

# EU4YOUTH MID-TERM EVAL

## Main findings

- **1. The programme remains highly relevant to the needs of Tunisian youth.**  
EU4Youth addresses key dimensions of youth inclusion (economic, social and civic participation) and is well aligned with national policies and EU-Tunisia cooperation priorities. Most projects successfully target vulnerable regions and disadvantaged youth groups.
- **2. Significant progress has been achieved despite a complex implementation environment.**  
The programme has generated tangible results in employment, entrepreneurship, youth participation, local governance, sports and culture. However, performance varies between projects and several interventions remain at an intermediate stage of implementation.
- **3. Strong innovation and territorial approaches have enhanced programme value.**  
Projects such as Maghroum'IN and Fe3il.a developed participatory, multi-actor and territorial approaches that improved responsiveness to local needs and strengthened local ecosystems for youth inclusion.
- **4. Weaknesses remain in programme architecture, monitoring and coordination.**  
Several projects suffer from complex intervention logics, missing baselines, and fragmented monitoring systems.

## Lessons learnt

- **1. Early and continuous consultation with youth and local stakeholders significantly improves project relevance and ownership.**  
Projects that invested in diagnostics, territorial studies and youth consultations (notably Maghroum'IN) demonstrated stronger adaptation to local realities.
- **2. Territorial and multi-actor approaches generate stronger and more sustainable outcomes than isolated interventions.**  
Combining local authorities, civil society, youth groups and private sector actors creates synergies that strengthen inclusion and local governance mechanisms.
- **3. Robust monitoring systems must be designed from the outset.**  
The absence of clear baselines, limited indicator quality and overly complex logical frameworks reduced the ability to monitor progress and demonstrate results.
- **4. Programme-level coordination mechanisms are essential in multi-project interventions.**  
Technical assistance played a critical role in ensuring coherence, facilitating dialogue and generating synergies across implementing partners and institutions.

## Recommendations

- **1. Simplify and strengthen monitoring and evaluation frameworks across all projects.**  
Review indicators, establish clear baselines where missing, improve data collection methodologies:
- **2. Reinforce programme-level coordination and knowledge management mechanisms.**  
Establish a structured framework for cross-project learning, exchange of good practices and strategic dialogue among implementing partners and national institutions.
- **3. Strengthen sustainability and institutional ownership.**  
Focus on embedding successful approaches within public institutions, local authorities and youth structures to ensure continuity beyond EU funding.
- **4. Consolidate youth participation mechanisms and territorial approaches.**  
Scale up successful local consultation and participation models developed under projects such as Maghroum'IN and Fe3il.a and integrate them into national and local policy frameworks.



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- The **EU4Youth Programme (2019–2027)** is the European Union’s flagship youth support initiative in Tunisia, designed to operationalise the EU–Tunisia Youth Partnership. The programme seeks to improve the inclusion of young people, particularly the most vulnerable, by addressing the economic, social and civic dimensions of exclusion.
- EU4Youth adopts a **multisectoral and territorial approach**, bringing together national institutions, local authorities, civil society organisations, private sector actors and youth themselves. The programme is implemented through six complementary projects: **Jeun’ESS, IRADA Youth, Go4Youth, SWAFY, Maghroum’IN and Fe3il.a**.
- The intervention is structured around three main objectives:
- **Economic inclusion:** improving access to employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, including through support to social and solidarity economy initiatives and local value chains.
- **Social inclusion:** strengthening youth participation in community life through sports, culture, volunteering and associative engagement.
- **Civic and political inclusion:** enhancing the participation of young people in the design, implementation and monitoring of public policies at local and national levels.
- The programme places particular emphasis on:
  - vulnerable and marginalised youth;
  - regional inequalities;
  - gender-sensitive approaches;
  - local governance and participatory mechanisms;
  - strengthening institutional capacities and youth-serving ecosystems.
- At mid-term, the evaluation concludes that EU4Youth remains highly relevant to the needs of Tunisian youth and has established a coherent framework linking employment, participation and social inclusion, while promoting innovative territorial and multi-actor approaches to youth development.

