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Call for projects: MedGeneration provides you with tailored support to implement your project

Are you an **entrepreneur from the Lebanese, Jordanian or Palestinian Diaspora** based in Europe? Implementing an **economic project** in your origin country? MedGeneration can assist you in this process providing you an **operational and customised support** (travels, assistance for feasibility studies, meetings with technical and financial partners and/or local incubation services). 10 projects per country will be selected to benefit from these services in 2015. Do not miss this opportunity and present your project before 20 January 2015!

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MedGeneration news in Lebanon: Study tour and Master Class for young entrepreneurs

12 members of the Lebanese Diaspora established in Europe participated in early December in a **study tour** in Beirut. These entrepreneurs, top executives and financial managers met the main actors of the local economic ecosystem (policy makers, investment agency, start-up accelerators, financial organisations, etc.) in order to better understand the services offered by the country to Lebanese Diaspora members and the positive role they could play for the economic development of the country.



A **master class for young entrepreneurs** organised in stride at the "Ecole Supérieure des Affaires" of Beirut (on 5 and 6 December 2014) allowed some of the talents from Diaspora to share their experience with Lebanese students and young entrepreneurs.

Twenty young Lebanese entrepreneurs have been selected to attend the exchange and training sessions on key topics (such as

communication, business development, finance or management) with high-skilled international profile professionals.

For 5 young entrepreneurs and 5 Diaspora members, this support will continue throughout 2015 thanks to the mentoring programme set up by MedGeneration.



Success stories



Hady El-Khoury, Keefak



Zakaria Fahim, BDO

News

Gaza: Booming success for web-based start-ups

In Gaza, few goods or people are allowed to cross the border,



making the pooling of customers and employees difficult. Their horizons and businesses have been recently expanded thanks to successful web-based startups. [\[Read+\]](#)



Temporary migration: Beneficial effects on countries of origin

The EU-funded Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes (FEMISE) published a report on "Return Migration in South Mediterranean countries". It notes that migrants who return to their country of origin generate wealth, investment and employment. [\[Read+\]](#)



Arab migrants: Impact on the economic development of the countries of origin

According to the latest United Nations estimates, around 11 million citizens of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries lived abroad in 2013. Many of them hold prominent positions in their adopted countries and have the potential to contribute to the development of industries in their countries of origin. [\[Read+\]](#)



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Focus on:



غرفة التجارة والصناعة والزراعة
Chamber of Commerce Industry
and Agriculture
في بيروت وجبل لبنان

The Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture of Beirut and Mount Lebanon ([CCIA-BML](#)) is a non-profit private organisation working for the public benefit through providing a broad array of services to enterprises namely: Authentication of invoices and commercial documents, ATA & TIR carnets, bar code, business training, arbitration and mediation services, economic information, agribusiness support, organisation of business events and delegations, and financial support services to SMEs. The Chamber is also an active partner in diversified EU funded projects under the [ENPI CBC MED](#) programme within different sectors such as Waste Management (GMI), Food (MedDiet), Renewable Energy (SHAAMS), Investment ([EDILE](#)), Diaspora ([MedGeneration](#)), Maritime Trade Network (Optimed), and Gemmology (PRIME).

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Upcoming events

Europe

Meetings with Jordanian Diaspora in Europe

London, Berlin, Vienna - *to be implemented soon* [\[Read+\]](#)

Europe

Meetings with Palestinian Diaspora in Europe

Paris, London, Berlin - *to be implemented soon* [\[Read+\]](#)

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The 2007-2013 ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme is a multilateral Cross-Border Cooperation initiative funded by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). The Programme objective is to promote the sustainable and harmonious cooperation process at the Mediterranean Basin level by dealing with the common challenges and enhancing its endogenous potential. It finances cooperation projects as a contribution to the economic, social, environmental and cultural development of the Mediterranean region. The following 14 countries participate in the Programme: Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Syria (participation currently suspended), Tunisia. The Joint Managing Authority (JMA) is the Autonomous Region of Sardinia (Italy). Official Programme languages are Arabic, English and French (www.enpicbcmcd.eu).

The European Union is made up of 28 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders.



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