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2015 was definitely a key year for anchoring MedGeneration in the Mediterranean. Throughout the year, the project was marked by highlights that allowed to accompany bicultural talents in their project, to support actors involved with diasporas, exchange experiences and good practices within the Euro-Mediterranean area and create ever more opportunities to bring expatriates and local actors around a common goal: implementing development strategies facilitating the engagement of economic diasporas.

Thanks to the production of guides, policy recommendations, and 23 events and activities involving nearly 900 people in Europe, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon, MedGeneration continued its goals in terms of policy advocacy, business creation and entrepreneurship and investment in diaspora's projects.



Nevertheless, other goals remain to be achieved, particularly for establishing sustainable business relationships between diaspora and local actors and organising a range of services in the countries of origin, in order to durably support these expatriate talents and their projects.

Encouraged by the progress made on the ground and determined to increase the impact of the project, the MedGeneration team wanted to continue the project in 2016, which has been authorised by the European Commission. Thus the first half of 2016 will be used to consolidate the established bases and promises new highlights including study tours of the Diaspora, business meetings, training and mentoring for entrepreneurs, technical assistance missions and a third and final high-level seminar on economic diasporas investment.

The beginning of the year was also painfully marked by the disappearance of Bayan Aabed, an active member of the consortium in Palestine. The team and the entire MedGeneration community mobilise to pay homage to him.

Success stories



Maurice Mattar

Co-founder and Project Manager at Next App Media Ltd

Our network in action



Mohammed Attoun

Palestinian Market Development Programme

Creating new opportunities for Jordanian young entrepreneurs

The Jordan Micro Credit Company (Tamweelcom) and Youth Business International (YBI) launched the Youth Business Jordan (YBJ) programme to support young startup/business owners between 18 and 35, to launch and support their start-ups.

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Successful 2nd edition for BDL Accelerate in Lebanon

The second edition of the biggest international start-up conference in Lebanon, BDL Accelerate 2015, held under the theme "Emerging start-up ecosystem", took place on 10 and 11 December 2015 at Forum de Beyrouth, organised by Banque du Liban (BDL). [\[Read+\]](#)



"Femmes d'avenir en Méditerranée" Sciences Po training programme

The first edition of "Femmes d'avenir en Méditerranée" - FAM (in English, women with a promising future in the Mediterranean), a training programme developed by Sciences Po, recently launched its call for applications. During two weeks, 22 selected candidates have benefited from Sciences Po scientific and academic know-how. [\[Read+\]](#)



Investment opportunities in the ICT & Tech sectors in Lebanon

The Investment Development Authority of Lebanon (IDAL), the French-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce and Business France organise the "Investment opportunities in the ICT & Tech sectors" seminar on 17 March 2016 at Maison de l'UNESCO, in Paris, France. [\[Read+\]](#)



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 Upcoming events

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ArabNet Beirut 2016

Beirut, Lebanon - From 1/03/2016 to 3/03/2016 [\[Read+\]](#)

Saudi Arabia

MIT Enterprise Forum Arab Startup Competition

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia - From 11/04/2016 to 15/04/2016 [\[Read+\]](#)

Lebanon

Lebanese Diaspora Energy 2016

Beirut, Lebanon - From 5/05/2016 to 7/05/2016 [\[Read+\]](#)



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