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**Connecting Local proximity
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CLOSER to you

CLOSER promotes **participatory governance** and cross-border cooperation in six Mediterranean countries – Italy, Spain, Greece, Palestine, Jordan, and Lebanon – addressing critical gaps in essential services.

Through **CLOSER**, we work together to **strengthen the capacity** of stakeholders coming from both the **third sector** and **public authorities** to **cooperate, co-design**, and facilitate participatory processes with **citizens**.

Our aim is to develop a new model of **participatory governance**, to provide social services that are truly **responsive to the needs of the communities** they serve.

Because when decisions are made **together**, services are brought **closer to the people**.

How we work together

We learn and share

- By offering an e-learning platform with training materials, videos, and inspiring examples of participatory local governance.
- By organising local training seminars for public authorities and third sector organisations.
- By hosting an international training camp in Jordan for proximity network members.

We explore and connect

- By providing an interactive map of the territories involved, highlighting needs and gaps in social rights.
- By facilitating study visits across partner countries to exchange experiences and strengthen collaboration.

We co-create and act

- By developing a joint strategic model for participatory local governance, shaped by local proximity networks.
- By adapting this model into tailored local action plans in each partner country.
- By defining and piloting these plans to test innovative governance initiatives.
- By launching co-designed and co-managed social services that respond to real community needs.

The change we are driving

We are building and connecting **6 local proximity networks** into a dynamic **cross-border alliance**.

With CLOSER, we train **180 representatives** from civil society organisations, public institutions, and other key stakeholders.

Local communities in **Italy, Spain, Greece, Palestine, Jordan, and Lebanon** are actively shaping and benefiting from social services, **co-designed** to meet their real needs.

Together, we're strengthening **social rights** and improving **community well-being** by delivering **new, inclusive services** that respond to the aspirations of the people in the Mediterranean.

