

## CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAM

### Social Economy in the MENA

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The Civil Society Facility for the Mediterranean (CSFM), an EU-funded program, is conducting an online webinar on **Social Economy in the MENA region**. The main objective of the webinar is to identify challenges and opportunities on the sector in the region as well as to raise awareness of the public at large on key EU policies and programs on Social Economy in the MENA region. Last but not least, focus will be put on how to build regional convergences among civil society and EU stakeholders around this topic.

The webinar is public and open to all civil society organizations, activists, journalists, academia, EU staff and any other stakeholder interested in SSE in the MENA region and in economic cooperation between the MENA countries and the European Union.

- **Date:** October 5, 2023
- **Time:** 13:00 - 15:00 (CET)
- **Languages:** Arabic, English and French
- **The webinar will be streamed live on our Facebook and YouTube channels.**
  - **Facebook:** @MedDialogue
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Webinar registration link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1Tnbv8JtQcSkT\\_ttdZTWfw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1Tnbv8JtQcSkT_ttdZTWfw)

*We look forward to your participation in the webinar.*

If the time does not fit your schedule, you can find the webinar recording on all our social media platforms (@MedDialogue)

**Moderator:** Alaa Sayegh

TIME	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
10 MIN	Welcoming	Kristina Prunerova, DG NEAR B2 Regional Unit for Southern Neighbourhood, European Commission (English)
30 MIN	Contextualizing SSE in the MENA Region: Main Challenges and Opportunities	- Mehdi Baccouche, SHANTI, Director, a perspective from Maghreb, (15 min, French) - Gilbert Doumit, Managing Partner, Beyond Group, a perspective from Machrek (15 min, English)
35 MIN	Overview of EU Regional Projects on Social Economy	- Virginie Cossoul, NEAR B2, European Commission (15 min, English) - Luigi Cavallito, SEE CHANGE Project Manager, COSV (10 min, English) - Simona Federico, Project Manager, RESTART Maghreb, COSPE (10 min, French)
45 MIN	Building Regional Convergences	- Alberto Zoratti, Expert on Solidarity Economy and Decent Work, COSPE (15 min, English) - Farah Al Shami, Senior Fellow and Social Protection Program Director, Arab Reform Initiative. (15 min, English) - Debate (15 min)