



## **MEDITERRANEAN SPRING**

### **Support for the participation and socio-economic inclusion of young people in Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt.**

The project, suggested and realized within the Table of the Mediterranean and Middle East of the Region of Tuscany, proposes a joint action in Tunisia in the Governorates of Jendouba, Beja, Mahdia and Sidi Bouzid; in Egypt in the Governorate of North Cairo; in Morocco in the Regions of Tetouan and Fez Bouleman. The aim of the action is the dissemination and enforcement of rights, legality and importance of civic participation in Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt, in the spirit of the great changes which are taking place.

The specific purpose is to support and enhance the practice of active citizenship and social role, economic and cultural associations and local committees of youth and women in the six areas of intervention of the project. The idea is to combine typical elements of the action of associations' promotion and social analysis, using income generating activities as tools that can be used to react to the more pressing claims come out from the revolutionary process: democracy, rights, work.

Beneficiaries of the project activities are the young people who gathered in formal or informal groups, and mobilized thanks to the channels of blogs and social networks that have been the driving force behind this change.

In this framework, the City of Florence is involved in projects located in Fès, Morocco, which is a Florence's twin city since 1961.

The target of the Fez's project consists of 20 young men and women aged between 18 and 35 years, selected among high school students, university students and graduated young people with a certain political maturity and who are ready to develop business ventures. The project has the overall objective to disseminate and affirm the culture of rights, the rule of law and active citizenship through the support and strengthening of associations and committees of local young people and women in order to develop a dialog between civil society and local governments in the six mentioned territories of Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt.