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Youth Employment in the Mediterranean (YEM) project

Regional Forum (Online Event)

8 April 2021, 10:30 – 12:45 (Paris time)

In the framework of the Youth Employment in the Mediterranean (YEM) project, funded by the European Union and implemented by UNESCO (2018-2020), the UNESCO Regional Office for Education in the Arab Countries, in Beirut, will host the [YEM Regional Forum](#) online, on 8 April, 2021 from 10:30am to 12:45pm (UTC+1).

The Forum will invite experts in the field of skills anticipation and assessment, work-based learning, and digital and entrepreneurial skills representatives, as well as the government, civil society and youth from beneficiary countries as participants, with the objective of taking stock of achievements of the project under each of its thematic components, and to gather feedback from beneficiaries. Future regional collaboration and work in line with the objectives of the project will be discussed as well, including the launch of the collaboration with Pix to benefit around 20.000 young people in the region to acquire digital skills.

The YEM project supports formal institutions, as well as the private sector, TVET providers, and youth organizations in the Southern Mediterranean region to design and implement relevant TVET policies, strategies and programs as well as their monitoring, to contribute to improving the level of youth employment and entrepreneurship in the region.

This Forum will include a discussion about major challenges witnessed by the Arab and Southern Mediterranean region during the period of implementation, such as the political and social situation, the conflicts and wars, the demographic changes as well as the latest COVID-19 pandemic and its negative impact on education.

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- To register for the event, [please fill out the form here](#)
- For more information on project outcomes, please see [YEM knowledge Platform](#)
- For more information about the YEM Forum please [visit this dedicated page](#)
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The Youth Employment in the Mediterranean (YEM) is a three-year regional initiative led by UNESCO and funded by the European Union (EU) from 2018 to 2020, extended until July 2021. The YEM project is supporting youth employment in selected countries of the EU's Southern Mediterranean Region, through actions under three main components:

Component 1: Strengthening of national systems for skills needs anticipation and assessment

Component 2: Use results of skills anticipation and assessment to improve quality and promote attractiveness of TVET pathways, especially for women

Component 3: Develop regional cooperation in the field of TVET