



Letter of Intent under the Framework of GREENLAND Project (B_A.3.1_0048)

Palermo Declaration, 13th of July 2022

This declaration is adopted by the following institutions during the Project Meeting held in Palermo on July 13th 2022:

- Regione Calabria (Lead Beneficiary)
- Regione siciliana – C.I.A.P.I., Body in house providing of the Sicilian Region
- E.M. Associazione ARCES
- National Employment Office, Ministry of Labour - Lebanon
- Planning and development Agency (PDA) – Lebanon
- Associazione Organismi di Formazione (ASSOFOR)

Introduction

The hereby declaration is the result of the above-mentioned project meeting which was implemented under the framework of the Project GREENLAND - B_A.3.1_0048 -

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The parties identify **several emerging issues** at the Euro-Mediterranean level, that were already pointed out in the “Catania Declaration (2006)”², such as:

- a) Education and Vocational Training not **accessible** to all
- b) Lack of investment in Education and Vocational Training (EVT), oriented (primarily but not exclusively) to young people and women
- c) Mismatch between labour supply and demand in the Mediterranean region
- d) High rate of youth unemployment
- e) Skill shortage
- f) Education and Vocational Training continues to have a very limited and unattractive appeal to young people from various Mediterranean countries due to poor working conditions and / or salaries and the fact that the jobs offered suffer from inadequate professionalism
- g) A negative image of Education and Vocational Training persists in almost all the MED countries considered, due to the lack of quality investments in this sector
- h) Profound regional unbalance in the percentages regarding enrolment in Education and Vocational Training courses and low attendance rate to such courses by learners

¹ <https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/projects/greenland>

² <https://www.miur.it/UserFiles/2209.pdf>

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- i) Lack of transfer of innovative training programmes among Mediterranean Countries

Objectives

Based on the challenges mentioned above, the parties agree to cooperate by implementing joint initiatives and actions with the final aim of achieving the following goals:

- a) Update and develop the actual educational curricula so that these can be more suitable with the labour market needs, concerning skills and professions especially in GREEN JOBS
- b) Sharing of application models, methodologies, approaches concerning Labour market active policies and mutual recognition of skills and competences as a Pilot project
- c) Enhancing the GREENLAND e-learning Platform through new functionalities, such as an App that matching between labour demand and supply across the Mediterranean region
- d) Transferring emerging skills and new educational curricula (including learning materials and mentoring experiences) from the Italian national and regional agencies to the Southern Mediterranean Countries, especially Lebanon with particular reference to the National Employment Office (NEO)

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Conclusions

The Parties agree to meet periodically to ensure follow up for the achievement of the above-mentioned objectives under the framework of GREENLAND Project (B_A.3.1_0048_GREENLAND)

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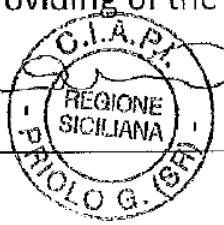
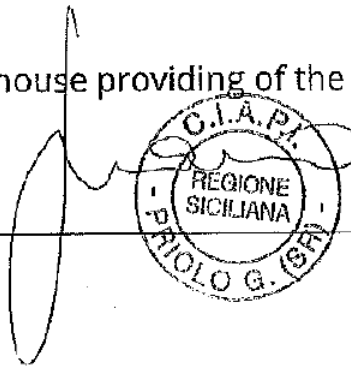
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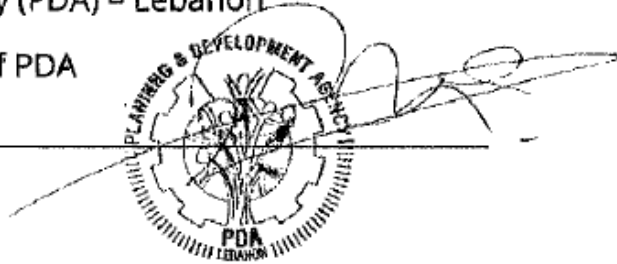
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