A new bespoken diversification project for Mediterranean Artisanal Fisheries Enterprises

From September 1st, 2019, Economic and Social Development Center of Palestine (ESDC) is involved in a new and challenging 36-months European co-funded project in order to support artisanal fishing sector seizing the opportunities of diversification and integration with other sectors.

Thanks to a multi-stakeholders and high-level partnership from five Mediterranean Countries, Economic and Social Development Center of Palestine (ESDC) will have the opportunity to train artisanal fishermen in increasing their diversification opportunities and integration potential and promoting the development of new products and services.

The project is also expecting to promote new business alliances between Mediterranean micro, small, and medium-sized fisheries enterprises as well as to enhance Public Authorities’ skills and capacities to act as territorial facilitators, thanks to capacity building activities.

In a long term vision, the project is expected to promote attractiveness of young people to become entrepreneurs in artisanal and sustainable fisheries enterprises.

This project will be a unique opportunity for Palestinain fisheries to part of the regional networks at the mediterian level, and for knowledge exchange and learning to improve the fishing sector mainly small enterprises.

The Project Fishery Mediterranean Network (FISH MED NET) is co-funded by the ENI CBC “Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme” 2014-2020 that brings together the coastal territories of 14 EU and Med countries for a more competitive, innovative, inclusive and sustainable Mediterranean area.

Partnership covers five Mediterranean Countries and it is composed by the Federation of Municipalities of the South Corse in France, the Fishery Department of Legacoop Agrofood, the biggest Italian cooperative association; Haliéus, an Italian NGO specialised in development cooperation projects and initiatives in the field of fisheries; the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari / CIHEAM Bari, a Mediterranean intergovernmental organization devoted to the sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries, food and nutrition security and rural and coastal areas; the Tunisian Association for the Development of Artisanal Fisheries that work to improve the economic, social and cultural sustainability of small-scale fishing communities and coastal zone in Tunisia; the Lebanese Ministry of
Agriculture through its Rural Development and Natural Resources Department; the Economic and Social Development Center of Palestine, a development-oriented NGO with vast experiences in the development and humanitarian cooperation.

Further information could be found on the project website: http://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/fish-med-net