

“Laab Shesh (The Playground) – Creating Organic Spaces as a koine between countries”

Tandem Shaml 4 - CULTURAL MANAGERS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Arab Region – European Union establishing a cross-border cooperation

Context

Tandem is an international exchange programme for cultural managers. Since its inception in 2011, Tandem has supported long-term collaborations, knowledge development and networking opportunities for more than 250 cultural managers from over 130 cities in 35 countries across the wider Europe. Tandem Shaml supports experimental collaborations between cultural change makers from Arab countries and from Europe. For its 4th round, Tandem Shaml offers 16 cultural organisations, 8 from Europe and 8 from Arab countries, the unique opportunity to establish cross-border cooperation links. This exchange and knowledge development programme allows cultural professionals from many different disciplines to acquire skills required for engaging in long-term partnerships. The Tandem process provides hands-on possibilities for getting real insights into European and Arab cultural scenes. Participants gain practical experience by collaborating within rapidly changing fields in both regions.

Methodology

Laab Shesh is a collaboration project between Albania and Egypt where it is included and absorbed the difference in culture and traditions and shared knowledge in the field of architectural heritage and environmental protection through holding hands-on Workshops with schools student in order to create two fun installations in their schools playgrounds



using traditional and recycled materials. The collaboration derives from the needs of both countries and organizations interest. While in Cairo, Egypt Boldain has needs, interest and knowledge on environmental protection and waste management, from the other side in Tirana, Albania URI hasn't yet experimented on earthen materials and adobe architecture. The mixture of both experiences will serve as a better example on how differences can be applied to create concepts and methodologies in giving solutions.

Deliverables

A standard report for the research phase on the best traditional/recyclable materials to use in the workshops and the best venue for the workshop on both countries will be held. A cultural tour will be held in both countries before the Conducting of building workshops in the school playground with the traditional materials in Egypt and Albania. A final booklet, video and report will be published in order to document and present the results of the whole project and its collaboration in the final meeting.

MAIN FACTS

DONORS:

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