









# TAE'THIR PROJECT CONSORTIUM

The *Tae'thir* project is the continuation of a long-standing reflection on the evolution of new forms of human rights (HR) mobilization and advocacy in the Mediterranean. The consortium of the project namely; the <u>Euromed France Network</u> (REF), the <u>Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies</u> (CIHRS), <u>Instants vidéo numériques et poétiques</u> (IV) and the <u>Lique de l'enseignement des Bouches du Rhône</u> (Lique 13), have been working for years on issues linked to the **defense of human rights**, the **promotion of active citizenship** and **access to art and culture for all** in increasingly tense contexts.

Between 2015 and 2017, REF, CIHRS, IV and Ligue 13 have collaborated to organize 3 peer exchange, capacity-building and networking internships for young activists in Libya. These 3 internships provided support for young Libyan filmmakers and led to the production of 8 short films on human rights issues in Libya. Those films have been screened at various cultural events in Marseille, Paris, Tunis, Palermo and New York.

Moreover, the 4 above-mentioned organizations have jointly run, from 2020 to 2022, a capacity-building project for young HR defenders in the MENA region, called *Tamkeen*, which supported 40 young HR defenders in their engagement journey. In the framework of this project, 2 internships were organized in Marseille in November 2021 and March 2022, a mentoring and subgranting process were designed to support the young interns' projects, and the facilitation of online training sessions on HR.

The project's closing event was organized on December 10, 2022, International Human Rights Day, at the Institut français de Tunisie, with a public debate giving young people a voice on the human rights situation in the MENA region.

# WHO ARE THE 4 CONSORTIUM MEMBERS?



**REF - Réseau Euromed France** is a network bringing together 39 French civil society organizations working for a fairer, more democratic, and more united Mediterranean region. Founded in 2005, REF has long-standing relationships with many Mediterranean CSOs and fosters convergence among actors in the region. The REF and its members are active in a wide range of key areas: education and youth, arts and culture, migration and mobility, human rights, social economy, environment, gender equality, research... Young people are at the heart of its

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associative project through the <u>Jeunesses Med network</u>, which mobilizes 250 active young people in 17 Mediterranean countries.

#### **MISSION IN TAE'THIR**

 REF is the lead partner is the framework of *Tae'thir* given its experience of partnerships and project coordination at the Euro-Mediterranean regional level. REF is in charge of the administrative and financial aspects of the project, as well as its coordination. It is also in charge of several activities, with the support of the consortium such as identification of participants, institutional lobbying, awareness-raising webinars, supervision of the mentoring and sub-granting process.



Founded in 1993, the <u>Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies</u> (CIHRS) is an independent regional NGO which aims to promote respect for human rights principles and democracy in the Arab region. CIHRS conducts human rights advocacy at national, regional, and international human rights mechanisms, carries out research, and provides human rights education. CIHRS focuses on analyzing the difficulties facing the application of international human rights law, disseminating a culture of respect for human rights in the region, and engaging in dialogue between cultures regarding the various international human rights treaties and declarations. CIHRS is a prominent publisher in the Arab region, producing a magazine, an academic quarterly, and numerous books covering various human rights issues.

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• Given its strong background in research and analysis of human rights developments in the region, CIHRS will lead the participatory research project activity, and will be in charge of the online human rights training sessions for participants.



Les <u>Instants vidéo numériques et poétiques</u> (IV) is a French NGO based in Marseille which works in the field of video arts both locally and internationally. It has been

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working to promote video art around the world for over 30 years, organizing an annual Video Art Festival in Marseille and an international festival in Palestine every two years. Les Instants Vidéo supports creative freedom and creates spaces for convergence between artists and social workers. The IV constantly strive to maintain the link between art and life and define their role in a poetic articulation

of the political, the cultural and the artistic. They work to promote a better understanding of political and cultural issues through art.

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• IV is in charge of organizing the workshops in Marseille and will be heavily involved in raising awareness and promoting the productions on the web for the general public. They will draw on their artistic and cultural networks to identify, support and promote young artists and their creations. It will also coordinate the final two events organized in Marseille, thanks to their experience in organizing cultural events.



<u>Lique de l'enseignement des Bouches du Rhône</u> (Lique 13) aims to support progress in education, advocating for freedom of expression, the right to be oneself, and fostering democracy rooted in social justice and peace. The Lique 13, a federation of 600 associations in the Bouches du Rhône department in France, actively engages in daily social initiatives, emphasizing access to rights and civic participation.

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• Ligue 13 takes the lead in coordinating the communication and distribution strategy for online productions. This initiative, aimed at promoting the productions and enhancing online public awareness, will be a collaborative effort with support from all consortium members, associate members, and Advisory Board member. It will be involved in organizing the cycle of activities in Marseille (workshop and final event) and will mobilize its members, partners and social centers working with young people in Marseille.

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