

CSO WINS PROJECT: CAPACITY-BUILDING IN THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN TO OPEN POLICY DIALOGUE AND MONITORING FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY

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Period: 3 years, from January 2015

Countries concerned: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

Objectives: Strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations working for equality between women and men, including outside the big urban cities, to advocacy in favour of women in the economic, political, social or cultural sectors; Promote the participation of these organizations in monitoring policies on women, and mobilizing opinion leaders at national and Euro-Mediterranean level, through the transfer of lessons learned and networking.

Activities:

- *Identification of 12 organisations that have developed successful practices in advocacy and policy dialogue for equality through a call for proposals;*
- *Conducting a study on critical success factors to advocate for equality from the analysis of the 12 selected successful practices;*
- *Organization of a capacity-building workshop on advocacy and policy dialogue, for 36 organizations of the Euro – Mediterranean region;*
- *Production of a toolkit on advocacy for equality;*
- *Selection of 8 organizations among those who participated in the advocacy workshop to participate in peer learning exchanges and conduct advocacy campaigns;*
- *Selection of 8 organizations among the 12 who developed successful practices to participate in peer learning exchanges and accompany 8 organizations that will conduct advocacy campaigns;*
- *Preparation of strategic advocacy action plans by the 8 previously selected organizations;*
- *Implementation of pilot advocacy campaigns based on action plans which were previously developed;*
- *Organization in Tunisia of a dialogue with European policy makers and designing of a strategy on policy dialogue concerning equality at Euro-Mediterranean level ;*
- *Organization of dialogues with national authorities in 8 countries of the southern Mediterranean in order to make a better coordinated monitoring of equality-related policies.*

The study “Practices from the field. Advocating for Women in the Euro-Mediterranean region” presents 12 successful practices in advocacy and policy dialogue in the field of gender equality, developed in the Euro-Mediterranean. It is a tool which provides an overview of the different approaches, strategies and tools to mobilize policy makers and public opinion in favor of women's rights. The study is available in French and English (soon in Arabic) on: www.euromedwomen.foundation

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