

Call for Applications

Our Youth Takes Initiative / عندما يبادر الشباب

“Our Youth Takes Initiative” is an initiative launched by the OECD through the MENA-OECD Governance Programme in co-operation with the ministries in charge of youth affairs in Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia. It is implemented in the context of the Youth in Public Life project, financially supported by the MENA Transition Fund of the G7 Deauville Partnership.

This Call for Applications invites youth-led civil society organisations (CSO) from Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia to ensure public policies and services are responsive to their needs. Based on the challenges identified in the forthcoming *OECD Youth Governance Reviews*, **the selected CSOs will support government efforts in translating one OECD recommendation into one concrete initiative in each country** to ensure government policies, programmes and services are responsive to youth’s needs. Along four stages, the programme will support the selected CSOs in the design of their initiative and provide financial support to implement it.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The programme will select one youth-led CSO from each country. To qualify as “youth-led”, at least half of the full-time staff of the CSO should be 35 years old or younger. To apply for the programme, CSOs should:

- Be registered as a legal non-profit entity based in Jordan, Morocco or Tunisia and established to pursue the interests of youth;
- Have staff with good reading, writing and speaking skills in Arabic and English (for CSOs based in Jordan) and in Arabic and French (for CSOs based in Morocco and Tunisia);
- Have a minimum of 5 years of experience in working with/for youth. Previous experience in dealing with government and administrative authorities is a plus;
- Past record and evidence of excellent performance in implementing youth-focused activities, programmes and initiatives at local, national or regional level (please enclose a list of reference with the resume);

The panel strongly encourages CSOs who meet the eligibility criteria independent of the racial or ethnic origin, opinions or beliefs, gender, health or disabilities of their staff.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Interested CSOs will be asked to submit a/an:

- Organisational profile with an annexe/list of reference to past record and evidence of implementing youth-focused activities, programmes and initiatives (e.g. links, publications, website, articles, etc.).

- Motivation letter answering the following question: “How can the ministry of youth and CSOs partner to improve the life of young people in your country? Please elaborate your answer with a concrete example for a joint activity/initiative. Which outputs, outcomes and impact would you like to see as a result of this partnership?” (max. 500 words)
- Overview of the team (up to 5 people) that will engage throughout the different stages of the programme, including the main interlocutor to liaise with OECD.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please submit your application by e-mail to MENAYouth@oecd.org by 7 April 2021.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Thematic focus:** The proposed initiative will address one or more of the following thematic areas: youth participation at national/subnational level, youth policy, youth volunteering
- **Relevance:** The proposed initiative responds to a concrete challenge young people are facing in their country
- **Innovation:** The proposed initiative applies new tools and partnerships to address this challenge
- **Impact:** The proposed initiative clearly outlines the expected outputs, outcomes, impact and beneficiaries
- **Sustainability:** The proposed initiative can be replicated in other contexts

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