SAHWA aims at addressing a variety of issues related to the youth in Arab Mediterranean countries with four broad objectives:

- **Conceptualizing** transition in Arab Mediterranean countries with a focus on youth, from an interdisciplinary perspective
- **Mapping** political, socio-economic and cultural change in the Arab Mediterranean world in a context of multiple transitions, focusing on:
  - Perspectives from different countries and stakeholders
  - Prospects for youth and trends to anticipate future change
  - Identification of opportunities for youth, considered as a transformative agent
- **Comparing** to similar transition processes in other historic contexts as possible models to inform the management of political and economic transformations in the Arab Mediterranean
- **Informing** policy-makers with a range of tools and original frameworks of analysis to achieve a better understanding of the role of youth and contribute to a better design of national public policies and EU cooperation to support change in the region.

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**Youth Opportunities**
- **Education, Employment and Social Inclusion**
  - To research the determinants of the mismatch between demand and supply of skills in the labour market and the expectations of young people in this respect, in particular young women

**Youth Empowerment**
- **Social and Political mobilization and participation**
  - To research patterns of mobilization, social organization, political engagement and use of social media, contextualized by socio-economic, political conditions and historical revolution

**Youth Cultures**
- **Values, Representations and Social Conditions**
  - To research cultural practices of young people in relation to the articulation of different social conditions, focused on the evolution of youth social values and civic participation

**Gender Equity**
- To research different pathways towards fostering equality between young women and men and the existing or emerging conditions for establishing social justice in gender relations

**Migration and International Mobility**
- To research the main determinants of migration and migration intentions, how they will evolve over time and what are their effects on local societies and transnational mobility

**Comparative Transition Experiences**
- To research experiences and lessons to be extracted from youth transitions in Eastern Europe and Turkey

**Public Policies and International Cooperation**
- To research youth and gender policies, as well as international cooperation in this area, in particular in the ENP context

**CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**

- **Gender Equity**
- **Migration and International Mobility**
- **Comparative Transition Experiences**
- **Public Policies and International Cooperation**

**RESEARCH WORK FLOW**

**RESEARCH THEMES**

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EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Youth Survey carried out amongst 10,000 young people in five Arab Mediterranean countries to produce a unique comparative dataset on youth issues for the region.

Life Stories and Documentary reflecting narratives of young people to figure out self-representations, perceptions and cultural trends in the region.

Cartography of change (both qualitative and quantitative) to visualize trends and dynamics in the region.

Shababpedia an “on-line netnography” to explore concepts and perceptions related to youth issues.

Scientific Papers covering all the Research Themes to be published in peer reviewed journals and publications.

Scenarios on youth prospects and general social conditions to anticipate the future of the region and inform policy-making.

Handbooks for Practitioners in the business and entrepreneurship and education and training sectors to translate the results of SAHWA research into tools for youth empowerment in the region.

Policy Briefs to disseminate research outcomes to policy-makers at national and EU levels.

SAHWA Community, a virtual network of active stakeholders working on Arab Mediterranean youth.

Dissemination events in Brussels, Marseille and Cairo to reach out to policy-makers and practitioners.

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