















## "Arts & crafts" Workshop

(Accessories Making based on honeybee designs)

29th of January, 2023

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria, Egypt

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### **MEDBEESinessHubs**

Needless to say, bees are crucial for the environment and their number has been sharply decreasing. Their contribution to the economy cannot be underestimated. This applies to the whole Mediterranean area, let alone to the most deprived rural regions where beekeeping is often one of the few profitable sectors. MedBEESiness Hubs fully understands the stakes. The project intends to contribute to the development of an actual Mediterranean BEE economy by connecting clusters in five countries. It will go a lot further than just producing and selling honey. A vast range of side products is concerned from cosmetics to handcrafting souvenirs and even to the consolidation of "bee-tourism". On its way, the BEE economy will use another abundant natural resource: youth. Young people will bring fresh BEESiness ideas while the project will pollinize them by granting financial and technical support. By the end of the journey, new products will be developed, and a sustainable cross-border network will be in place. And, on top of all this, the vital bee population will be encouraged to come back to where they belong.

To support solving these issues, the MedBEESinessHubs project aims to support the economies of rural areas by empowering and networking the local population in the development of beekeeping businesses and the processing of bee products, thus contributing to the creation of a rural economy based on bee products (bee-economy) through the following activities

- Linking honeybee sector stakeholders and private sector representatives to inform on and discuss best practices, important research results, and policy frameworks
- Developing and delivering training on handcrafting honeybee products and technical aspects of handcrafting honeybee products in food, cosmetics, and gifts













- Developing and delivering training for business management and finance
- Developing and delivering training develop holistic approaches to creating sustainable destinations with a focus on the honeybee and its products
- grants of up to €50,000 granted to young people for business and product development)
- 4-6 MSMEs involved in B2B meetings at a cross-border level to pollinize BEESiness ideas
- Creation of an online exhibition hall to promote the Mediterranean honeybee businesses, products and destinations
- Creation of a policy document incorporating the Bee economy concept in European and national policies
- 1 cross-border charter of BEESiness network and the creation of the MED-Bee destination forum signed for cross-border future cooperation between Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Italy and Cyprus in promoting the bee- business and bee economy concepts and products
- Developing an online training platform for tutorial videos on apiculture

#### About the event

The general purpose of the accessories workshop is to mainly enable the participants to become aware of issues related to bees and develop their creativity by making various bee-based products (jewellery, bags, etc.).

Specifically, the objectives of the workshop are to enable the participants firstly to come in contact with the skills of bee-themed jewellery, develop initiative, taste and imagination, and secondly to master the basic skills of learning to crochet, in order to make a small bag, using black and yellow knitting yarn – the colors of bees.

# **Participants**

- Micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises that focus on honeybee products and/or handicrafts
- Existing beekeepers or honeybee handcrafters or any interested person who wishes to become engaged in beekeeping or honeybee handcrafting.
- Priority is given to young women (of less than 40 years old) with permanent residence in rural areas.
- The eligible area of the project in Egypt: Marsa Matruh, Al-Iskandanyah, Al Buhayrah, Kafr ash Shaykh, Ad Daqahliyah, Dumyat, Ash Sharquiyah, Al Isma'iliyah, Bur Sa'id.

# Important note:

Points shall be given to participants who will attend the relevant training workshops

#### Agenda

#### Sunday 29th of January 2023

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09.30 - 10.00	Registration
10.00 - 10.30	Welcome and Introductions













10:30 - 11.30	Part A - Jewellery making - Earrings with bees and with semi-precious stones
11.30 - 12.30	Part B – Crocheting: An ever-lasting art
12.30 - 13.00	Coffee break
13.00 - 15:00	Part C - Bee Bags
15.00 – 15.30	Conclusion

#### Lunch

## Trainer's Brief

### **Evangelia Alexopoulou**

Evangelia is a multitalented young lady who is an educator, historian, author, sculptor, jewellery designer, and an outstanding team player. With limitless abilities, Evangelia leads the honeybees' handicrafts workshops with passion, eagerness, and competence, where she consistently exceeds expectations.

She has deep and sincere feelings to Alexandria governorate as it is the hometown of her cherished grandmother. Evangelia is a researcher and wrote a book about Alexandria and its inhabitants.

For more information on the project visit: <a href="https://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/medbeesinesshubs">https://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/medbeesinesshubs</a>

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