

## A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR CULTURE IN JORDAN



### Med Culture accompanies the steps TO DEFINE A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR CULTURE IN JORDAN

**July 4, 2017; Amman:** As a result of the several national consultative meetings that took place in Jordan in 2015 and 2016, Med Culture, a regional programme funded by the European Union, organises a workshop to discuss the Action Plan for the first complete draft of a national strategy for Culture in Jordan. This meeting brings together more than 40 participants from several ministries, such as ministries of culture and higher education, municipalities and cultural operators and experts from Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Tunisia and France, as well as key foundations involved in supporting the culture sector within the South Mediterranean region.

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Ahmad Rashed, advisor to the Minister of Culture, says that *“the purpose of the workshop is to discuss activities proposed within three priority themes, which are ‘governance’, ‘youth and education’ and ‘culture and development’”* Rashed adds that *“these group discussions are fundamental for the Ministry to define what is feasible and attainable and what the participants consider an absolute priority, and therefore better plan the Action Plan’s outcome, budget and timeline to meet the aspiration of the cultural actors”*.

This meeting aims at concretising the Action Plan into a number of priority actions that can be achievable within the next two to three years.

Christiane Dabdoub, Med Culture team leader confirms that *“the regional approach and process for*

*the development of a National Strategy in South Mediterranean countries is considered to be a 'good practice' for it has empowered local civil society organisations as well as cultural practitioners and strengthened the networking and collaboration amongst them."* To date, Med Culture has received several expressions of interest to have this participatory process duplicated in the region, notably in Palestine and Lebanon.

Med Culture is a regional programme funded by the European Union to accompany partner countries in south of the Mediterranean in the development and improvement of cultural policies and practices related to the culture sector.

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