

Give young people the opportunity to become active players in their own lives and in their region!



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THE MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH

AN URGENT MATTER



Why take action?

In the Mediterranean, the problem of **NEETs** (Neither in Employment, Education or Training) constitutes a major challenge for the socio-economic stability of the region. With a steadily growing young population - **300 million young people will enter the job market in 2050*** - these countries are facing an employment crisis which has repercussions on the **economic and social development of the region**.

The causes of NEET dropouts are complex and multifactorial. Ranging from **difficult personal and family backgrounds** to **shortcomings in the public education system**, the causes are also related with the **economic contexts** in the region's countries.

29 %

of 15 to 24 young people in North Africa are considered as NEETs in North Africa

Source: ILOSTAT, 2022

This issue is exacerbated by the **high rate of youth unemployment** in the region, which has soared since the Covid-19 pandemic. Beyond its direct impact on economic competitiveness, it hinders and deepens **social inequalities**. The lack of jobs opportunities for young graduates creates a **feeling of hopelessness and disillusion**, thus fostering economic migration and social instability.

90

million young people are likely to be unemployed in 2050 – equivalent the population of Egypt

Source: World Bank, 2022

How?

With whom?

Faced with these challenges, a concerted approach between the **governments** of **Mediterranean countries** and the players involved in youth integration is essential.

Inclusive public policies need to be developed to improve access to education, vocational training and entrepreneurship. The aim of these policies must be to **acquire skills adapted** to the needs of the labour market in the current context of a changing world.

Integration stakeholders (2nd Chance school, integration association, apprenticeship training center, etc.) gathered within the **Mediterranean New Chance Network (MedNC)**, have **significant**

expertise and offer **effective solutions** to meet the needs of young people but also of the labour market.

However, they cannot act alone!

They provide a **powerful lever for action** and need the support of national and regional public authorities to offer a better future to young people.

By working together, we can create an **environment that encourages the socio-professional inclusion of young people, promotes their integration into the labour market and stimulates economic growth** in the Mediterranean region. Such collaboration is essential to guarantee **peace** and a **prosperous future** for the younger generations.

The 5 recommendations

of the Mediterranean New Chance Network



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1. Enabling the recognition and certification of skills and qualifications acquired

↳ make it easier for young people **to enter working life** and continue their studies in order to obtain a better **paying job** and a **more lasting integration** into the world of work.

2. Developing careers and trainings in the ecological transition as a means of boosting employment

↳ They offer **promising opportunities** for young people in the Mediterranean. Developing these sectors will **anticipate the demand for specific skills** in this sector and ensure sustainable development in the region.

3. Integrating the gender issue as a cross-cutting issue within inclusion programmes.

↳ **reduces social inequalities**, improves the **employability of young women** and contributes to the economic development of Mediterranean countries.

4. Establishing a territorial and topic targeted action plan (mobility, health, financial resources...)

↳ must help to overcome the barriers to integration and must be drawn up in collaboration with **civil society and integration stakeholders**.

5. Granting the required financial resources to New Chance programmes through a dedicated, long-term legal framework

↳ will enable them to **continue their support** for the socio-professional integration of young people, **offer quality programmes, improve their infrastructure** and increase the **positive impact** of their action on vulnerable young people in the region.



Why act on a Mediterranean scale?

Taking action at Mediterranean level to prevent young people from dropping out of school and to improve their integration into the labour market is crucial for several reasons:

1. The region **shares common challenges** related to education and youth employment, requiring a coordinated approach to maximize resources and efforts.

3. By promoting education, training and the professional integration of young people, regional cooperation contributes to strengthening **the overall economic competitiveness** of the Mediterranean region.

2. Regional collaboration allows for the **exchange of best practices and successful initiatives** between countries, thus promoting more effective implementation of education and vocational training policies.

4. A joint Mediterranean approach to education and employment creates **positive synergies for and by young people, thus strengthening the feeling of belonging** to a united and prosperous regional community.

Who is the Mediterranean New Chance Network?

Our mission ?

Federate and **strengthen** innovative and sustainable socio-professional integration programs in the Mediterranean, to offer new chances to disadvantaged young people.

Our action?

By **pooling the strengths and expertise of these stakeholders**, the MedNC network aims to **reinforce their capacity for action**, to replicate solutions that have proven successful at the Mediterranean level and to multiply their impacts. The network also raises and mobilizes support from public authorities



55 000

young indirect beneficiaries



343

supported integration centers



10

Mediterranean countries



18

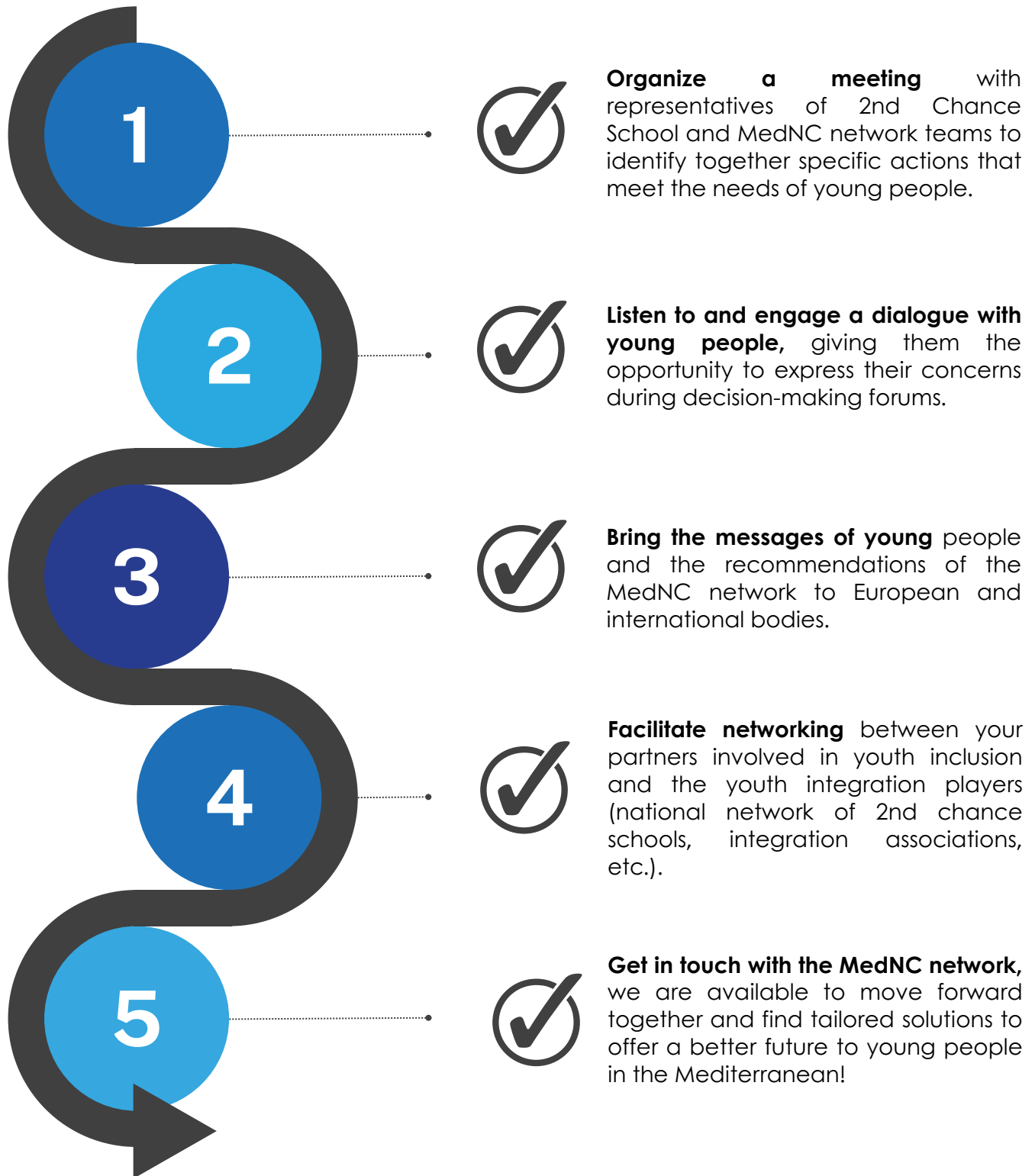
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How can we move forward together?



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Practical steps you can take today!



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