



South Programme V

**PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS,
RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY
THROUGH SHARED STANDARDS
IN THE SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN**

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Protecting human rights, rule of law and democracy through shared standards in the Southern Mediterranean

The South Programme V is a joint initiative between the European Union (EU) and the Council of Europe (CoE) for the period of 2022 – 2025, co-financed by the two organisations and implemented by the Council of Europe.

It continues to support democratic reforms in the Southern Mediterranean with the aim to:

Further enlarge the common legal space between Europe and the Southern Mediterranean by aligning national legislations with international standards through accession to Council of Europe conventions and provision of targeted legal advice with the Quick Response Mechanism (QRM).

Strengthen capacities to address global challenges through the development and use of common tools, strategies, and mechanisms in the region.

Reinforce co-operation and dialogue on human rights, rule of law and democracy through strengthened cooperation and peer-to-peer networking at regional level.

Did you know?

»» The South Programme has facilitated :

19

ratifications of Council of Europe Conventions

+ 2200

users on the platform of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP)

+100

HELP tutors trained in the region

+ 1100

senior public officials enhanced their capacities through UniDem Med seminars

8

regional networks for the protection of human rights and rule of law

1st

National Referral Mechanism for victims of human trafficking in the region launched in Tunisia
www.mno.tn

A SERIES

of regional simulation-based trainings on combating trafficking in human beings

Our History



2012 - 2014

South Programme I

Strengthening democratic reform in the southern Neighbourhood

South Programme II
Towards strengthened democratic governance in the southern Mediterranean

2015 - 2018

2018 - 2020

South Programme III

Ensuring Sustainable Democratic Governance and Human Rights in the southern Mediterranean

South Programme IV
Regional Support to Reinforce Human rights, Rule of Law and Democracy in the southern Mediterranean

2020 - 2022

2022 - 2025

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South Programme V in brief

- **Title:** Protecting human rights, rule of law and democracy through shared standards in the Southern Mediterranean
- **Duration:** September 2022 – August 2025
- **Budget:** 5 556 000 € (EU : 89.99%, CoE : 10.01%)
- **Partners:** Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine* and Tunisia

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