

Maydan means square in Arabic:
the place where the popular will
for **dignity and justice**,
and the **struggle for rights and
freedoms**
quashed by oppressive regimes,
economic injustice and
environmental unsustainability,
is exercised.

Maydan is a meeting place,
a place of dialogue
and conviviality,
where the peoples
of the region
can rediscover
their common **roots**,
practice citizenship, cultivate
hospitality
and give **hope**
for the prospect
of a **common future**.



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Maydan Association

citizens engaged in building a
Mediterranean citizenship

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ABOUT US

We are women and men from different social and cultural backgrounds and diverse countries from across the Mediterranean, who are convinced that the Mediterranean is part of our common destiny.

Since September 2014, we have worked together to create a grassroots process conceived through a series of events (@SabirFest) which focused on the concept of transnational citizenship in the Mediterranean.

Maydan has the objective of promoting a network of people and organizations from civil society, and of those who are working toward a new Mediterranean integration, through initiatives of various types and tools that are accessible to citizens.

We decided to commit to drafting a founding declaration able to delineate the Mediterranean that we would like to see in the near future:

the **"Manifesto
for Mediterranean Citizenship"**.

THE MANIFESTO

With this document, we want to launch a citizen-driven debate on the future of the Mediterranean starting from the following considerations inextricably linked to the region:

- A crossroad of humanity
- A space of exchange
- Mobility as a constitutive character
- Overcoming inequalities and supporting redistribution
- The right to democracy and self-determination
- Rejecting all forms of extremism and the search for ethics
- A human rights perspective through women's eyes
- The eco-region belongs to our common future
- Structural regional development and socio-economic cohesion
- Questioning European dual policies
- Common identity and a trans-Mediterranean vision of citizenship
- A constitutional process for Mediterranean partnership

THE HISTORY OF THE LOGO

The sea, the earth, the sailing ship and the wave. The ship navigates a sea that is the color of the earth under a sky that is the color of the sea because the Mediterranean is, first and foremost, circularity and reflection.

Through the logo, we express our commitment to making the Mediterranean return to being a sea for exchange, mobility, life and diversity and not death, without negating the current distressing state of affairs on the sea, which the Maydan Association is actively and decisively opposing.

We are working toward rendering it a sea where peoples may construct a shared and common future in a climate of dialogue and peace, while preserving the cultural and biological wealth of the region.

