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## **PARTNERSHIP SECTORIAL GROUP MEETING**

### **Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, Human Rights Education and Intercultural Dialogue**

#### **5th meeting**

Centro Eurolatinoamericano de la Juventud, Molina, Spain  
14 September 2009

### **Report of the Meeting**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

**Rui Gomes** (Council of Europe) welcomed the participants to the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the group. Apologies were received from Marzia Conte (European Commission – DG EAC), Alexis Ridde (European Steering Committee for Youth), Asuman Göksel (independent expert). Gloria La Cava, who was invited as an observer on behalf of the World Bank, also apologised and thanked the invitation. Claire Kupper (European Commission – DG AIDCO), who was replaced in her position by Fabrice Varenne in July 2009, could not attend either.

The meeting was also attended by Yassine Isbouia on behalf of the Mediterranean Forum on Youth and Childhood (FOMEJE) as an observer.

The mandate of the group is to monitor and advise on the implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean activities of the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth dealing with Euro-Med youth cooperation, human rights education and intercultural dialogue.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda.**

The agenda was adopted (see appendix1).

### 3. Update information on the Euro-Med Youth programme

In the absence of the representatives of the European Commission, **Bernard Abrignani** (Salto Euro-Med Resource Centre) updated the group on the developments in the Euro-Med Youth and Youth in Action (YiA) programmes.

The EUROMED YOUTH III Programme finished on 31 December 2008. There are no more calls for projects, the approved projects are being implemented, one EMYU is still active - in Jordan.

In 2009 the compendium „EuroMed Youth Projects. 2 years of Euro-Mediterranean youth cooperation. EuroMed Youth III – Youth in Action Programmes 2007-2008” was published, giving a concrete and detailed description of projects implemented within the framework of the two programmes during two years of cooperation in the field of youth in the Euro-Mediterranean Region. It presents active involvement of youth organisations in both European programmes and the work done by EuroMed Youth Units and National Agencies to make their projects realised, and aims to encourage future new actors of the EuroMed youth cooperation by providing examples and ideas.

The EUROMED YOUTH IV started on 1 January 2009, and will last 3 years. In terms of the Mediterranean partner countries concerned, it includes 9 countries<sup>1</sup>, as Turkey became a programme country for the YiA programme. The budget for the programme is 5 million EUR. A significant part of the programme, approximately 4 million EUR will be directly managed by the beneficiary countries (in the III phase, 90% of the sources dedicated to countries were used for the project implementation).

Financing agreements with the countries will be signed; in this respect the priorities setting will change, similar to YiA if a country does not agree with specific priority, it will be able to opt out from it.

A new **Regional Capacity Building Support Unit (RCBS)** for EUROMED YOUTH IV will be established in order to support the EMYUs in their efforts to ensure an efficient implementation of the programme; the RSBC service procurement notice was launched by the DG AIDCO on 4 September 2009, with the deadline of 8 October 2009. Provisional commencement date of the RCBS contract is February 2010.

The first call for projects is expected to be launched on 1 February 2010. In this case, the first deadline for projects would be 1 September 2010. The experience of the previous phase should be taken into account. (e.g. the budget shortage to the projects in Israel, Palestine).

Bernard presented the 10 publications of the „Studies on Youth Policies in Meda Countries” undertaken during the EUROMED YOUTH III by the RCBS, they are available for downloading on the Commission and Salto RS websites.

Bernard noted that compared to the beginning of the EuroMed youth programme (with prevailing focus on local NGOs), the last phase (decentralisation and political involvement) gave possibility for the governmental structures to be involved directly, on the other hand, about 9000 young people were touched by the programme. It provides a good example to the Meda countries, and shows willingness of the European countries to co-operate.

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<sup>1</sup> Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia

In the discussion that followed, concerns were expressed of the perceived euro-centrism of the programme. On the other hand, the success of EuroMed Youth programme made the absence of Euro-Arab youth cooperation more visible.

Rui Gomes highlighted the fact that the sense of the work we are all part of, is very much related to bringing down borders and barriers - political, physical, mental. This is not an easy work, for there seems always to exist more reasons for frustration than for satisfaction. This, nonetheless, should not make us lose sight of the true meaning and value of our work.

#### **4. Update information on the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth**

Rui Gomes presented the main conclusions of the Management Board of the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth (PMB), which was held in Brussels in June 2009, with regard to its general structure and the Euro-Mediterranean strand in particular.

A new logo and image as indicated above will be used by the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth to emphasise the joint commitment of the two institutions to contribute to the policy developments of both institutions in the youth field, and involving young people.

With regard to the European Knowledge Center for Youth Policy (EKCY), efforts for further progress of the Center and strategic focus on its development will be continued.

The North-South Centre (NSC) of the Council of Europe is also part of the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth along with the Directorate of Youth and Sport. The NSC brings in the *Euro-African dimension* of the programme.

Rui provided an overview of other current activities.

- Training for active learning in Europe (TALE) is a 2-year training course for trainers of trainers. It is expected to serve as a „testing ground“ for quality criteria, provide directions for future trainings in Europe. The first residential seminar of the advanced long-term training course Training for active learning in Europe (TALE) was held in May.
- From 2010 a new Framework agreement should be in force, to be discussed at the PMB in October. It will take into account new developments in the involvement of the NSC.

The Partnership Management Board is also considering revising its consultation and decision-making processes and management structure in accordance with the experiences made with the current structures and to take into account new realities in the work program, e.g. the Africa-Europe dimension.

One option is to suppress the PCM and merge/hold the 3 PSG meetings in parallel, with a joint meeting.

**Johan Ekman** (European Youth Forum – YFJ) noted that in view of YFJ the function of the Partnership Consultation Meeting was problematic in terms of participation rates and the contents, because the decision-making is done by the PMB. However, replacing one structure

that is difficult to manage, with another similar one, might not solve the problem of efficiency.

Johan pointed out the need to find a framework for Euro-Mediterranean cooperation with YFJ.

The group was generally positive about the prospective developments and stressed the need to have sufficient time to meet as a group (ideally 1,5 days) and the necessary planning ahead of meeting dates.

## **5. General exchange of information and project developments by the partners in the Sectorial Group relevant to the mandate of the group**

### **Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the dialogue between cultures (ALF)**

**Susanne Abu Ghaida** briefed the group on some recent and planned intercultural dialogue activities of the Foundation. The '1001 Actions for Dialogue' campaign of the Year 2008 for Intercultural Dialogue mobilised over a thousand dialogue actions, in which framework about 200 projects were financed. ALF is building on the experience of the campaign by involving always new organisations in a common action for the promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding in the region.

The Anna Lindh Foundation is organising its „Global Forum“, to be held from 4-7 March 2010 in Barcelona, Spain, with the networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation within the programme of the Spanish presidency of the European Union. The forum will bring together between 200 and 300 people and will be organised according to different priorities of the Anna Lindh Foundation. Apart from being a high-visibility event, it is a chance for establishing long-term cooperation between partners, participants. The forum should provide the guidelines and priorities for the work of the foundation in the coming years. Involving media is a useful tool. Working groups will debate various topics (varying from arts and culture to religion.)

- The value of the foundation, from the group's perspective is, on one hand, in the possibility to reach partners other than in „Youth in Action“ programme, as it embraces other partners than youth, on the other hand, ALF could serve a centre of expertise on the intercultural dialogue.

Susanne noted that the ALF presently aims at getting their activities known more broadly.

The Foundation would like go deeper in its youth policy. The representatives of the Advisory Council on Youth and of the European Youth Forum suggested to organise a study session or an activity of a similar format on youth issues in the Euro-Mediterranean area, exploring how ALF could be closer to this purpose.

### **League of Arab States**

**Khaled Louhichi** (Population and Migration Policy Department – LAS PPMD) presented the *Arab Youth Observatory*, which is a project implemented by the PPMD - a permanent platform existing since 2007 with the aim of promoting the exchange of skills and knowledge, youth dialogue, as well as the support of youth at the regional level, by including all involved parties in the field of youth.

He presented the main results of the survey conducted electronically among young people of 18-30 years of age (educated/users of the internet). It gathered data on the perceived reasons and circumstances of youth migration from the Arab countries. More than 500 responses were received from 16 Arab countries. The report is available in Arabic, to be translated to English soon.

- It was suggested that the partnership publishes the executive summary of the Report on its website – through EKCYP and the website news – as soon as it is available in English.

Regarding youth cooperation, Khaled Louhichi noted that the League's General Secretariat is based in Cairo and is divided into several development sectors, such as economic, social, media, political, etc. The youth issues belongs to the social sector. The Department of Youth and Sport is currently undergoing restructurisation, with the attempt of reflecting a greater attention and resources to Youth matters.

- The compared advantages of the LAS are essentially on the political level. The proposal was expressed by the group to envisage a workshop on youth policy, e.g. on the parliamentary level, involving the parliamentarians of the Council of Europe, League of Arab States, and other partners, one of the expected results would be elaborating a functioning body in charge of youth.
- The NSC is interested to be a partner in this cooperation with the LAS.

Regarding recent and planned common activities, from 20-26 April 2009 at the European Youth Centre Budapest the LAS and the Coe co-organised a *training course for youth leaders on Youth participation and intercultural dialogue for Euro-Arab youth cooperation*. The meeting was attended by 30 participants from European and Arab countries.

The 3rd Annual Arab Youth Forum (AYF) of the League of Arab States will be held from 14 to 20 November 2009 in Assilah, Morocco, entitled „Youth Migration: Human Rights based approach“. It is aiming to engage Arab and European youth leaders and representatives in a constructive dialogue about a Human Development and Human Rights-based approach on migration and its consequences on young people in the Arab and European countries and the role of young people and youth organisations in dealing with the issue of migration and development.

The Council of Europe and the European Youth Forum are the co-organising partners of the AYF.

**Yassine Isbouia** introduced the Forum on behalf of the co-organising partner in Morocco (FOMEJE), reporting on several preparatory meetings held in Assilah. The committee of youth organisations' meeting as a preliminary activity to the forum will be held on 17 October 2009 in Assilah, involving about 25 persons.

The Forum will be followed by the 2nd Euro-Arab Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (EACMYO) on 20 November, in which YFJ is the main European partner.

The European participants of the AYF will be selected by the European Youth Forum and the Council of Europe.

In view of the topic on the forum, it was suggested to involve the refugees, asylum seekers in the forum. Given that UNHCR is involved in the Forum as a partner, this should be possible.

Denis Huber expressed the interest of the NSC in contributing to the LAS Forum. The YFJ will address the NSC in this regard.

### **Euro-Med Youth Platform (EMYP)**

**Marvic Debono** took over the responsibilities of the Programme Officer in May 2009. She informed the group about the Mapping research on the stakeholders and youth needs analysis in the Euro-Med region, which unfortunately did not bring up a very high number of responses.

EMYP currently is planning the long-term and short-term projects, in the fall of 2009 the bilateral meeting is going to take place between the EMYP and the coordinator of the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth, Mr Hanjo Schild, with the aim to explore and discuss the needs and ways of closer cooperation in order to enhance the involvement of young people, to give them „voice“ on the platform.

The Euro-Mediterranean conference on NGO management „Our White Sea“ will be held from 16 to 22 November 2009 in Valletta, Malta, co-organised by the EuroMed Youth Platform, the Maltese National Agency (EUPA) for the Youth in Action programme and Salto-Youth Euro Med RC with the support of the Greek and Turkish National Agencies. It will focus on the issues of the role and the place of NGOs towards youth policy; organisational management, project management, funding tools. Application procedure was run on-line, further applications will be received through the NAs, gathering together around 60 NGOs and stakeholders from both sides of the Mediterranean - with a balanced representation of EU and Mediterranean Partner countries. The conference will provide possibility for the participants to reflect and discuss the experiences at the NGO organisational and management level, as well as produce a comparative analysis of good youth work practices.

Rui Gomes expressed the interest of the partnership in this activity.

### **European Youth Forum (YFJ)**

The meeting was attended by **Giuseppe Porcaro**, who was elected Secretary General of the YFJ starting from 1 June 2009, and by **Johan Ekman**, Bureau Member Responsible for Institutional Relations with the Council of Europe.

The YFJ is participating in the Steering group of the Euro-Med Youth Platform, in co-operation with the League of Arab States, supports financially the EACMYOs through the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

The 1st EACMYO in Amman agreed on a framework for Euro-Arab cooperation amongst youth organisations; and the follow-up strategy in terms of capacity building. The theme of migrations was discussed to be one of the thematic focuses for 2009 meeting, to be held right after the 3rd Arab Youth Forum in Morocco.

Johan Ekman informed the group about the active participation of the YFJ in promoting a Council of Europe Convention on the Rights of Young People (Convention on Youth Rights), the YFJ's participation in the youth event celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Council of Europe in Slovenia, on which occasion the declaration was handed over to the Slovenian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers. It is expected that the Convention would not

only show commitment of European governments, but would pave the way for concrete actions towards improving the situation of young people in society.

The possible Convention on Youth Rights has been debated in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

### **Salto Euro-Med Resource Centre**

Bernard Abrignani gave an overview of the main areas of activities of the centre:

- "The EuroMed Game: how to get its best" training course was held in May 2009 with support of the Portuguese NA in Amarante, Portugal, training on the methodology of use of this non-formal educational tool;
- „Building Quality in EuroMed Youth Exchanges" training course was organised from 2-7 June 2009 in Mariehamn, Finland;

Two training courses on the topics related to inter-cultural dialogue and inter-cultural learning:

- „Art as a tool for intercultural dialogue", was held in June 2009 in Vilnius, Lithuania
- „Traditional sports and games, as a tool for Intercultural learning", held from 8 June to 5 July 2009 in Northern Basque Country, France

Upcoming activities include:

- 1st Training course in the framework of the long term training course on Protecting the Mediterranean Environment, to be held in Greece from 22-30 September 2009, on the topic of sustainable development, which is a priority for the YiA programme for 2010;
- Evaluation seminar "Let's evaluate with our Neighbours" to be held from 6-10 October 2009 in Poland (as a follow-up to "Let's meet and Let's work with our Neighbours", to evaluate cooperation between Programme and Neighbouring Partner Countries within the framework of Action 3.1 - to share, promote and transfer good practices), with the Polish, French and Slovenian NAs;
- MOSAIC Training Seminar for Trainers: "Religion in Training for Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work", to be held from 4-7 November 2009 in Antalya, Turkey in co-operation with the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth and the Turkish NA;
- Seminar „Euromediterranean Voluntary work as a tool for the human development : the example of the EuroMediterranean voluntary service" will be held in France in December. Asuman Göksel is conducting a research on EVS.
- Tool Fair is becoming an ever popular event, about 400 applications were received for this year's "Tool Fair 4" in Evora, Portugal. It will gather above 100 participants sharing the tools which can be used to support trainers, youth workers, young people in achieving the aims or goals of their activities. Toolbox for Training and Youth Work is open on the Salto EuroMed website.

The 2010 programme is being prepared. It will include training courses, conferences, seminars on the topics of democracy, youth participation, etc. Many National Agencies are willing to cooperate.

### **North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC)**

**Denis Huber**, Executive Director of the NSC, welcomed the group to CEULAJ in Molina, as the PSG meeting was held in the framework of the 10th edition of the University on Youth and Development (UYD), jointly organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Spanish Government (INJUVE), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Spanish Youth Council (CJE) and other international youth organisations. These annual UYDs are held in order to provide a space for debate, training, exchange of experiences and affirmative action concerning global youth cooperation.

Similar universities are organized on a regional level, in Latin-America and more recently in Africa - the first African University on Youth and Development was organised in Tarrafal, Cape Verde in June 2009, which brought together about 100 youth leaders from Africa and Europe. It was supported, among others, by the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth.

This year the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, also called the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity, celebrates its 20th anniversary. On the institutional level, 1 July 2009 Morocco became a member of the North-South Centre. The new Chair of the NSC is Mrs Deborah Bergamini, from Italy.

The NSC is interested in contributing to the LAS Arab Youth Forum co-operation, also in view of the 2010 Forum in Sicily. Given the topic of migration, the NSC's Euro-African youth cooperation might be a good input, resource in the 2010 forum.

The NSC was an initiator of Euro-Mediterranean activities and was part of the original covenant with the European Commission in this area of work. The Centre advocates a strengthening of the Euro-Mediterranean activities of the partnership, as well as a revitalisation of the work in the Balkans; in this respect it is elaborating a strategy for the Balkan region, together with the Alliance of Civilizations.

### **Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe (DYS)**

As far as the HRE is concerned, the „Forum on Human Rights Education with Young People“ will be held from 14 to 17 October 2009 at the European Youth Centre Budapest, certain activities will be held in parallel in Strasbourg. Broadly speaking, it is meant not only to discuss and consolidate achievements and challenges regarding the implementation of the Human Rights Education Youth Programme, but to plan ahead.

In 2009 the DYS has initiated the revision of COMPASS, a manual on human rights education with young people, because the 2001 and 2002 editions have some outdated parts.

The Training course on human rights education with children (with a specific focus on using COMPASITO) for staff from ombuds offices and youth leaders and workers will be held in Finland in December 2009.

The DYS started a two-year training course "Access to Social Rights for Young People from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods" (2009-2011), aimed at developing youth work and youth policy responses to exclusion, discrimination and violence affecting young people in multicultural disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

Among Intercultural dialogue activities, 3 Training courses with Arabic, Russian or Turkish language option (formerly intercultural language courses) were held.

The cooperation with other regional partners includes:

- Training workshop with the Alliance of Civilizations, November 2009
- Training course for Youth Leaders "The Role of Human Rights Education in Intercultural Dialogue - an Asia-Europe perspective" was organised together with the Asia-Europe Foundation in May 2009,
- Training course for youth leaders "Youth Participation and Intercultural Dialogue for Euro-Arab Youth Cooperation" in cooperation with the League of Arab States in April 2009.
- A Baku Youth Fund is being set up for intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, in cooperation with ISESCO, ICYF and the government of Azerbaijan.

A study session in June led to the consolidation of a network of refugees and asylum-seekers.

The EYC Strasbourg hosted the international coordination meeting of youth organisations, which had a global reach and served to revisit global youth issues.

## **6. Information update and feed-back on the implementation and follow-up of Partnership activities**

### **- Second round-table on youth policy cooperation**

The round table was held from 22-23 April 2009 at the EYCB. All PSG group members and other partners attended the round table. The activity contributed to a better understanding and knowledge about the priorities and activities of stakeholders involved in Euro-Mediterranean youth policy cooperation. It also elaborated numerous proposals for future cooperation.

The group took note of the final draft of the report by Asuman Göksel. The approved publication of the report will be soon sent to the attendees.

**Ayman Abdul Majeed**, researcher, in view of the conclusions of the round table and future perspectives in this field of cooperation, highlighted the following needs:

1. The importance to set a long term strategy including an action plan - as this will reflect the conclusions of the 2nd Round table, setting up a clear vision and long-term objectives, can involving all partners in all stages (planning, implementation, follow up and evaluation) beside funding.
2. Developing a conceptual framework and indicators to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of the various activities and meetings.
3. To conduct survey in European and Arab countries, to cover: social, economic, cultural, political indicators in the view of youth. This survey would be useful on different levels: in

setting a long-term strategy, in monitoring, evaluation, exploring needs for changes through joint meetings, workshops, seminars, sectoral cooperation between youth, etc

- **Training course on human rights education, Lebanon, 21-29 June 2009**

The course brought together 30 human rights education practitioners from European and Middle east countries (including some Gulf countries and Iraq). The participants were very well prepared and motivated to learn and develop future actions for human rights education. The course was held in Arabic, based on the Arabic version of Compass. The course also resulted in the setting up of a Lebanese network for Human Rights Education. The team will see to the best follow-up to this course.

- **T-Kit on Euro-Med youth work**

The English version of "MOSAIC: the training kit for Euro-Mediterranean youth work" underwent the layout, and will be printed still in 2009. The manual was also translated into French.

Regarding the Arabic version of MOSAIC, a member of the PSG volunteered to provide contacts for reliable translators.

## **7. Review of the remaining activities in the 2009 programme**

**MOSAIC training seminar for trainers on Religion** will be held from 4-7 November 2009 in Antalya, Turkey. The seminar will follow similar objectives as the previous one (held in December 2008 on the topic of Gender equality), and will bring together active trainers within Euro-Mediterranean youth work who were previously involved in the Euro-Mediterranean youth work with the partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth, the Salto Euromed Resource Centre, the Council of Europe, including former TATEM and TOTEM participants.

The seminar is held in cooperation with Salto EuroMed and the Turkish NA.

**Cooperation with the Anna Lindh Foundation** is included in the 2009 calendar of the partnership activities. In view of the Barcelona Forum in March 2010, the co-operation between the two partners should be re-discussed, eventually in the framework of a preparatory seminar (dates and format to be agreed upon additionally), instead of a training course.

## **8. Guidelines and priorities for the 2010 programme**

Several proposals for activities in 2010 were identified and discussed, they emanate mostly from previous activities and proposals from Partners, notably the II Round table on youth policy cooperation. A particular attention should be paid to secure complementarity with other partners' activities.

The proposals will be submitted to the Management Board of the partnership between the European Commission and Council of Europe in the field of youth. Their possible implementation will require further discussions with all the partners – as some expressed the need to consult their decision-making structures and check the possibility to include these activities in their budget provisions for 2010 and 2011.

## Youth Policy cooperation

### ***a) Round table on Youth Policy Cooperation in the Broader Euro-Mediterranean Context***

The most wanted activity during the second round-table (Budapest, April 2009), this activity would serve mostly to update partners about initiatives and development, possibly with one guiding theme, such as youth participation (including e-participation), youth policy development or research. In concrete terms, the third round-table will foster mutual knowledge and cooperation project between partners active in youth policy in all the sides of the Mediterranean and beyond...

Participants: regional organisations and bodies, national youth policy institutions (governmental and non-governmental), non-governmental youth organisations, youth researchers.

Number of participants: 20-25

Possible date: November or December 2010

Duration: 2 days

Venue: Tunis or elsewhere in Tunisia. Morocco also appears as an alternative.

Partners: League of Arab States, National Authorities, Ana Lindh Foundation

### ***b) Training course on the use of information and communication technology for youth participation***

This training course, also proposed by the second round-table, is meant to highlight and disseminate forms of youth participation based on ICT which either circumvents barriers to youth participation or/and complements more classical forms of participation. The course would bring together bloggers, social networks activities, researchers and classical youth workers, the result being a better understanding of the phenomenon and also the development of possibilities for the inclusion of such experiences in Euro-Mediterranean youth projects.

Although envisaged originally as a training course, the activity could also be a workshop (for a smaller number of "physical" people) or a seminar.

Number of participants: 15-20

Possible date: February-April 2010

Duration: 5 days

Venue: Morocco.

Partners: UJEM (Union des Jeunes Euro-Maghrébins); Moroccan authorities ; League of Arab States.

### ***c) Training course on youth policy***

["50-50" from the governmental and non-governmental sources]

The third proposal from the round-table is a training workshop to explore and learn together the "essentials" of youth policy and how it is practiced in European and "Mediterranean" countries. The workshop would have a clear multiplying effect by helping build a group of experts based on a shared understanding of youth policy and youth research. The participants will be civil servants, leaders in non-governmental youth organisations and also youth researchers. This builds on the needs previously identified in the partnership for a body of knowledge and experience and also on the conclusion of the Arab Human Development Report which, among others, places emphasis on the development of policies that are inclusive of young people.

Number of participants: 20

Duration: 5 days  
Possible date: May-June 2010  
Venue: Budapest?  
Partners: League of Arab States. National authorities (?)

## **Intercultural dialogue**

### **a) Training course on the role of migration in intercultural dialogue**

The training course is intended to build on the outcomes of the Assilah Forum of the League of Arab States on Migration. In concrete terms, the training course will develop the capacity of youth workers, youth leaders and youth policy "influential" people about the role of migration in fostering, but also challenging, intercultural dialogue. The course would aspire to be practical and yet deep in terms of concepts, notably intercultural dialogue and intercultural learning.

Number of participants: 20, for seminar  
Duration: 6 days  
Possible date: September-October 2010  
Venue: tbc  
Partners: Salto, Anna Lindh Foundation; League of Arab States

### **b) Pilot study on criteria and indicators for Intercultural Dialogue** [all partners]

Intercultural dialogue is, implicitly or explicitly, a common objective and purpose for all the partners on Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

What is less clear, though, is the extent to which intercultural dialogue activities actually reach its stated aims and purpose. Do they really contribute to a better understanding of each other's point of view? Do they lead to a greater respect for diversity, at home and abroad? Do they challenge existing prejudice and help young people to recognise it? What if... they state that, but they have no way of actually checking...?

How do we *know* that?...

This is an area that all partners seem to struggle with and, visibly, should only be explored with everyone's contribution. Hence the idea of a workshop and study and indicators for intercultural dialogue.

The study is meant to be all but theoretical: it should support youth workers, trainers and organisers of intercultural dialogue activities to better plan and design their action so that they actually serve the purposes of intercultural dialogue.

The task is huge and perhaps daunting. Hence the commitment of the partners for a long term process, starting with a workshop for specialists –exploring the diverse meanings of intercultural dialogue – and continuing with some experts work about indicators. Existing experiences with other policy areas could be beneficial.

The results will be synthesised in 2011, together with all other stakeholders.

Number of participants: 20  
Duration: 4 days  
Possible date: September-November 2010  
Venue: European country (volunteers needed!).  
Partners: Anna Lindh Foundation; Salto Euro-med Resource Centre; partners in the Euro-African activities, Asia-Europe Foundation(?).

## Human rights education

### ***a) Mosaic training seminar for trainers in Human rights education***

The Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth has taken the lead in the organisation of four regional training courses for trainers and multipliers in human rights education. The courses were held between 2006 and 2009 in Amman, Alexandria, Fez and Beirut and mobilized some 140 people; they were based on the Arabic version of Compass, the manual for human rights education with young people. At the evaluation meeting of the courses (Alexandria, 2007), the request was formulated to organise a "refresher" course for the most active former participants, hence reinforcing their competences as in non-formal learning and human rights, while securing the development of new projects.

This idea is combined with the Mosaic training seminar for trainers, a regular training workshop for trainers and youth workers active in Euro-Med youth activities based on the T-Kit 11. Since human rights education is also one of the thematic issues in Mosaic, this training seminar could serve both as a refresher for former participants in regional courses and as an introduction to new trainers.

Number of participants: 25

Duration: 7 days

Possible date: September-November 2010

Venue: Turkey (?).

Partners: Salto Euro-med Resource Centre, Turkish National Agency (?)

## Quality development

### ***a) Consultative meeting for a training course for trainers***

The main training course for trainers involved in Euro-Mediterranean activities was "TATEM", concluded in 2006.

The TATEM participants have become full time trainers and respected partners in many Euro-Med and Youth in Action activities. With time, however, their ability to meet demands is limited, also because many are engaging in new career paths.

All the partners involved in Euro-Mediterranean activities feel the need to have competent and experienced trainers who can implement their activities in the best conditions. This is shared by the Partnership but even more by the Salto Euro-Med Resource Centre or by the Anna Lindh Foundation: there is a need to train youth workers with the potential to be trainers in the essentials of non-formal learning, project management and intercultural learning, so that they could start being active from 2011 onwards.

The partners are convinced that a long-term training course is the best suited option for such a course.

In order to prepare for the course in a way that is meaningful to all stakeholders, a consultative meeting will be organised in the Spring of 2010, with the expectation that the first training seminar could still be held in 2010 or early in 2011.

Number of participants: 10

Duration: 3 days

Possible date: May-June 2010

Venue: Budapest

Partners: Salto Euro-med Resource Centre, Anna Lindh Foundation, League of Arab States (?)

### ***b) Long-term training course for trainers – Initial seminar***

In case the previously described consultative meeting would opt for starting the course in 2010, this would be the first activity. Its feasibility may depend more on financial resources than on the practical possibilities, especially if it is necessary to pool resources and contributions from several partners. If needed, it could also be postponed to the beginning of 2011.

Number of participants: 35

Duration: 7 days

Possible date: November-December 2010

Venue: Budapest

Partners: Salto Euro-med Resource Centre, Anna Lindh Foundation, League of Arab States (?)

### ***c) Participation in symposium on e-learning and its role in Euro-Mediterranean cooperation***

The Union des Jeunes Euro-Maghrébins proposes to organise this symposium in cooperation with the University of Montpellier and to associate the Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the field of youth to it. The symposium will bring together experts from Europe and Mediterranean countries to exchange practices and experiences on the usage of e-learning in non-formal education activities and to possibly draw conclusions regarding standard-setting approaches and networking.

The partnership could contribute to the activity with its experience of the European Knowledge Centre as well as the usage of e-learning in some of its activities.

Partners: UJEM (Union des Jeunes Euro-Maghrébins)

### ***d) Translation of MOSAIC Training kit in Arabic***

Translation and publication of the Arabic version.

## **9. Dates of the next meeting**

The dates were not fixed, as the matter depends also on the reform of the consultation and decision-making structures of the partnership.

The members of the group evaluated the meeting very positively, especially useful to meet and discuss with other partners and stakeholders in the Euro-Mediterranean youth cooperation.

They recommended that the meeting lasts 1½ day, at least so as to allow a deeper reflection and exchange on the proposals of activities.

## **10. Any other business**

Bernard Abrignani proposed to include a representative of the NA's network in future meetings of the PSG, as he is representing Salto EuroMed RC. The proposal was welcomed favourably.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed.

## Appendix 1



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**The partnership between the European Commission  
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Budapest, 7 September 2009

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## PARTNERSHIP SECTORIAL GROUP MEETING

### Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, Human Rights Education and Intercultural Dialogue

5th meeting

Centro Eurolatinoamericano de la Juventud, Molina, Spain

14 September 2008

### Draft agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Update information on the Euro-Med Youth programme
4. Update information on the Youth Partnership
5. General exchange of information and project developments by the partners in the Sectorial Group relevant to the mandate of the group:
  - Anna Lindh Foundation
  - Salto Euro-Med Resource Centre
  - League of Arab States
  - Euro-Med Youth Platform
  - European Youth Forum
  - North-South Centre
  - Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe
6. Information update and feed-back on the implementation and follow-up of Partnership activities:
  - Second round-table on youth policy cooperation
  - Training course on human rights education
  - T-Kit on Euro-Med youth work
7. Review of the remaining activities in the 2009 programme
8. Guidelines and priorities for the 2010 programme:
  - Youth policy cooperation
  - Intercultural dialogue
  - Human rights education
  - Quality matters
  - Others
9. Dates of the next meeting
10. Any other business

## Appendix 2

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