

## Anna Lindh Foundation Virtual Marathon for Dialogue in the EuroMed - ALF Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process

*"It is the first time in modern history that people, who are geographically very far away, are sharing the very same challenge but also sharing at the emotional level what their peers are feeling. This gives us an opportunity to give new life to the Euro-Mediterranean partnership responding to the main needs of societies with the tools we have and insisting on the importance of intercultural dialogue and international cooperation as the key to respond to these needs."*

**Dr. Nabil Al-Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation**

### GOAL

The ALF, as the first institution created in the framework of the EuroMed Partnership/Barcelona Process, intends to contribute to the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process by giving voice to its large network of civil society - Cultural operators - Opinion leaders - Educators - Think tanks and Universities - Partners - Youth - Men and Women to showcase a variety of cultural cooperation and solidarity initiatives in the EuroMed region, data and reflections on intercultural trends and areas to be strengthened for the promotion of intercultural dialogue for the future of social and cultural EuroMed cooperation.

### FOCUS

At this historic moment for cooperation in the EuroMed, the Anna Lindh Foundation will organise a Virtual Marathon for Dialogue with a focus on fighting extremist discourses to build together more open, inclusive and resilient communities across the Mediterranean region, with the strong involvement of the ALF Networks to curate and work on joint cultural activities, exhibition booths, seminars, trainings and debates and maximizing CSOs engagement with a special emphasis on sharing their activities, findings and initiatives with decision and opinion-makers.

### WHAT

The Virtual Marathon for Dialogue will be an opportunity to exchange good practices, identify and discuss new trends and priority areas of work for the promotion of intercultural dialogue in the EuroMed region in the main domains of the ALF work, taking into consideration the new context brought about by the outburst of the world pandemic Covid19.

### OFFICIAL LAUNCH

**The ALF Virtual Marathon for Dialogue is officially launched on 30 September 2020 in collaboration with IEMed, the European Institute for the Mediterranean.**

**Regular updates**

**[www.annalindhfoundation.org](http://www.annalindhfoundation.org)**

**Intercultural dialogue for sustainable societies**

**Youth exchanges and mobility**

**New concepts for EuroMed mobility and environmental sustainability**

**Culture, arts and translation**

**Media and social media to counter hate speech and stereotypes**

**Intercultural education, virtual exchanges and research**

**Gender and combating gender stereotypes**

**Intercultural cities and localised action for dialogue**

**Digital tools and Virtual Exchange for dialogue**

**Green recovery post-Covid19 crisis and international cooperation**

An initiative of

Regional launch in collaboration with

Co-funded by the  
European Union