

Eni and the International Organization for Migration sign an agreement to boost youth employment in Southern Libya

San Donato Milanese (Milan), 22 December 2023 – Eni, through its branch Eni North Africa, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have signed a voluntary 5-year-term cooperation agreement to contribute to increase income of youths and to facilitate the access to economic opportunities in Libya's Fezzan region.

The project will benefit 850 trainees, both female and male, and will enhance their professional skills by supporting and upgrading Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centres, which are key to meet skills gap in the labour force within the area. Along with the rehabilitation and equipment of facilities, the initiative will enable the implementation of industry-tailored learning modules to prepare job seekers for job opportunities.

The aim is to create a stronger workforce in key fields, such as agribusiness, connecting the training curricula to the private sectors' need in the Fezzan region, while also facilitating access to self-employment opportunities.

This partnership will address youth unemployment, facilitating the inclusion of the target beneficiaries in the agriculture, construction, and industry sectors, while improving youth prospects through education, training, and employment services. Courses will also address life skills, positive communication, and conflict resolution, providing space for social cohesion among youths.

The partnership will contribute to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 4 - Quality Education – 8 - Economic Growth – and 17 - Partnerships for the goals.

Eni, through its branch Eni North Africa, has been operating in Libya since 1959 with a wide range of activities, from exploration and production to sustainability. As the main international gas producer in the country, the company is committed to promoting energy access and deliver a just transition together with its partners; around 75% of the gas production is allocated to the Libyan domestic market. Eni North Africa is also studying innovative solutions with the National Oil Corporation (NOC) to reduce CO2 emissions in hard-to-abate sectors. Production activities are operated through the joint venture with Mellitah Oil and Gas BV – MOG (Eni 50%, NOC 50%) that is also partnering to the

development. Equity production is currently equal to 190,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (December 2023).

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