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Youth Will be Free - You(th) Will Be Free. Generate a positive Mediterranean network of inclusion and rehabilitation of youth at risk

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Project Summary

The project You(th) Will Be Free aims at improving the quality of youth work in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, with the goal of turning it into a tool for social rehabilitation for young ex-offenders or those at high risk of offending. The project offers them the opportunity to pursue a career as youth workers, thereby facilitating their access to decent job.

The project will focus on three specific objectives:

- Enhancing the specific skills of 24 youth workers from 8 partner associations in psychology, deviance pedagogy, and cultural mediation.
- Introducing the profession of socio-educational animator, its objectives, career prospects, and the necessary skills and competencies to young ex-offenders or those at high risk of offending in the Mediterranean and MENA regions.
- Developing a pilot training program for 9 young ex-offenders to become youth workers and role models, empowering them to train other young individuals in a cascading fashion. On a smaller scale, this pilot program will be replicated in all partner countries, involving 30 young people from 8 countries (Italy, Greece, Malta, North Macedonia, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia).

The planned activities include:

- A training course for trainers.
- A workshop for young ex-offenders and those at high risk of offending.
- A training course and job shadowing for ex-offenders to initiate them into the profession of youth workers.

The project's outputs will include:

- A specific manual for youth workers on the training of young individuals at high risk of criminal activity.
- A report on the role of the youth worker in MENA countries.
- A scalable and replicable training program adaptable to various contexts.

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