryem, 19



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"I wouldn't have had any work experience if I hadn't been given it here" – Mariana

"The Second Chance School has allowed me to get motivated and to think positively about the future" – Mahdi, 19

"Today I feel like a more mature person and with the strength to handle things" – Liliana

The **Mediterranean New Chance network** brings together and federates the actors of training and professional integration of NEETs in the Mediterranean. The network now brings together 15 organisations from 9 countries and thus helps more than 55,000 young dropouts in the Mediterranean.



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