

## **External Expert**

## **Nathalie Khoury**

## Biography

Nathalie Khoury is an environmentalist, circular economy specialist, a community engagement expert and the advisor to the Minister of Industry in Lebanon on sustainability initiatives.

After years of achievements in the textile and medical sectors in Lebanon, Nathalie transitioned to environmental awareness raising in 2021, and collaborated with MDSF on an environmental awareness program that targets youth, children and women to promote sustainable living principles and waste management practices.

Since 2022, Nathalie has collaborated with NGOs, BSOs, governmental institutions and international donors to design and implement environmental sustainability and entrepreneurship training programs and workshops in Lebanon. She appeared as guest speaker, moderator and chair in several sustainability and circular economy conferences in Lebanon.

In her work with the Ministry of Industry, Nathalie is advocating for sustainability initiatives in the Lebanese industrial sector and mobilising public, private and international stakeholders to create partnerships to advance circularity in supply chains coupled with policy setting tools to enhance environmental sustainability and best practices in several sectors while addressing the role of entrepreneurship and research institutions in fostering innovation and boosting the local economy.

Nathalie holds a Bachelor of Management Studies from Université Saint Joseph (USJ) and certificates in Circular Economy & Sustainable Packaging in a Circular Economy from TU Delft, Sustainable Local Economic Development from Erasmus University, The Foundations of Effective Training Design from UNITAR, Sustainable Business Development from SCP/RAC, and Sustainability and ESG consulting from OPF Accelerator. She is currently enrolled in the Circular Economy Alliance High Mastery certification program.

In 2022, Nathalie co-founded BOOKERANG.LB, an initiative promoting reading in the Bekaa region by offering books for rent at a nominal fee. She organizes pop-up events in universities and social hubs to foster a culture of reading.

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