



Terms of reference

G7 Deauville Partnership project “Youth in Public Life:
Towards open and inclusive youth engagement”

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BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAMME

Context

In the context of the Youth in Public Life project (2016-21), the OECD will publish *Youth Governance Reviews* of Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia. The reviews assess the government capacities in delivering youth-responsive policy outcomes along five dimensions¹ and provide targeted policy recommendations based on international benchmarks, good practices and lessons learned from the OECD report “Fit for all generations” (2021).

Objective

To translate OECD recommendations into action, the Programme will support one youth-led civil society organisations (CSOs) from Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia respectively to work hand in hand with government officials on one initiative in each country. Along four stages, the programme will support the selected CSOs in the design of their initiative and provide financial support to implement it.

Structure

The Programme will be implemented along 4-stages between April - October 2021 (7 months) in line with the following tentative dates and activities:

- **Stage 1 (April):** Consultations at national level with the OECD Secretariat and Senior Expert
- **Stage 2 (May):** Government-youth dialogue sessions at national level
- **Stage 3 (June):** Regional dialogue with youth-led associations and youth policy/engagement experts from MENA and OECD member countries during the Regional Youth Conference, hosted by Jordan
- **Stage 4 (July-October):** Implementation of the initiatives

The Programme will be launched on 31 March 2021 during the virtual MENA-OECD Governance Forum. Upon the submission of the final project proposal with a detailed Action Plan and final budget, each selected CSO will receive financial support to support the implementation of their initiative (see below).

¹ The dimensions include an assessment of the 1) legal frameworks/minimum age requirements; 2) design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of national youth policy/strategy; 3) administrative capacities at the ministry in charge of coordinating youth policy, programmes and services; 4) mechanisms for youth participation and representation in state institutions; and 5) governance tools to mainstream youth concerns in policymaking.



THE DELIVERABLES OF THE SELECTED CSOS INCLUDE:

- 1) **Stage 1 (April): Consultations at national level with the OECD Secretariat and Senior Expert:** A consultation meeting will be organised with OECD experts, a Senior Expert from the MENA region and the selected CSO in each country (virtual). The discussions will provide an opportunity for the selected CSO to discuss first ideas for their initiative. Following the meeting, CSOs will be asked to submit a first **draft outline of their initiative (min. 3 pages)** to describe the project idea, objectives and potential activities. A Senior Expert will facilitate the meeting and provide coaching in the preparation of the draft outline. The OECD will provide a template to prepare the draft outline.
- 2) **Stage 2 (May): Government-youth dialogue sessions at national level:** Participants will present and discuss their project ideas with government officials from ministries of youth and relevant public institutions. Depending on the scope of the initiative, the dialogue sessions could include members of parliament, national or local NGOs, or other partners.
Following the dialogue sessions, CSOs will be asked to submit a **draft proposal (min. 5 pages) and draft budget of their initiative** to clarify the objectives, activities, and timeline, budget needs and indicators to monitor/evaluate outputs, outcomes and impact. A Senior Expert will continue to provide coaching in the preparation of the draft proposal. The OECD will provide a template to prepare the draft proposal and draft budget.
- 3) **Stage 3 (June): Regional dialogue with selected CSOs and youth experts from MENA and OECD member countries during the Regional Youth Conference, hosted by Jordan:** The conference will provide an opportunity for CSOs to present and discuss their initiatives with young people and youth policy/engagement experts from MENA and OECD countries. Following the event, CSOs will be asked to submit their **final project proposal with a detailed Action Plan and final budget of their initiative** for approval by OECD. A Senior Expert will continue to provide coaching in the preparation of the final project proposal. The OECD will provide a template to prepare the final project proposal and final budget.
- 4) **Stage 4 (July-October): Implementation of the initiatives:** The selected CSOs will implement their initiatives in line with the final project proposal and Action Plan submitted. In Jordan, selected activities of the initiative shall be implemented in local youth centres. The selected CSOs will be requested to submit an interim and final narrative and financial report (see below).