



Mediterranean Hub Report – 2024

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Main Activities of the Hub

The Mediterranean Hub's activities in 2024 have been focused on strengthening collaboration among members, supporting fundraising efforts, addressing key cultural and sustainability challenges, war crises in the region and solidarity actions. Key initiatives included weekly fundraising sessions in the beginning of the year, two project proposals written for Creative Europe and Erasmus Plus calls, a survey conducted to gather feedback on improving hub activities for future cycles, solidarity campaign for Tiro in Lebanon. <https://www.teh.net/initiatives/teh-solidarity-fund/>

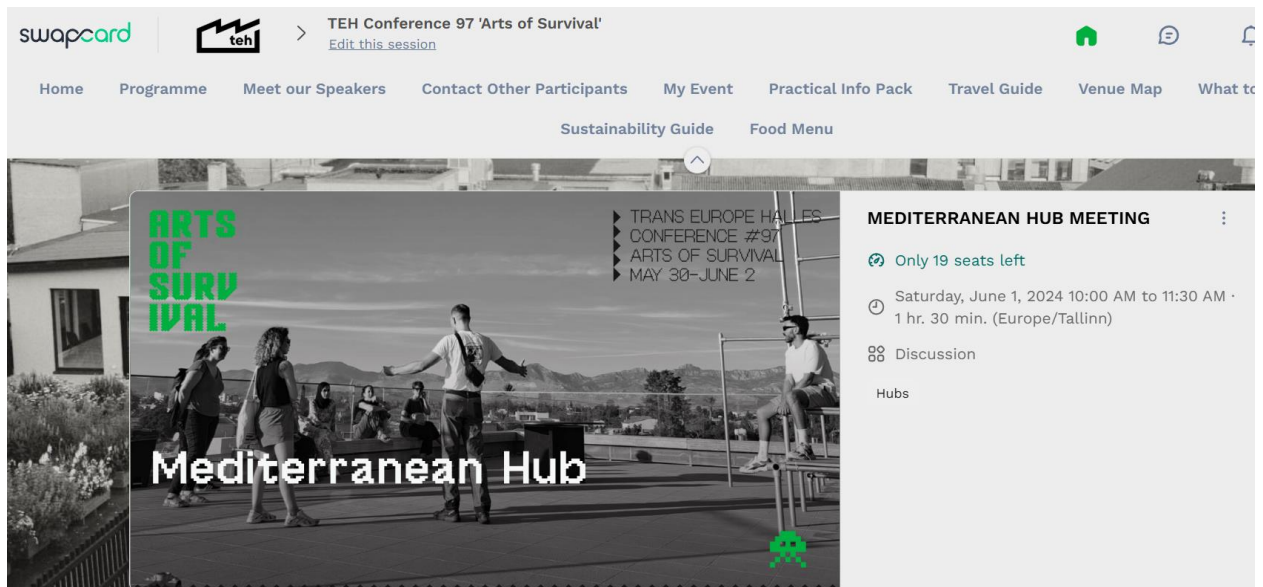
Several efforts were made to increase engagement and participation among members. A survey collected insights that led to decisions such as increasing meeting frequency and potential rotating facilitators for meetings. The survey also emphasized the importance of improving communication, with actions taken to streamline document sharing and create a shared drive folder for easy access to resources.

Fundraising efforts were focused on securing funding for the hub, with two proposals—one for the Creative Europe Small Scale Partnership and one for Erasmus Plus on Vocational Education and Training—written but unfortunately not winning the calls. The hub is preparing for the next round of calls at the end of 2024, including exploring opportunities for the SI-MENA (Southern Neighbourhood and Middle East and North Africa) call as well as resubmitting Creative Europe Small Scale Partnership.

Key Extracts from Meetings and Activities

Mediterranean Hub Meeting Notes (Tartu, June 1, 2024):

The meeting centered around introducing new members, reflecting on the results of the survey, and addressing the suggestions for improving the hub experience. Key actions included increasing meeting frequency, creating a Google Drive for document sharing, and developing a manifesto for the hub. Creating a database of all the yearly activities of the hub and revisiting the project proposal written and amending for future calls.



Meeting in Thessaloniki (October 2024):

A key focus of the meeting was to strengthen connections between members, with discussions around the theme of "Argatia" (bond). Members had the opportunity to connect with nature, participate in local events, and visit vineyards. The meeting also discussed upcoming events, funding opportunities, and the need for more inclusive online meetings.



A Long Mediterranean Table

- Only 4 seats left
- Friday, October 11, 2024 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
· 1 hr. 30 min. (Europe/Athens)
- Stage - Beach Venues
- Discussion

Information

The principles of Argatia are close to our **Mediterranean Hub** (MedHub) who shares the same values of fostering communal support, sustainability, and cultural exchange. At TEH98 we are inviting members of the Mediterranean Hub to come together in this informal session to explore how embracing Argatia approach could enhance freedom of living and sustainability among Mediterranean communities. While the session will primarily focus on topics relevant to hub members, we warmly welcome non-members who would like to stop by.

Solidarity Actions:

The hub-initiated support initiatives to raise awareness about solidarity funds for Lebanon and Palestine. Actions included spreading awareness via social media platforms and establishing a communication channel to stay updated on needs on the ground. A long-term action plan focused on amplifying voices from underrepresented countries, especially in the Mediterranean region, and fostering inclusivity in project proposals.

Support Tiro Arts!

We have **re-activated the TEH Solidarity Fund** to collect donations for **our member Tiro Arts Association from Southern Lebanon**.

Since the Israeli attacks, Tiro team have turned their spaces in Tripoli, Tyre and in Beirut into shelters for families fleeing from the South.

They would be happy for any support we can offer.

Fundraising and Collaborative Efforts

Throughout 2024, the hub focused on securing financial support for its activities. Weekly sessions were organized with small groups to brainstorm fundraising ideas and write project proposals. Although two proposals did not succeed, the hub is preparing for the next round of applications at the end of 2024. Future fundraising activities will continue to explore alternative funding sources beyond Creative Europe and Erasmus Plus, ensuring flexibility and alignment with the hub's goals.

Additionally, members discussed the need for a collective decision-making process for participating in funding calls, and the importance of creating a rolling calendar of funding opportunities to stay proactive.

Meeting Details

Total Number of Members:

As of January 2024, the hub has a total of 15 members, with additional members joining over the course of the year.

Gender Distribution:

50% of members are women, and 50% men, ensuring balanced participation and diverse perspectives.

Key Meeting Dates for 2024:

January 2024: Weekly fundraising sessions.



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February 2024: Focus on creative proposals for Erasmus Plus.

March 2024: Discussions on upcoming EU calls.

June 2024: Mediterranean Hub Meeting in Tartu.

October 2024: Camp Meeting in Thessaloniki, including a visit to local venues and networking opportunities.

New Members:

New members joined from countries such as France, Greece, and Morocco, expanding the hub's reach and diversity.

Conclusion and Future Plans

In 2024, the Mediterranean Hub made significant strides in increasing collaboration and exploring new funding opportunities. The feedback from the members has shaped the hub's activities, leading to plans for more frequent meetings, clearer communication, and increased member engagement. The hub will continue its efforts to amplify voices from underrepresented regions and expand its network through more inclusive and dynamic meetings. Looking ahead, the hub will focus on preparing for the next round of EU calls, strengthening solidarity efforts, and promoting cultural projects that address urgent regional challenges.