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PROJECT



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GENERAL GOAL

WE ARE HER – ‘Ensuring Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment through International Projects’, aims to contribute to the empowerment of women, girls, and young people to ‘fully utilize their rights and increase their participation in political, economic, and cultural life’ by addressing the structural causes of gender inequality as well as gender-based discrimination in different and diverse regions of the world.

The project aims to strengthen capacities and promote collaboration among six organisations in the Mediterranean region (Lebanon, Greece, Belgium, Turkey, and Albania), working directly with youth workers and young people from various backgrounds. This is achieved through various activities, giving young people the opportunity to participate in Youth Exchanges, co-creating their own global social media campaign, and constantly receiving mentorship from local WE ARE HER Ambassadors.



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YOUTH FOR EXCHANGE
AND UNDERSTANDING

»»» (BE) YEU INTERNATIONAL

YEU is an international Non-Governmental Youth Organization established in 1981. It is a member of the European Youth Forum (YFJ) and Lifelong Learning Platform (LLL) in Brussels and is considered as a European level non-governmental youth organization by the European Union and the Council of Europe. The mission of the organization is achieved through the implementation of innovative projects and capacity building events based on the principles of non-formal education, experiential and self-directed learning. In addition to that, YEU also pays a lot of attention in creating youth policies, participating in important youth events on European level and producing educational manuals. At the moment, the network includes 39 different youth organizations from the EU and neighboring countries.



»»» (GR) USB

United Societies of Balkans was founded in 2008 by the inception of a group of active young people who wanted to address the social issues which affect the youngsters in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. The vision and aim of the organization is the promotion of youth empowerment, participation in the economic and political life, youth mobility, voluntarism and human rights. In particular, USB attaches great importance to its human resources, as the evolution of the organization is directly related to the evolution of the individuals within. USB has also developed a child protection and zero tolerance policy aiming to protect all its volunteers and participants and provide a safe place.



»»» (TR) BDK

Bodrum Youth, Culture and Art Centre is a nonprofit/non-governmental organization established by experienced youth workers and social entrepreneurs in Bodrum in 2006. The members of the organization are mostly young professionals (university students, high school pupils, young entrepreneurs and artists), who come together to spread the idea of promoting equality, self awareness on European opportunities for young people in Bodrum community, supporting people, helping people with fewer opportunities in their social integration, making youth participation in public life more active and strengthening the principles of civil society and democracy.



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»»» (EG) ASPIRE

Aspire Training Solutions is an entrepreneurial training and consulting company established in 2007. It is experienced in delivering transformational solutions using innovative methodologies serving the private sector, community-based organizations and youth at large. Aspire's vision is to empower, enlighten and inspire a deep and lasting transformation in the lives of individuals, teams, organizations and communities to live, lead and prosper. While mainly serving the private sector, Aspire's role in the public sector is equally essential through empowerment of the incapable and unqualified communities and people in their societies to lead and make a real difference through social change and cultural transformation.



»»» (AL) SIFD



The organization "Social Inclusion for Development" (SIFD) is an organization founded in 2015, but its activities have been officially launched since 2019. SIFD's core values include volunteerism, integrity and partnership. The organization has a clear vision to promote active community living with dignity. Its vision is: "Active community to live with dignity. SIFD, an exemplary organization in providing services in Lezha District." SIFD is focused on work in the areas of socio-economic and cultural empowerment, awareness and advocacy, integrated psycho-social and legal services, service-learning methodology, educational and informative activities, career counseling and many other challenges related to the improvement of the community and the life of the citizens of Lezha. SIFD has made major commitments to fulfill its mission and vision, bringing positive change to the local community.

RDFL
التجمع النسائي الديمقراطي اللبناني

»»» (LB) RDFL

Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering was established in 1976 and is a feminist, grassroots and membership-based organization working to advance gender equality through advocacy, networking and solidarity work in Lebanon. Aiming to achieve gender equality between women and men in all spheres and provide protection from gender-based violence, its work focuses on creating an enabling environment where girls and women are protected and empowered to be agents of change. The organization's values are rooted in non-discriminatory, secular feminism, democracy, equality, transparency and intersectionality. In order to achieve its mission to work on and advocate for the elimination of gender-based violence and all forms of discrimination while achieving full citizenship for women through a widespread and empowered membership and collaboration with civil society.



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KICK OF MEETING

THESSALONIKI, GREECE | JANUARY 27-28

The "WE ARE HER" project held its kick-off meeting on January 27-28 in Thessaloniki, Greece. This important event brought together project partners from Belgium, Greece, Türkiye, Egypt, Albania, and Lebanon. Over the course of the two days, the partners introduced themselves and described the specific tasks and responsibilities they will be managing within the project.

The meeting was not only an introduction to the project roles but also an excellent opportunity for the partners to connect on a personal level. Through various discussions and activities, the participants had the chance to get to know each other better, fostering a sense of teamwork and collaboration.

Additionally, the meeting included brainstorming sessions where partners exchanged ideas and insights. These sessions were crucial for identifying potential challenges and opportunities, as well as for developing a shared vision for the project's future.

Together, the partners worked on planning the next steps for the project, ensuring that everyone is aligned and ready to move forward. This collaborative effort set a strong foundation for the "WE ARE HER" project, aiming to achieve its goals through a united and well-coordinated approach.



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"WE ARE HER" PROJECT PARTNERS' ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

ONLINE MEETING 27-28 MARCH 2024

The first workshop of the "WE ARE HER" project took place on March 27-28. Six organizations from six different countries joined forces to promote gender equality. The project aimed to create an e-platform to raise awareness about gender equality and women's empowerment.



Workshop Goals:

- Establishing a Core Team: Building an inclusive and intercultural working group.
- Creating a Cooperation Plan: Developing a plan based on trust, open-mindedness, cultural understanding, and recognizing each other's needs and competences.

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- Assessing Gender Equality Status: Identifying the current status of gender equality and women's empowerment within each organization.
- Sharing Best Practices: Exchanging successful strategies and experiences.
- Action Plans: Creating concrete plans for positive development.



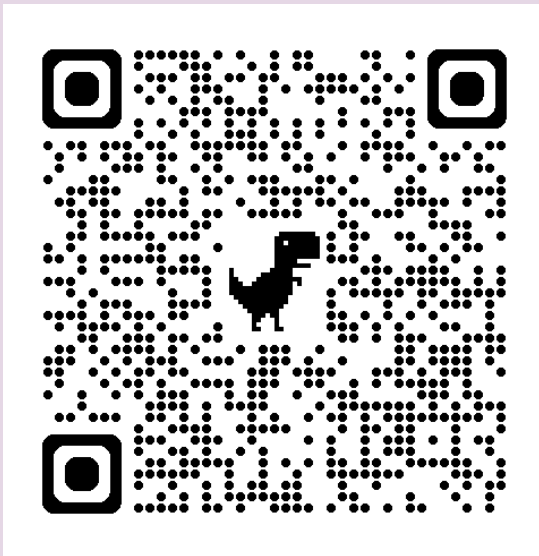
This workshop set the stage for future collaboration, fostering trust and cultural understanding among partners, and paving the way for progress in gender equality and women's empowerment.



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LAUNCH OF THE GENDER EQUALITY SURVEY FOR "WE ARE HER" AMBASSADORS



This survey will be shared with local ambassadors from each partner organization. It aims to gather information about current gender equality practices and find areas that need improvement.



The survey will help us understand the needs and challenges in each country. With this information, we can better support gender-inclusive youth work practices. Our goal is to ensure that our project promotes gender equality effectively now and in the future.

By addressing these needs, we hope to create lasting positive changes. The survey results will guide our efforts and help us make informed decisions. We are committed to making sure gender equality is a key part of our project and continues to be important beyond its lifecycle.



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