

Editorial



COMMITMENT TO DIALOGUE CONTINUES

The Anna Lindh Foundation team was sad to mourn the death of a dear colleague last month. Doaa Chalaby was a hardworking, professional and compassionate staff member who will always be missed and remembered by all of us. Despite our loss, we remain committed to pushing ahead in our implementation of our important mandate of enhancing Intercultural dialogue in the EuroMed region. The agony of recent months as a result of the spread of Covid-19 throughout the world only reaffirms our commitment to working even harder towards achieving our goals and objectives. The pandemic has proven beyond any doubt that our destiny is interconnected and that the mandate of our Foundation which was launched 15 years ago as an embodiment of the Barcelona Process that was declared 25 years ago is more relevant than ever.

Despite all the difficulties of the last months, we take pride in reassuring our stakeholders and partners that our dedication is unwavering and our commitment is as strong as ever.

Dr Nabil Al Sharif
Executive Director
Anna Lindh Foundation

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HEADQUARTERS IN ALEXANDRIA

ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION 62nd BOARD OF GOVERNORS VIRTUAL MEETING – 14 December 2020



ALF Virtual BoG Meeting - 14 December 2020

With the continuous rise of the pandemic in the Euromed Region as in the rest of the world, the Anna Lindh Foundation held the 62nd meeting of its Board of Governors virtually on the 14th of December 2020. The main topics discussed during the end of year meeting were issues of vital importance to the continuation of work and implementation of the Foundation's activities in 2021, taking into consideration the limitations and needs which have arisen since the outburst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Executive Director provided an exhaustive presentation which highlighted the main activities implemented since the last board meeting in July, with specific focus on activities carried out in the framework of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona process as well as activities implemented in the framework of the German EU Presidency, during the months of November and December.

With an overview of the Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2021, of which the main objectives are to ensure implementation of a programme of action, ensure the support of intercultural action in the Euromed region, with a portfolio of activities designed for the specific needs of different target groups in line with the adopted ALF programming pillars, and laying the basis for the development of the next programming cycle phase of the Foundation starting in 2021, the Board was able to endorse the next year work plan and related budget permitting the Foundation to carry out its activities starting the beginning of the year.

The Board also tackled other important issues in relation to the Foundation future governance scheduled to be in place beginning of September, and other internal matters, to set a proper and solid ground for the start of a new management team of President and Executive Director. □

ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IN 2020 – 1st December 2020



ALF Virtual AC Meeting - 1st December 2020

Presided by Madame Elisabeth Guigou, the Anna Lindh Foundation organized on 1st December its annual Advisory Council meeting virtually.

This year's meeting coincided with three landmark milestones: (a) the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process created in 1995 (b) the launch of the Fourth edition of the Foundation flagship report on intercultural trends, based on a unique public polling carried out with Ipsos-MORI, and (c) the Anna Lindh Foundation Public Policy Forum on Youth and Civil Society in the Euro-Mediterranean region, which took place virtually in the framework of the German EU Presidency on the 2nd of December.

An update on ALF activities and programs and a Look ahead at upcoming events and challenges by the Executive Director, Dr Nabil Al Sharif, was shared with members of the Council, with focus on exchanging views and consultation with the members on ALF work plan 2021.

The President discussed with Advisory members the mandate of the Council which comes to an end, and will be renewed beginning of next year. □

ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION AT THE FIFTH UFM REGIONAL FORUM – 25 November 2020



Madame Elisabeth Guigou, UfM Fifth Regional Forum – 25 November 2020

The President of the Anna Lindh Foundation Madame Elisabeth Guigou, and Executive Director Dr Nabil Al Sharif, attended the Fifth Edition of the UfM Regional Forum celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the launch of the Barcelona Process, where UfM Ministers of Foreign Affairs reaffirmed their strong commitment to its values and principles and renewed their commitment to enhance cooperation in the region in the interest of peace, stability, development, and shared prosperity. Foreign Ministers also declared the 28th of November as the Day of the Mediterranean to foster a common Mediterranean identity and increase the visibility and ownership of regional cooperation.

President Guigou words stressed on the well-established partnership with strong economic, political, social and cultural pillars to support its further growth.

Madame Guigou also highlighted the Anna Lindh Foundation work since its establishment 15 years ago which was the first EuroMed institution created in the framework and for the EuroMed Partnership, connecting and creating a social bond between people from North and South of the Mediterranean which is at the heart of all successful political project.

In the same framework of the UfM Fifth Regional Forum, Madame Elisabeth Guigou participated as speaker in the panel “People-to-People cooperation – lessons learned from the Barcelona Process”, which took place on the 25th of November, on promoting civil society across the Euro-Mediterranean region, along with prominent civil society actors, to discuss in an open and participatory way the role of civil society in Euro-Mediterranean relations taking stock of the achievements since the launch of the Barcelona Process and explore the role it would play in the next 25 years. □

INTERINSTITUTIONAL SEMINAR “A EUROMED VISION FOR YOUTH, CULTURE AND EMPLOYABILITY: SCAENA MEDITERRANEA”- 12 November 2020



Dr. Nabil Al Sharif - Scaena Mediterranea

On Thursday 12th November 2020 at 13:00, an inter-institutional seminar, organized by Prospettive Mediterranee, under the patronage of RIDE APS, took place at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Rome. The seminar “A EuroMed Vision for Youth, Culture and Employability: Scaena Mediterranea” was conceived as follow up of previous initiatives, as the “Teatri antichi per il nostro futuro Mediterraneo (Scaena Mediterranea)” (Volterra, 1st August 2020) having the objective to stimulate entrepreneurial projects around the awareness of material and immaterial value of archeological sites.

Minister Enrico Granara (Senior Official, UfM and BoG member ALF, EuroMed coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Italian Co-operation - MAECI), Mr. Enrico Molinaro (President, Prospettive Mediterranee and General Secretary, RIDE-APS, Head of ALF Network in Italy) and Ms. Cristiana Gaita (Deputy Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation) participated from Rome while, by remote, online or through a video, the following:

Ambassador Miguel Angel Moratinos, High Representative, UNAOc; Nabil Al-Sharif, Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation; Antonio Parenti, Head of Representation, European Commission in Italy; Prof. Giuseppe Giliberti, President, RIDE-APS, and Daniel Schlosser, Councilor, French Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs and iMMAP Board Director addressing their institutional greetings to the audience.

Prof. Saverio Mecca, Head, Architecture Department, Firenze University; Mr. Giuseppe Provenzano, Advisor for Research and Innovation, UfM; Ms. Cristiana Gaita; Minister Enrico Granara and Ms Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director General, UNESCO animated the first-round table focused on “EuroMed Culture, Education and Employability”.

Ms Colette Avital, former member of the Knesset, Jerusalem; Ms. Federica Frediani, Educational Programme Manager, MEM, Freethinking Platform, USI and Gabriele Segre, Director of the Dan Segre Foundation participated to the second-round table dedicated to the person of Dan Segre “D.V. Segre, Mediterranean Co-operation and Collective Identities”

This seminar aimed at further discussing and deepening the value and potential of culture, in all its forms and conceived in anthropological terms (knowledge, habits, belief, art, morals, law, heritage identity, etc.), and the cultural enterprises as engine for sustainable development heading to positive results in terms of employability and territorial growth and cohesion. A geographical focus was given to the Euro-Mediterranean area. □

MEDITERRANEAN HIGHWAYS: MIGRATION, BLUE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY, INTER-INSTITUTIONAL PONZA PRIMA MED 2020 SEMINAR – 20 November 2020



Ponza Prima Med Seminar - 20 November 2020

At the eve of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration, Prospettive Mediterranee organized an interinstitutional seminar on “Mediterranean Highways: Migration, Blue and Circular Economy” under the patronage of RIDE APS, Head of the Italian ALF Network. The seminar followed up the outputs of the Interinstitutional Ponza Prima Med Seminar, namely its Manifesto for Sustainable Development about climate change, circular economy and food security.

The Seminar offered the opportunity to re-affirm the centrality and the contemporaneousness of the Barcelona Declaration principles and main pillars, while setting the scene for conceiving a common initiative addressing four main key factors such as employment, water, blue economy and migration. The idea discussed was to create a High-level Lab for Research and Higher Education at Villa delle Tortore (Turtledove Villa) in the Ponza Island.

The Seminar, delivered in an online modality, was open by institutional greetings addressed by Mr. Antonio Parenti, Head of the Representation, European Commission in Italy; Minister Enrico Granara, Senior Official and ALF BoG member, Euromed Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Italian Co-operation - MAECI) and Prof. Angelo Riccaboni (President of PRIMA Foundation).



Ms. Cristiana Gaita - Ponza Prima Med Seminar

A panel on ‘Culture, Sustainability, Research and Energy’ and a second one more technical followed. The two panels were animated by Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, Deputy Secretary General, Energy and Climate Action Division Union for Mediterranean (UfM); Mr. Giuseppe Provenzano, Advisor for Research and Innovation, UfM; Avv. Francesco di Majo, President of the Lazio Ports; Ms. Cristiana Gaita, Deputy Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation; Mr. Almotaz Abadi, Managing Director, Environment and Water Division, UfM; Mr. Giovanni Stanghellini, PRIMA Foundation Italy; Mr. Luca Lupi, Secretary General, MEDports Association; Mr. Salvatore D’Alfonso, Senior Project Manager, Italian State Railways; Mr. Emanuele Mastrodonato, European Rail Freight Corridor ScanMed, Mr. Francesco Fancello, Director General, Centralabs (Sardinia Transport Center) and Ms. Michela Miletto, Deputy Coordinator of the WWAP, UNESCO.

Mr. Enrico Molinaro, President of Prospettive Mediterranee and Secretary General of RIDE APS, facilitated and moderated the discussion. □

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “COLLECTIVE IDENTITIES BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN BEYOND CRISIS: THE ITALIAN CASE” – 14 December 2020



Dr Nabil Al Sharif - inter-institutional event – 14 December 2020

The online inter-institutional event “Collective Identities of Europe and the Mediterranean Beyond the Crisis: the Italian Case” took place on December 14, 2020. The Representation of the European Commission in Italy promoted this event alongside with Prospettive Mediterranee.

RIDE – Rete Italiana per il Dialogo Euro-Mediterraneo – Head of the Italian network of the Anna Lindh Foundation gave the patronage to this event. Within this occasion, Senator Liliana Segre, a Shoah survivor, was awarded the EPHEso Prize for her work and commitment in fighting racism, intolerance. Meaningful was her speech to the European Parliament testifying how the theme of collective identities has a strong relevance also in relation to the need for solidarity and resilience of communities in dealing with Covid-19 pandemic.

Increasingly, racist, xenophobic movements exploit and misuse the term identity in its various layers: national, religious, linguistic, ethnic etc. In this respect, through this initiative, it was open a debate trying to define its most objective meaning, based on cooperation and mutual respect, in particular for people of Europe and the Mediterranean.



High-level Representatives - 14 December 2020

High-level Representatives of institutions, personalities, experts participated to the event.

Antonio Parenti, Head of Representation, European Commission in Italy; Prof. Giuseppe Gliberti, President, RIDE-APS; Dr. Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation; On. Piero Fassino, Head of Foreign and EU Affairs Committee at the House of Deputies, Italian Parliament; On. Laura Garavini, Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Senate, Italian Parliament; Sergio Martes, DG EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Italian Co-operation (MAECI); Minister Enrico Granara (former Senior Official, UfM and BoG member ALF, MAECI); Grammemos Mastrojeni, Deputy Secretary General, UfM; Daniele Vimini, Vice Mayor, Pesaro; Sen. Liliana Segre, Senator and On. Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Vice-President of European Parliament addressed their greetings to the audience. The debate was also animated by interventions from Ambassador Mario Boffo, President of the EPHEso Prize; Prof. Giuseppe Gliberti; Franco Pavoncello, President of Cabot University; Chiara Ferrero, Interreligious Academy; Mons. Gianni Roncari, Bishop, Pitignano-Savana-Orbetello; On. Piero De Luca; Cristiana Gaita (ALF), Yassine Lafram, Imam of Bologna and Gianluca Solera, Enrico Molinaro facilitated and moderated the discussion. □

EU LIAISON AND PARTNERSHIPS

Under the ALF/Friends of Europe (FoE) Partnership, the Foundation with Friends of Europe is organising monthly events in line with the ALF-FoE work plan.

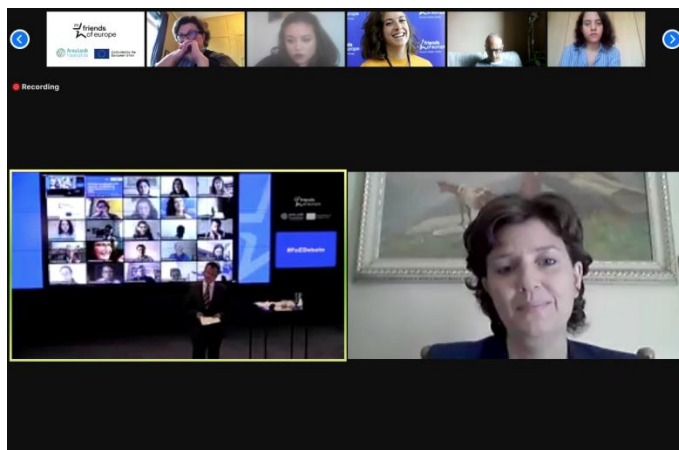
HIGH-LEVEL POLICY INSIGHT ON ‘DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT AT THE CITY LEVEL: THE BENEFITS OF INTERCULTURAL INTEGRATION.’ – 29 October 2020



ALF/FoE - High-Level Policy insight – 29 October 2020

On October 29th, the Foundation co-organised a High-Level Policy Insight on ‘Diversity management at the city level: the benefits of intercultural integration.’ Our cities have become crossroads between cultures, like never before.

Despite a decrease due to COVID-19, short-term travel and permanent migration over recent years has meant that urban areas are hubs for a variety of customs and beliefs. Yet, for many urban residents, the temptation to remain within familiar environments is too strong. The benefits of setting foot outside our bubbles are clear: intercultural exchange within cities helps foster closer collaboration between communities, and promotes the values of equality and inclusion to young ones. Vibrant cities that have acted on encouraging community exchange have benefited from a drop in crime and a rise in tourism. EuroMed cities are rife with intercultural potential, how could they build on this?



Ms. Eleonora Insalaco - FoE's debate – 29 October 2020

The speakers included:

Eleonora Insalaco, Head of operations and Intercultural Trend
 Katharina Bamberg, Migration Policy Advisor at EUROCITIES
 Irena Guidikova, Head of Division for Cultural Policy, Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue at the Council of Europe
 Wallis Goelen-Vandebrock, Senior Expert to the Deputy Director-General for Implementation at the European Commission Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO). □

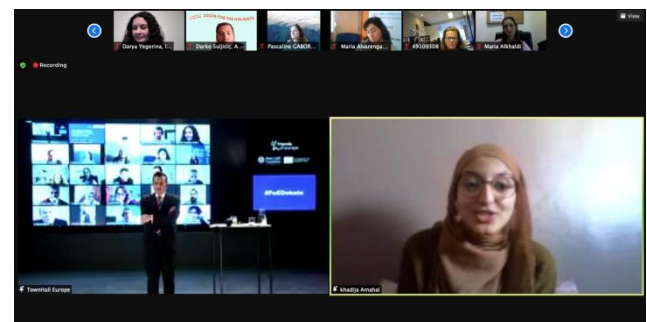
HIGH-LEVEL POLICY INSIGHT ON ‘CHANGING CITIZEN BEHAVIOUR TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE’ –
 24 November 2020



ALF/FoE - High-Level Policy Insight – 24 November 2020

On November 24th, the Foundation co-organised a High-Level Policy Insight on ‘Changing citizen behaviour to tackle climate change.’ The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is one of the hottest regions on earth, with the UN predicting average temperature rises of between 1 and 2 degrees Celsius by 2030-2050.

So getting the 19 countries in the region on side to fight climate change is an essential part of the global effort to keep temperatures down. According to pollsters Ipsos, a majority of MENA citizens believe the main responsibility for tackling climate change lies with “society”. And given that two-thirds of the region’s citizens are under 35, Friends of Europe and the Anna Lindh Foundation held an online conversation on 24 November to gain insights and advice from young people on ‘Changing citizens’ behaviour to tackle climate change’.



ALF/FoE - High-Level Policy Insight – Participants - 24 November 2020

The participants were optimistic that small tweaks to how we live our lives can help to save the planet, and that young people can serve as positive examples for others. But there was also a strong focus on getting teachers, social media influencers, governments and tech companies on board to help fund the effort and spread the word. The upshot? Make sustainable choices cooler, cheaper and easier, and the rest will follow.

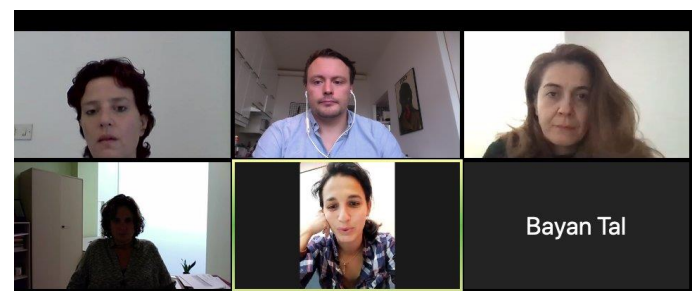
INTERCULTURAL RESEARCH

ALF 15 YEAR REVIEW – LAUNCHED ON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE BARCELONA DECLARATION – 28 November 2020

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process, on the 28th of November 2020, the same day the Barcelona Declaration was signed in 1995, the Anna Lindh Foundation published its 15 Years Review. The Review presents the activities and achievements of the Foundation with its National Networks and partners since its inauguration with the aim to communicate and consolidate its main achievements. Over the past 15 years, and as the first institution created in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, the ALF has supported region-wide initiatives and campaigns in the fields of youth, education, media, culture, gender and intercultural research focusing its activities in the spaces where advocating for dialogue is most needed. Involving thousands of NGOs in its programmes and assuming an advocacy role for intercultural dialogue, the Foundation has become one of the most credible institutions working for and within civil society in the Euro-Mediterranean. The ALF 15 Years Review showcases these achievements during the past fifteen years.

Download the review!
<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/news/anna-lindh-foundation-15-years-review-out>

TWO INTERCULTURAL MORNING COFFEES - JOURNALISTS, ACADEMICS AND CIVIL SOCIETY DISCUSSING MEDIA NARRATIVES – 13 October 2020



First Intercultural Morning Coffee - 13 October 2020

The ALF pioneered an innovative digital format with the Intercultural Morning Coffee: an half hour format for small group discussion which is proving a very effective tool for keeping the ALF community connected, explore issues of common concern and also produce reports with main ideas shared. The Intercultural Morning Coffee is a space to encourage discussions among journalists, academics and civil society on current affairs relating to cross-cultural reporting in

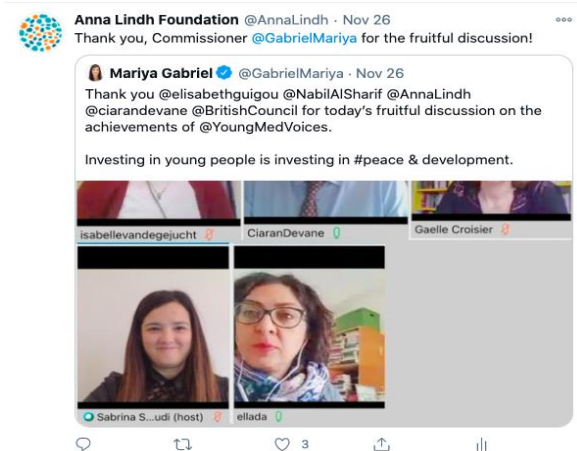


Dr. Nabil Al Sharif - ALF/FoE - High-Level Policy Insight – 24 November 2020

The speakers included:

Dr. Nabil Al-Sharif, Anna Lindh Foundation’s Executive Director, Hendrik Bruns, Policy Analyst at the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre, Garrette E. Clark, policy officer, UN’s Environment Programme (UNEP), Khadija Amahal, Young Med Voices delegate. □

YOUTH ADVOCACY




Tweet about the meeting with Commissioner Mariya Gabriel

The Foundation is networking with the European institutions to ensure visibility and to maximise opportunities and synergies in line with the Anna Lindh Foundation’s policies and EU policies.

In this regard, the Foundation has been actively meeting with EU high-level Representatives to advocate for the future of the Young Med Voices programme.

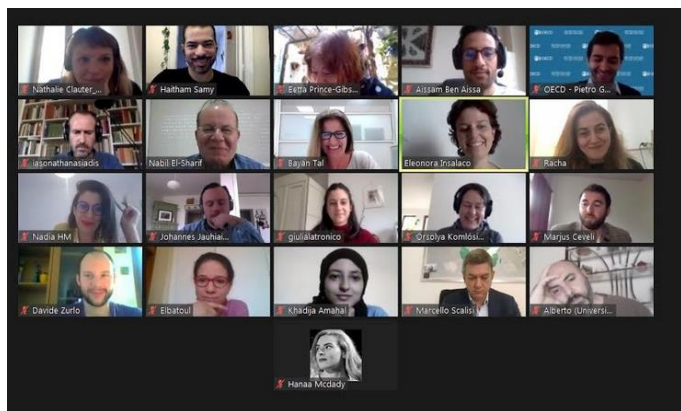
In particular, the ALF President and Executive Director along with the Director of British Council and ALF staff have organised high-level meetings with Commissioner for Youth, Education and Innovation, Mariya Gabriel, Henrike Trautmann, Neighbourhood South, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement RosaMaria Gili, Head of Maghreb Unit, European External Action Service. □

the Euro-Mediterranean and to sustain the EuroMed network brought together with the Intercultural Trends and Media Platform. The first Intercultural Morning Coffee took place on 13 October with experts from Belgium, Jordan and Spain who discussed how cross-cultural encounters and by extension intercultural relations has been affected by the restrictions to mobility and movement brought on by Covid-19. On 25 November the ALF organised the second Intercultural Morning Coffee. A point of departure for the conversation during the 25 November Morning Coffee was the data from the Intercultural Trends Survey 2020 revealing that 89% of respondents in Europe and 76% of respondents in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean reported to be either very interested or somewhat interested in news on environmental issues from the other side of the Mediterranean. Furthermore 70 – 83% of respondents, South and North also reported an interest in information on lifestyle and culture on the other side of the sea. The full reports from the Intercultural Morning Coffee conversations are uploaded on the Intercultural Dialogue Resource Centre. 

The meeting was, as earlier and future editions of the Intercultural Trends and Media Platform, conceived as a space for a facilitated discussion to exchange reflections on the topic and to share some initial ideas on what can be done by journalists, academia and civil society together to support intercultural relations and cooperation in the EuroMed region. The Platform on the 20th of October was moderated by Bayan Tal, Senior Advisor at the Jordan Media Institute.



YOUTH AND MOBILITY AT THE CENTRE OF DISCUSSION FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH VIRTUAL INTERCULTURAL TRENDS & MEDIA PLATFORMS – 20 October and 15 December 2020



Third virtual Intercultural Trends and Media Platform – Fair

On the 20th of October the Anna Lindh Foundation organised the third virtual Intercultural Trends and Media platform called *Fair*, diverse and nuanced representation matters. The platform focused on the cross-cultural representation of youth and minorities in the media and popular culture.

The choice of theme stemmed from the observation that recent the portrayal of youth and youth from diverse cultural backgrounds have sparked public debates in Italy with the youth drama *Skam*, in France, with *Mignonnes* and with the Netflix’ first Arabic-speaking TV-series *Jinn*, released in Jordan in the summer of 2019.

On the 15th of December, the Anna Lindh Foundation organised a fourth edition of the Intercultural Trends and Media Platform called Cross-cultural reporting and EuroMed mobility focusing on the coverage of migration-related issues and coexistence within multicultural societies in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The platform was attended by 19 participants including institutional representatives. Among the participants were Ms. Shadeen Khallaf, Senior Policy Advisor at the MENA-office of the UNHCR. During the meeting Ms. Khallaf shed light on the work of the UNHCR, coming projects and opportunities for collaboration.

More information on both the third and the fourth media platforms can be found on the Intercultural Dialogue Resource Centre.

<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/intercultural-dialogue-hub> 

THE ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION SESSION AT THE UFM REGIONAL FORUM – 25 November 2020

On 25 November the ALF was invited to contribute to the UFM Regional Forum – civil society segment on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process. The ALF coordinated a panel discussion on the main lessons learnt for the promotion of Intercultural Dialogue and the creation of the largest civil society network in the EuroMed region. The panel was moderated by Eleonora Insalaco, Head of Operations and Intercultural Research and a stakeholders group shared their direct experience on the ground as well as results of regional consultation processes and research carried out in the field of intercultural relations in the region. More in

particular, Dr Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation, spoke of the meaning of intercultural dialogue in 2020 as compared to the year of creation of the Foundation and stressed on the importance of multi-lateral cooperation; Mr Josep Ferré, Director General of the European Institute of the Mediterranean - Head of the ALF Spanish National Network, elaborated on the experience of the ALF civil society network as the largest of the kind in the EuroMed region, main challenges and proposals for the future; Ms Fatima Zuhra Outaiss, Young Mediterranean Voices Leader – Morocco, shared the importance of giving voice to young people in the EuroMed region for preventing potential cultural divides and hate speech and highlighted the benefits from the Young Mediterranean Voices programme; and Ms Zeina Dbouk, ALF Trainer of trainers on Intercultural Citizenship Education - Assistant Principal at Lycée Celestin Freinet-Bramieh – Lebanon, underlined the crucial position of intercultural education for the promotion of intercultural dialogue as emerged also from the ALF research work and gave recommendations based on the experience of the ALF Training for Trainers, mentorship programme and Education Handbook. In the framework of the Forum, the ALF contributed also to the virtual exhibition with an ALF virtual booth. □

THE ALF IN THE CO-PRESIDENCY FINAL STATEMENT OF UFM MINISTERIAL – 27 November 2020

On 27 November, the 5th Regional Forum gathered Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Euro-Mediterranean region on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration. The final Co-Presidency Statement recognises the role of the Anna Lindh Foundation for the EuroMed partnership with the following specific mention: *“This year’s Regional Forum highlighted the role that the civil society has been playing over 25 years of Euro-Mediterranean partnership. In this respect, the Anna Lindh Foundation, the only Euro-Mediterranean organisation gathering civil society actors of the whole Mediterranean Basin, is playing an important role for the promotion of intercultural dialogue”*.

During her intervention at the Ministerial meeting, the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Madame Elisabeth Guigou, underlined that in the first fifteen years of activity, the Anna Lindh Foundation has succeeded in the establishment of the largest civil society network in the region as foreseen in its statutes, establishing a mechanism for structured dialogue at the national level and at the regional level where representatives of civil society organisations from Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, North Africa. She also underlined that the ALF remains committed to the continuous development of its EuroMed civil society network and regional collaborations, to its work in intercultural learning and research, youth exchange and empowerment, the use of arts and media as

tools for cross-cultural communication beyond language barriers and cultural differences, the fight against gender and cultural stereotyping with a view to contribute to the set Green deal objective towards 2050. □

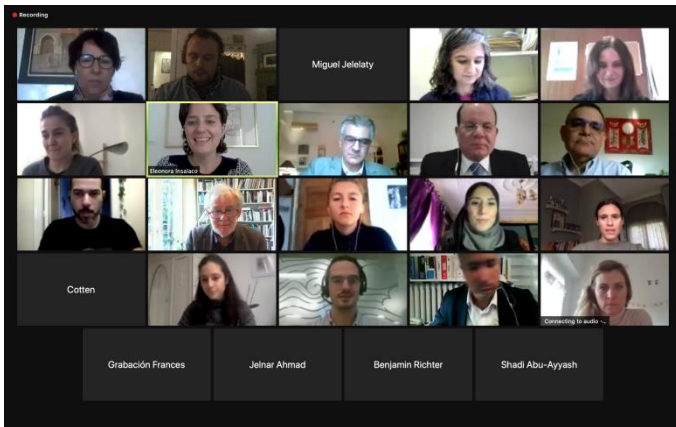
EXPERT WORKSHOP FOR PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF INTERCULTURAL TRENDS SURVEY 2020 – 19 November 2020



Workshop for authors - 19 November 2020

On the 19th of November, the Anna Lindh Foundation organised a workshop exploring the preliminary data from the Intercultural Trends Survey 2020. The workshop involved the participation of Ipsos Mori representatives and around 12 experts, from the Anna Lindh Report Scientific Committee, identified authors and the ALF networks to discuss the data, the focus of analysis, as well as produce an initial analysis of the polling findings and propose dissemination measures for the broadest capitalisation of the intercultural research. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting, was held virtually. □

FIRST ANNA LINDH REPORT AUTHORS' MEETING –
30 November 2020



Authors meeting – 30 November 2020

On the 30th of November, a meeting of the identified contributors of the Anna Lindh Report 2021 on Intercultural Trends and Social Change in the Euro-Mediterranean region took place.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Ipsos MORI who introduced the polled data along with insights to the polling methodology, highlighting how intercultural relations and perceptions have evolved in the Euro-Mediterranean region in the context characterised by the pandemic and as compared to the previous poll wave of 2016. The meeting was the platform for the authors of the fourth edition of the Report to have a direct exchange among themselves and initial data interpretation before embarking on their qualitative analyses; as well as to identify measures for the capitalization plan of the fourth edition of the Report. □

GERMAN EU PRESIDENCY: LAUNCH OF THE INTERCULTURAL TRENDS SURVEY AND THE PUBLIC POLICY FORUM ON YOUTH AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE EUROMED REGION



In the framework of the German EU Presidency and as part of the ALF Virtual Marathon for Dialogue, the ALF organized a Public Policy Forum on Youth and Civil Society in the EuroMed region and the official Launch of the Intercultural Trends Survey 2020, as well as the statutory meetings of the ALF Heads of Network and the Advisory Council. The organization of these activities was built through a long coordination process with the German MFA and the German Head of the ALF civil society network, ZAK. These activities were held one hundred per cent virtually, due to the pandemic limitations, and can be considered a model of engagement with youth, civil society and experts to be replicated and that allows reaching large audiences online. The activities organized allowed the ALF to gather proposals for the future of EuroMed cultural cooperation and the ALF Programming Orientations from 2021 and beyond.

The Launch of the Intercultural Trends Survey, shed light on the Public Opinion Poll on values and trends in the Euro-Mediterranean. The panel was moderated by Eleonora Insalaco, Head of Operations and Intercultural Research, and the President Madame Elisabeth Guigou, and Dr Al-Sharif, Executive Director of the ALF, together with a video message by Mr Johannes Ebert Secretary General/Chairman of the Board; Goethe-Institut ensured the institutional opening of the session. Robert Wragg from Ipsos MORI provided an overview on the latest results from the ALF Intercultural Trends Survey 2020. Interpretation of the data and first level analysis was given by an expert panel integrated by Dr. Naouel Abdellatif Mami, author for the ALF Intercultural Trends Report and Vice-Rector of External Relations at University of Sétif 2, Algeria; Dr. Necdet Saglam, author for the ALF Intercultural Trends Report, Professor at Anadolu University in Turkey and Co-Head of the Turkish ALF Network; Ms. Nahia Kanj, Young Mediterranean Voices alumni, Opinion editor at AUB independent student newspaper and President at AUB discuss, debate, and discourse club and Dr. Paul Mihailidis, Associate Professor and Senior Fellow at Emerson College, Boston, MA; Faculty Chair and Director of the Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change, Salzburg and expert of IFA’s Research Programme "Culture and Foreign Policy".

The meeting took place online, due to current Covid-19 restrictions. Introductory remarks by institutional representatives including the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Madame Elisabeth Guigou, and the Acting Director-General of DG NEAR, Mr Maciej Popowski, opened the online meeting. A video with remarks from the Minister of State of the German Federal Foreign Office, Mr Niels Annen was also broadcasted and by Dr Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

The Public Policy Forum on Youth and Civil Society in the EuroMed region aimed to create a dialogue among Euro-Mediterranean youth, civil society representatives, and senior

decision-makers on the main opportunities, challenges, and orientations towards sustained dialogue and cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The objective was to formulate concrete policy recommendations and identify good practices to be scaled up by youth and civil society on the future of the Euro-Med, taking into account the historic moment for the region characterized by the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process and the impact of Covid-19 on future generations of the EuroMed region. The meeting was also a platform where Madame Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, officially launched the citizen journalist campaign *"We are still here! EuroMed Citizen Reporters"* a virtual storytelling project to capture civil societies' views on life in the Euro-Mediterranean region during and after the current COVID-19 pandemic in short video clips. *"We are still here! EuroMed Citizen Reporters"*, a project by ZAK at KIT as coordinator of the German ALF-network in cooperation with the Candid Foundation, supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Based on the views from the ground expressed by a panel of youth and the ALF civil society networks including: Jacopo Cimmino - Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange (Italy); Tala Zain, Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO (Lebanon); Sarah Ahmarelainine, Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange (Morocco); Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha, Centre for Cultural and General Studies (ZAK), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) (Germany); Carmen Cuenca, Young Mediterranean Voices (Spain); Anis Boufrikha, We Love Sousse (Tunisia); Ahmed Yassin, Young Mediterranean Voices (Egypt); Javier Esteban Cabanillas, Rooftop Theatre (Cyprus), the following recommendations were presented: a) Invest in intercultural learning programs, in particular the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange implemented by the Anna Lindh Foundation; b) Financially support CSOs, providing them with the tools that enable their vital work on the ground; c) Develop responses that meet the essential needs of the population (food, medical supplies, psychosocial support) especially in times of crisis; d) Promote female role models to showcase women's abilities and counter gender stereotypes; and invest in research projects to inform on gender perceptions within the Euro-Med region; e) Implement community roundtables, similar to the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges but offline, at the city-level as means to revitalize cultural diversity and promote social cohesion; f) Organize encounters where younger generations from different cultures and backgrounds can share artistic performances, considering art as a powerful tool of inclusion in the city; g) Develop further the Young Mediterranean Voices Programme, as an enriching and empowering experience that helps youth boost their skills and connect at the local and international level; Multiply artistic initiatives in divided countries, as they can be effective in promoting encounters between citizens otherwise isolated; Develop workshops

and/or programmes aimed at improving artists' media tools, as a way to raise their dissemination capacity and share best practices of integration in the EuroMed region; h) Develop intercultural exchange programmes as these are core to stimulate mutual understanding and minimize tolerance. In particular, expand North-South mobility programmes to South-South exchanges; and finally i) Establish the Green Euro-Med Platform, as a means to join forces and amplify the signal on climate change throughout the whole EuroMed region.

The public policy forum was organised in partnership with the German Federal Foreign Office, Goethe Institute and ZAK as Heads of the ALF German Civil Society Network, and Deutsche Welle as main media partner. □

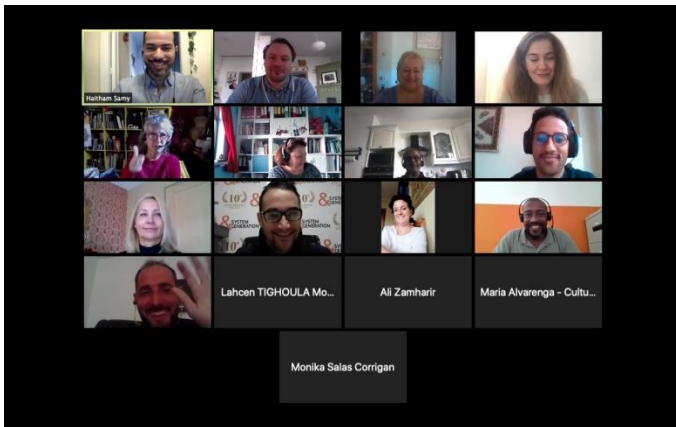
PRESENTING THE FINDINGS OF THE INTERCULTURAL TRENDS REPORT AT EVENTS ORGANISED JOINTLY WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES UNION –

8 October 2020

On the 8th of October, the Anna Lindh Foundation co-organised and participated in a webinar called Intercultural Dialogue and Trends on air.

The panel discussion received an introduction by Dr Naouel Abdellatif Mami, Vice-Rector of external relations, University of Sétif 2, Algeria. The panel discussion started with an update into recent Euro-Mediterranean polling data from Eleonora Insalaco, Head of Operations and Intercultural Research at the ALF. Insalaco's presentation was then proceeded by an intervention from Alexandra Buchler, Director of Literature Across Frontiers. In her intervention, Ms Buchler shed light on the significance of youth and mobility in the Euro-Mediterranean region. Ms. Buchler's intervention was followed by reactions by Zinab Zidan and Burak Yusmak from the Young Mediterranean Voices / Erasmus Virtual Exchange, who highlighted the importance of education and exchanges along with the role of youth in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250, also known as Youth, Peace and Security. □

INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION IN A POST-COVID WORLD –
15 October 2020



Educators Meeting - 15 October 2020

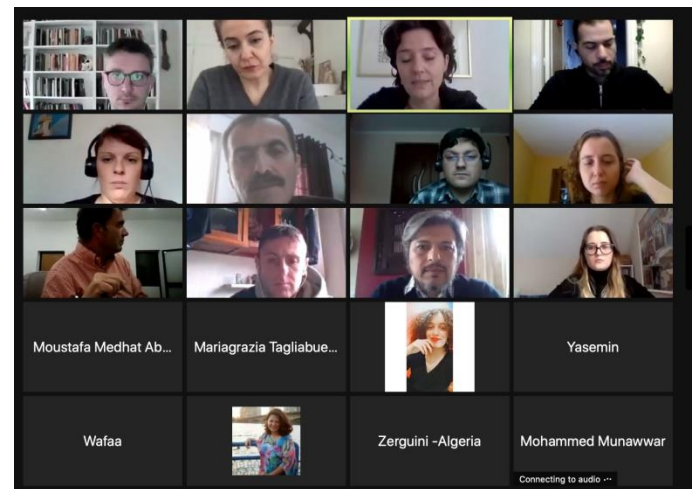
On the 15th of October, The Anna Lindh Foundation organized a facilitated Virtual Exchange session on how to discuss intercultural education in the post-COVID-19 world, the opportunities to positively transform intercultural education, the lessons learnt from the pandemic and the role that civil society can play in shaping the future of intercultural learning and the work the ALF can support. The key challenges and opportunity emerging from the exchange refer to the fact that the pandemic has exposed inequalities in the field of education particularly with regard to young refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who neither have digital competences nor access to internet connectivity to access remote learning who may be left behind in online learning. Insightful perspectives of youth on the new opportunities were generated with the COVID-19 outbreak to bridge the local with the global. For the educators, youth are living this health crisis with a broader vision and greater global awareness with regards to the vast majority of the challenges humanity currently faces. Youth currently believe that these challenges require concerted large-scale action at the international level. Although the current health crisis has posed exceptional challenges for humanity, the role of the public remains essential to curb the pandemic at an early stage. The debate attached higher importance to the renewed sense of individual responsibility towards humanity and social bonds. In this sense, participants recalled the key role of intercultural learning as a driver for the exercise of citizenship. Participants indicated that they have acquired, adapted and refined their skills in conducting virtual education and practicing remote communication as part of their day-to-day work. Participants valued sharing experiences and lessons learned among ALF network members working in the field of education. The role of the ALF networks, particularly at the country level, was considered as mutually beneficial and effective for the educators. Unlike face-to-face educational activities and events pre-COVID-19, in which participation is

limited to a space and a specific time, the shift to virtual settings without restrictions to a single location has lifted barriers and expanded accessibility, inclusivity, and equitable participation in knowledge-sharing platforms and online learning. Despite the digital divide, virtual attendance has provided opportunities for certain groups such as housewives and people with disabilities while remaining at home with children or other family members for whom they are caring. The Anna Lindh Foundation is called upon to: support and invest in virtual academies on intercultural citizenship education and capacity building skills; carry out, finance and provide support for pilot projects bridging the formal and non-formal education sectors; conduct NGO management trainings to provide support and opportunities to the ALF network members; produce more intercultural resources in addition to the ALF Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship Education in the EuroMed region. □

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020 - INTERCULTURAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

In the framework of the grant scheme to support EuroMed collaboration in the field of intercultural research, three projects were selected and project leaders notified of the award decision. The administrative process is almost complete to begin the project implementation. □

ONLINE COURSE ON INTERCULTURAL TRENDS



Online course - Intercultural Trends

The third edition of the online course on Intercultural Trends in the EuroMed region based on the Anna Lindh Report begun on 10th of November to end on 7 December. The course received registrations from 339 learners. In November the course learners were offered the possibility to participate in three online Meetup sessions. The first webinar on 10 November was a welcoming and introductory webinar

and the second on 19 November provided some insights on the latest findings from the Intercultural Trends Survey 2020 and stimulated discussions among participants around the course materials and the debate questions proposed in the course forum. The final Meetup session took place on 3 December.

The online course is jointly delivered by the Anna Lindh Foundation and UNIMED, the Mediterranean Universities Union. □

YOUNG MEDITERRANEAN VOICES

EURO-MED DEBATE AND POLICY FORUM - 30 September to 5 October, 2020



YMV Euro-Med Debate and Policy Forum

Over 40 Young Mediterranean Voices alumni from 18 different countries in the Euro-Med region participated in the ‘Virtual’ Euro-Med Debate and Policy Forum that took place from 30 September to 5 October, 2020.

Held for the second year, the ‘Virtual’ Forum was organised by the Anna Lindh Foundation in partnership with the Centre for Mediterranean Integration and the British Council, with the support of the European Union. It showcased a unique methodology of intercultural youth-led debates, used to draw out key issues and proposals to accelerate the implementation and increase the reach of the 2030 Agenda. Interactive networking sessions and youth consultations also took place, to reflect on the role of youth to promote Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration. Policy dialogue sessions involved EU High-Level representatives.

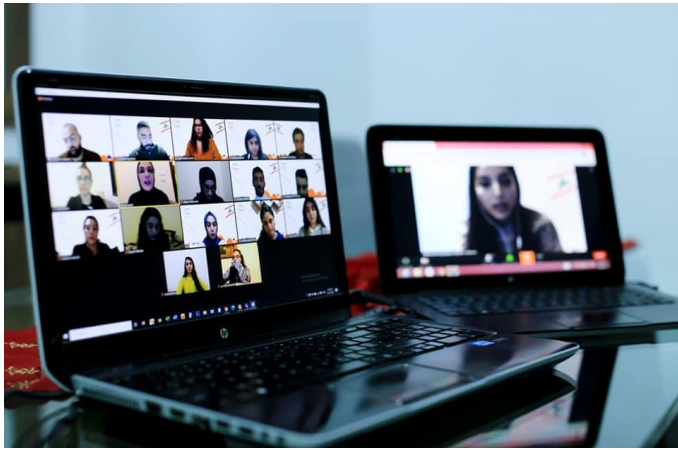
Young Mediterranean Voices alumni put forward policy recommendations emerged from debate sessions organised in previous days, connected to key SDGs, in particular linked to education and digitalisation, climate action, economic growth and employment.

Young leaders also recognized COVID-19 pandemic’s emerging potential consequences for achieving sustainable development. On education, Hajar, YMV from Morocco, highlighted the need to encourage the internationalisation of higher education in the MENA region by adopting new and innovative models such as Virtual Exchange, a silver lining to the current situation. She referred to a recent report by the World Bank and the Centre for Mediterranean Integration on the “Internationalization of tertiary education in MENA” as a reference in research in this regard. On climate action, Giorgos, YMV from Greece, mentioned the creation of an international body of environmental experts to provide

authoritative, independent, interdisciplinary advice to organisations on the economic gains that eco-friendly policies could bring.

The Young Mediterranean Voices programme thus continues to provide opportunities for intercultural dialogue among young people from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean region, aiming to amplify youth voice in policy-making as global actors of change. □

NATIONAL DEBATE FORUM – October – December 2020



YMV National Debate Forums

YMV launched a two month-long, region-wide programme of debate tournaments and national dialogue forums between October and November 2020, across Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia, a continuation of the YMV contribution to lead and drive the 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In Egypt the NDFs took place on 30-31 October and 7 November. Over 20 debates were held tackling SD4 Quality Education, SDG10 Reduced Inequality and SDG13 Climate Action. In Algeria the debate tournaments took place between 26 and 29 of November, engaging young people from across different cities of Algeria on Quality Education, Higher Education, 21st century skills, Economic Growth. In Jordan, the NDFs were held on 26-28 November, with the virtual debates tackling Health and Well-being, Quality Education, in addition to Peace Justice and Strong Institutions. In Lebanon the virtual debates took place between 9-28 November, tackling Health and Well-being, Education Unemployment / Brain drain, Good governance & accountability, Crisis & Disaster management, Economic crisis. In Libya 29 November – 3 December the virtual debates were about, Quality Education, Youth participation in decision-making & municipal elections, Women in leadership, Peace, Justice and Political transition. In Morocco, the debating and events took place virtually on 21-30 November with topics ranging from Health & Well-being, to

Quality Education, Decent Work and Economic Growth, in addition to Reducing Inequalities, Climate Action, Peace Justice and Strong Institutions. In Palestine, the NDFs took place on 19-28 November, through a blended virtual and face-to-face model, on Health and Wellbeing Economic Growth, Social Entrepreneurship, Peace Justice and Strong Institutions. In Tunisia, with the NDFs taking place between 21 and 29 November, the virtual debates were around Health and Well-being, Green Energy and Climate action, Violence, the Media, Immigration and Mobility.

The events developed leadership and dialogue skills, through the active involvement of YMV alumni and capacity building sessions, as well as through the participation of high-level speakers in the Policy Dialogues, from the Anna Lindh Foundation, through our partners at the Club de Madrid – World Leadership Alliance and the EU Delegations in the countries. During the Policy Dialogues, the youth presented policy recommendations as a result of the debate forum and engaged in dialogue with policy makers, national/local authorities and influencers from their country and EuroMed region. □

YMV VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS LAB - 7 - 11 December 2020



YMV Virtual Communications Lab

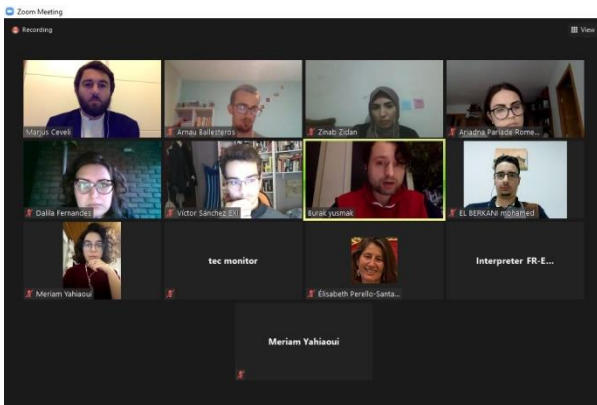
YMV's 2020 edition of the Communications Lab activity took place virtually from 7 to 11 December. The event is organised by the Anna Lindh Foundation, in partnership with the Center for Mediterranean Integration, on the occasion of Germany's Presidency of the European Union. The Lab focused on the development of youth-led creative communication initiatives to challenge extremist narratives in the digital world. The aim was to leverage youth-led dialogue and exchange to shape new digital narratives for positive social change. The fast-paced Lab included presentations and workshops, with cutting edge approaches on human-centered social media campaigning and overall approaches to combat extremist narratives online from Civil Society actors from all around the Euro-Med. The participants, young influencers and civil society workers from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean (Spain,

Lebanon, Albania, Palestine, Egypt, Algeria, Germany, Greece, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan), emerged from the workshop with a set of project campaign ideas which were presented in a public online event on 11 December, 2020. The campaigns were on Climate Change, Freedom of Speech, Free Education and Migration, put together with an inter-regional aspect in mind, as the teams comprised of young people from the South and North of the Mediterranean.

The public vote determined the two winning teams, and those have started the implementation of their campaigns, #TakeItToTheCOP (on Climate Change) and #ReadBetweenTheLines (on Migration), have started their implementation, with the support of the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Center for Mediterranean Integration. □

YMV and YMV Alumni participation in Euro-Med Events:

"YOUTH AND CLIMATE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN+25 VIRTUAL FORUM" – 9 – 11 December 2020



YMV Alumni - Youth and Climate in the Mediterranean – 9 – 11 December 2020

In collaboration with the Directorate-General for European and Mediterranean Affairs of the Government of Catalonia, and in the context of the "Youth and Climate in the Mediterranean+25 Virtual Forum" within the framework of the Barcelona Process 25th Anniversary, held from the 9 to the 11 December 2020, YMV has co-organized with IEMed, two workshops.

YMV and YMV alumni put together two workshops under the overall title "Digitalisation and innovative solutions for the climate emergency". The first workshop focused on "Good Practices", and was facilitated by Ahmed Yassin (Egypt) and hosted Salma Khaled. The second workshop focused on "Creating a space for project building" and was facilitated by Burak Yuzmak, Germany and Meriam Yahiaoui, Tunisia, and hosted Marjus Cevoli, Italy. □

Online Discussion:

"25 YEARS LATER: HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE PERCEIVE THE BARCELONA PROCESS" – 10 December 2020



Ms Ellada Evangelou - Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Regional Programme South Mediterranean

After the invitation of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Regional Programme South Mediterranean, we were honored to participate at the online meeting, which took place on 10 December 2020. YMV was represented by Programme Coordinator, Ms Ellada Evangelou, who addressed the following questions:

Topics covered in the discussion were:

- To what extent has the 'Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean' been beneficial to the youth in the region? How has it been boosting the North-South cooperation?
- What are the top priorities for youth in the region (education, mobility, employment)? Who are the key stakeholders to achieve these priorities? How can they work together?
- How to promote the Barcelona Process among youth? □

ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

THE ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROJECT FINALISES ITS ACTIVITIES AFTER ENGAGING OVER 30.000 PARTICIPANTS



Screenshot - Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange debates

The Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange initiative was launched in 2018, with the aim to offer young people the opportunity to engage in an intercultural learning experience online. Three years later its activities are coming to an end but the fascinating stories and experiences participants lived will stay forever!

Impact recap

During this time, the initiative reached over 30.000 participants who have taken part in a variety of activities under Virtual Exchange.

More specifically, the Debate Exchange activity, led by the Anna Lindh Foundation:

- Engaged 3000 participants from all over Europe and the Southern Mediterranean region, with 55% of females.
- 65 Debate Team Leaders Trainings were implemented, and 4 Trainings for Online Debate Trainers. Also, 280 Debate and Dialogue sessions were conducted.
- 3 regional events (Online Euromed Debate Competition) took place in 2019 and 2020, engaging around 900 young participants from 110 teams from all around the Euro-Mediterranean region.
- 18 Anna Lindh Foundation head of network and network members were engaged.

The impact on young people, following their Virtual Exchange experiences has been overwhelmingly positive, with reports showing they have become more curious about each other and more empathic.

Participant's confidence has been boosted, their language and digital skills have improved and their intercultural competencies widened.

"Participating as a Master Trainer in the Debate Exchange activity of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project was a step forward in my career, I developed a new skill set and I was introduced to a new methodology of debating." Sirine Ben Brahim. Debate Exchange Master Trainer, Tunisia.

Coming up soon...

A report on the impact of Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange will be released in early 2021. All highlights will be published on our website and social networks, stay tuned! We look forward to seeing you joining new Virtual Exchange adventures in the upcoming phase of Erasmus+ programme for 2021-2027. □

GRANTS

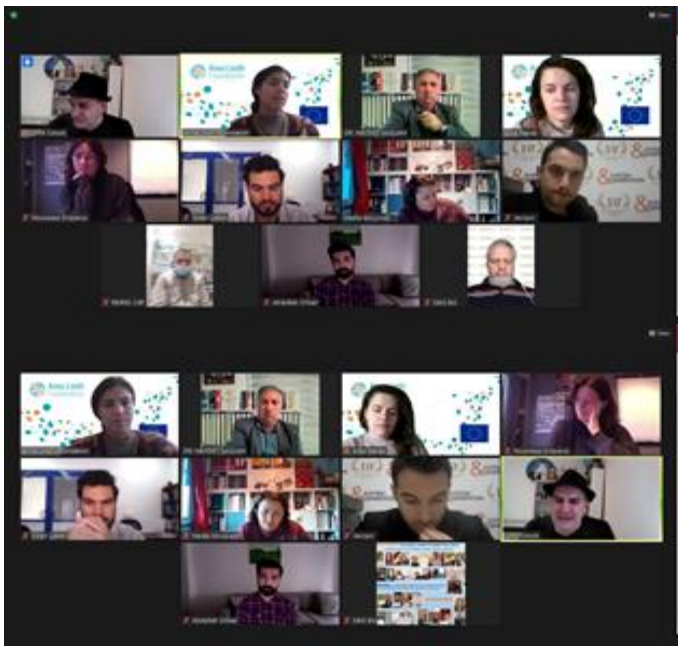
The months of October and November were almost entirely dedicated to the contracting phase of the selected proposals. In addition to the projects selected in September upon completion of the evaluation phase, two other proposals were selected from the reserve list. The final list of awarded projects is available on ALF website.

In parallel, the Grants team has been actively preparing the implementation phase, including planning for a series of capacity building sessions targeting the sub-beneficiaries in close collaboration with the Networks team. These sessions will be organised throughout the implementation phase and will focus on project impact, visibility and communication; monitoring and evaluation, and reporting.

For this Call for Proposals, the team is working on the development of a series of improvements – notably with the invaluable support of the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager and the Communications team – aimed at ensuring optimal management of the awarded projects and maximising their long-term impact.

In order to guarantee a sound follow-up and smooth implementation of all the funded projects, individual meetings with each project leader and their respective partners have been scheduled.

Finally, the Grants team would like to send its best wishes to all the ALF members and CSOs of the region, and end this small brief with some data on the awarded projects:



- **147** organisations from **39** out of the 42 ALF Networks are involved in the implementation of the awarded projects. The National Networks having the most organisations involved in the awarded projects are Lebanon (11), Morocco (10), Palestine and Spain (9).
- **64** organisations involved from the Southern Mediterranean (44%) and **83** organisations involved from the Northern Mediterranean (56%).
- **Over a quarter** of the organisations involved in the awarded projects are non-members of the ALF Network.
- On average, almost **4** partners (3.83) are involved per project regardless of the lot (**3** partners (3.30) are involved per project under lot 1 whereas **5** partners (4.77) are involved per project under lot 2.
- The project involving the most partners is led by a HoN organisation, with **16** organisations involved.
- **24** HoN organisations representing **22** National Networks are involved either as leaders or partners in the awarded projects, with **one-third** of them involved in two or more projects. □

ALF NATIONAL NETWORKS



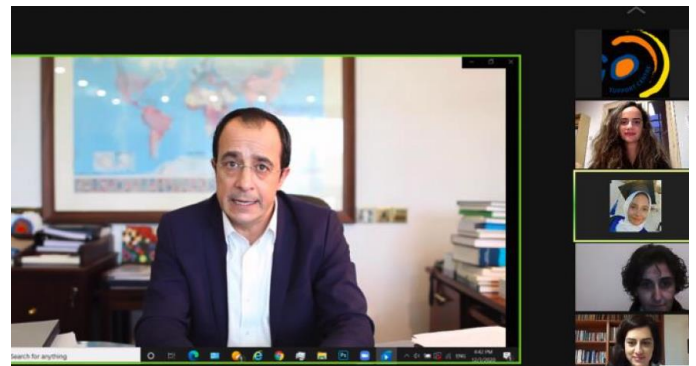
CYPRUS

The Cyprus Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation organises the second Network Meeting of 2020 on the 12th of December online from 10:00-11:30 am through Zoom.

Agenda of the Meeting:

- General Welcome
- Introduction of new members
- Presentation of the activities implemented by the Cyprus Network of ALF
- ALF Call for Proposals and Network's participation
- Presentation of the upcoming ALF Virtual Marathon Initiative: an opportunity for network members' involvement! □

LAUNCH OF THE WORKSHOP "BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS & ENHANCING GENDER EQUALITY"



Launch of the workshop

The integration of gender mainstreaming in the foreign policy of Cyprus and especially in the Eastern Mediterranean region is a major priority for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, said the FMA, Nikos Christodoulides, at the beginning of the webinar "Building Healthy Relationships and Enhancing Gender Equality", organised by the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) and the heads of the ALF network of Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan, with the financial support of the Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The inaugural session was also greeted by the Executive Director of ALF, Dr. Nabil Al-Sharif, who stressed that the seminar is taking place during the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process and strengthens relations between the

countries through the empowerment of girls and women in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The seminar is addressed to women, 18-25 years old, who live in Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan. The aim of the seminar is to use non-formal education to enable the participants to be informed about decisions about their reproductive rights, to break gender stereotypes and to build healthy relationships based on equality and respect.

The seminar is interactive and is implemented from 3 to 17 December online, through a series of 5 sessions. The selection of participants was done through an open call for applications, where the number of applications exceeded all expectations, with a final selection of 20 women, 5 from each country. The seminar is implemented with the contribution of the Cyprus Family Planning Association and the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies. The seminar is led by the Heads of the Cypriot Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, which consists of the NGO Support Centre and the Rooftop Theatre Group. The seminar will be take place again in February 2021, through a new call for applications. □



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

ORGANIZED FESTIVAL AND WORKSHOPS



Bosnia and Herzegovina activities

DIS THEATER Banja Luka, City Youth Theater Vitez, Stage Novi Grad, Youth Resource Center Tuzla (ORC) and Eco art Bugojno, during September, project activities during October and November 2020.

T R A N S F O R M Theater for Reconciliation and Stability Formation program

Program of Residential Art (Theater) Workshops Methodology: Innovative Creative Drama Techniques for Sharing Positive Intercultural Learning Experiences Affirming Tolerance, Understanding, and Reconciliation.

Age and locations of participants: 15 - 25 years

The participation of young actors (activists) coming from: Bihać, Drvar, Ljubinje, Trebinje, Travnik, Novi Travnik, Prijedor, Vitez, Mostar, Uskoplje, Bugojno, Tuzla, Novi Grad (Bosanski Novi), Zavidović, Brčko, Kostajnica and Banja Luka is also planned.

The expectations in this project were:

- Joint design, planning and implementation of art camps for civic education and theatre training for youth theatre leaders from B&H
- Explore creative processes that explore multicultural experiences, which can be applied as future peer training for members of youth theatre groups in their future work
- Facilitate mobility, communication and exchange of young artists / creators / activists and
- Designing and performing a joint play (platform) called "Wide Open Eyes"

Continuous communication of associates, group leaders, experts and participants to provide collaborative and partnership planning and coordination of all programs. Activities:

ALF Head of Network used an opportunity to held a session with the presentation of ALF, its aims, goals, an activities. As a result, three new organizations (from Bujno, Busovača and Vitez applied to be a members of the ALF BiH

The goals of the project are envisaged for the organization of four art camps in Kostajnica / Novi Grad, Bugojno, Vitez and Banja Luka. We organized a total of 14 days of art workshops (three preparatory and one final) (approx.: 160 people from 16 cities): 1. in Novi Grad (Bosanski Novi) / Bos. Kostajnica, (32 persons) / 3 days / 2. in Bugojno, (32 persons) / 3 days / 3. In Vitez (32 persons) / 3 days / the fourth camp will be held in Banja Luka - FINAL (80 persons from 16 cities who passed the preparatory workshops) during the last camp we performed a joint presentation of the work (play) based on the experiences developed in their environment. □

PREMIERE OF THE DOCUMENTARY "EFENDIJIN ZAVJET" ("EFENDI'S VOW")

The premiere of the documentary film "Efendijin zavjet" was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2020, in the premises of the National Theater in Tuzla. The script and direction are signed by Ljubiša Veljković, the director of photography and executive producer is Mirza Efendić, the music was composed by Elvis Sivčević, and Edis Žilić appears in the role of Meša Selimović.

The film is the work of the "Youth Resource Center Tuzla (ORC Tuzla) and CAT Bosnia and Herzegovina", and a large number of historians, Christian and Islamic religious officials, as well as descendants of Effendi Kurt, participated in its realization. One of the experts who made a significant contribution to the realization of this documentary is the historian Dejan Ristic.

The name of Tuzla's Mufti Kurt is inscribed in golden letters in the history of this area and is a synonym for sacrifice and it laid the foundation of coexistence we aspire to.

There are few people in the tragic and bloody history of the former Yugoslavia and present-day Bosnia and Herzegovina who deserve to have their name remembered and mentioned, such as the name of Muhamed Šefket ef. Kurt, who with his selfless efforts on Christmas Day 1942 saved a large number of Tuzla Serbs from the planned Ustasha massacre.

Efendija Kurt was born in 1879 in Travnik, where he finished elementary school. He studied in Istanbul and Damascus, and upon his return to BiH, he worked at the Travnik Madrasa and was the imam of the Hadži Alaj-beg mosque. In 1914, he became the mufti of Banja Luka, and from Banja Luka he was ex officio transferred to Tuzla in 1925, where he was the mufti until 1933, and three years later he retired.

As the Mufti of Tuzla, he participated in all social events and founded the first Muslim charity, Džejletu-l-hajr. He helped with the education of children. He is remembered for the saying: We are European Muslims and we can only survive in Europe if we study and educate ourselves. He died in Tuzla in 1963.

Mufti who prevented the massacre of Serbs

It was the beginning of 1942, when the Ustasha authorities in Tuzla devised a hellish plan. The idea was to blow up the local Orthodox Cathedral Uspenja Presvete Bogorodice in Tuzla on January 6, on Christmas Eve, and kill the gathered believers.

A punitive expedition through the Serbian town was to follow, in order to liquidate the remaining Tuzla Serbs, who did not

find themselves in the church at the time of the worship service being blown up.

But their plan was thwarted by Mufti Kurt.

The retired Mufti, the city's highest religious leader, Muhammad Šefket Effendi Kurt, then already at the age of 63, learned about the plan. He immediately went to the German commander of the place and conveyed to him the request of prominent Tuzla Muslims to prevent the massacre, threatening that the whole city would otherwise retreat into the woods, which meant joining the Partisan army.

The German command assessed the situation and concluded that it was in its interest to stop the Ustashas. Posters were displayed in the city warning that "no one should abuse, confiscate or destroy other people's property and touch the people who celebrate."

Mufti Kurt was probably aware that the Germans were guided by their own interest in making such a provision. That is why, in an effort to strengthen their demarche, he went to Zagreb, asking the Ustasha Minister of the Interior and Pavelić's right hand man, Andrija Artuković, not to touch the peaceful Serb population.

Šefket Effendi Kurt and Haži Hasanaga Pašić, the pre-war mayor of Tuzla, demanded that the Ustashas leave the Serbs in Tuzla alone. It was noted that the conversation was very unpleasant, full of mutual accusations, and that Artuković rehearsed the gun and threatened the Tuzla dignitaries.

However, they remained steadfast in their demands, and their argument was the same as in the conversation with the Germans - they will all pass to the partisans if their demands are not heeded.

His merits were pointed out by historian Dejan Ristić, who reminded on social media that the mufti, learning about the Ustasha plan, with a group of prominent Tuzla citizens asked for an urgent reception from the German commander Hohbajer and his deputy, Lieutenant Colonel Vista, from whom he asked to prevent the crime. , writes Politika.

"Thanks to the engagement of Mufti Kurt, there were no mass crimes in Tuzla. That is why the Yugoslav authorities awarded him the Order of Brotherhood and Unity of the First Order after 1945, even though he was a religious official from a rich family and, therefore, a "natural enemy of the proletariat", explains Dejan Ristić.


When Mufti Šefket ef. Kurt died in 1963 at the age of 84, Father Đorđe Jovanović gave a speech at his funeral, which

was attended by more than 10,000 people. According to the website, on that occasion, the "intimate and unusual request of Father Jovanović that he be the one who will go down to Effendi's grave before him, meet the coffin with Effendi's body and lay him in the grave (grave)" was answered.

Meša Selimović also wrote about that event, describing Mufti Kurt as a "dynamic, noble, fearless man" who pledged his "great reputation to save people from the Ustasha prison". The famous writer also stated that at the funeral of the effendi, among the numerous gathered, there were "mostly Serbs – villagers from the vicinity of Tuzla".

Unfortunately, today the name of the noble Šefket-effendi is mentioned very rarely, and his role in saving the Serbian population of Tuzla is of paramount importance.

You may see trailer of the movie here:

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CROATIA

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2020 IN CROATIA


The National Foundation for Civil Society Development, a Croatian HoN, launched a Call for the Expression of Interest on Nov 11, intended to establish cooperation of national HoNs with the National Foundation and the Anna Lindh Foundation in the field of education and knowledge exchange in the Euro-Mediterranean. The Call was focusing on a Training Program that will be offered by IMPACT: Euro-Mediterranean Academy of Philanthropy and Society Development, Zadar - Croatia, and is directed to National ALF member organisations.

As a result of the process, one application from each country with ALF National Network will be accepted - up to 41 in total. In case of receiving more applications from one country, providing that there are no applications from some other countries, it is possible to approve participation in the Training Programme for more than one person from the national ALF network (with the exception of the Republic of Croatia, where the procedure has already taken place).

The idea behind this Call was to open the possibility for people who are (potential or existing) change-makers in their local

communities to join the IMPACT Academy in order to learn, improve his/her abilities and chose among the relevant options for self-sustainability and the quality of life.

However, the selection process starts with the questionnaire (in English or French language) that is tailored in order to give the applicants a chance to share their view/experience in the related area. The best participants would then be selected, in cooperation between a relevant HoN and the National Foundation, leading to a training opportunity, be it online or physical one - depending on the situation.

The IMPACT: Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Philanthropy and Social Development was established in Zagreb, in order to implement the educational activities, mainly education and trainings (up-skilling) in the premises in both Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia. It is an officially registered educational institution, certified by the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia, and it started its operations. The Academy was founded by the European Foundation for Philanthropy and Society Development and supported by the National Foundation for Civil Society Development. The goal of the Academy is the education for the development of philanthropy, foundations, social innovations, local community, social entrepreneurship, digital civil society and cross-sectorial cooperation. The Academy offers official certificate to the scholars, that is to be issued by the Academy and that is recognised in all of the EU states. First activity of the Academy will be an educational pilot-program starting on 18 Jan 2021 for 41 participants in the framework of the ongoing programme entitled 'Community Potential'. 



CZECH REPUBLIC

INTERCULTURAL AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: ENRICHING FUTURE COMMUNITIES



05. 11. 2020 ONLINE



On November 5, 2020 the Institute of International Relations together with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the group of Prague-based ambassadors of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation countries and the Anna Lindh Foundation hosted the fifth annual conference on Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue, this year with the subtitle Building Future Communities. The conference sought to explore how diverse groups, as represented by the core audiences of academics, diplomats and NGOs, can react to the challenges and disruptions posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and how they can engage in building stronger and richer future communities. The third panel of the conference sought to discuss the role of civil society and youth in shaping the post-pandemic communities. Speaking first, H.E. Elisabeth Gigou highlighted the imperative of enhancing the interaction between the two shores of the Mediterranean Sea in order to counter the cultural wars between them and stressed the need to educate the youth to prevent the spread of disinformation and messages of violence and distrust. Dodik Aryanto warned that the pandemic has also exacerbated inequalities, and new divisions are reflected also in the rise of xenophobia, discrimination and ethno-cultural racism. The issue of disinformation and its potential effect in terms of supporting extremism and radicalisation was featured also in the intervention of Zinab Abdelfatah Zidan, who further introduced some initiatives aimed at countering the spread of fake news and hatred. Viet do Pham moved the discussion to the Czech context and the issue of the Czech Vietnamese minority, while pointing to various examples of pandemic solidarity on the part of this community. Finally, Jakub Můčka reflected on the impact of the present crises on the international society and underlined the importance of citizen-led initiatives aimed at education and tackling disinformation. □

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING FOR NGOS: WORKSHOP FOR ALF MEMBERS

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Anna Lindh Foundation
EUROMED

- FB BUSINESS MANAGER
- NASTAVOVÁNÍ PROPAGACE
- VYHODNOCOVÁNÍ REKLAM

PRO NEZISKOVÝ SEKTOR

➤ 10. - 11.12. 2020

ČT 14:00 - 17:00
PÁ 10:00 - 13:00

The Institute of International Relations, Prague as head of the Czech Network of Anna Lindh Foundation, organised on December 10 and 11, 2020 an online two-day workshop for NGOs attended by 15 participants, representing the Czech

network members. Specifically, the workshop aimed at the Facebook campaigns and their specificities. The workshop was customised based on the types of Facebook ads and diversity of profiles the NGOs run and their main pain-points. The workshop's main objective was to make NGOs more competitive with their messages in an online marketing environment. □

مؤسسة آنا ليند الشبكة المصرية

EGYPT

FIRST TRAINING GUIDE - OUR STEPS ARE ONGOING



Within the framework of the Egyptian Network Presidency's keenness to transfer opportunities and experiences and build the capabilities of the network's members, the Egyptian Network created a guide for civil society organizations to implement dialogue activities in light of social distancing policies, entitled "Our Continuous Steps" Where we find that due to the spread of the new Corona virus, remote activities have been resorted to, and therefore this guide tries to provide a comprehensive practical knowledge framework for civil society organizations concerned with implementing dialogue activities in order to help them continue to work under social distancing policies, as it provides alternatives and technology that allows the execution of all steps of the dialogue activities remotely and efficiently. You can find the guide in the following link: <https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/network-news/aldlyl-altdryby-alawl-khtwatna-mstmrt> □

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN NETWORK



Capacity building workshop

Within the framework of the Egyptian Network's keenness of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue, headed by the Partners for Transparency Foundation, to provide opportunities for communication and transfer of experiences with network members, and to enhance the role of the national network in achieving the goals of sustainable development; On Saturday, October 10, 2020, the network carried out a regional workshop for its members at the Oasis Hotel in Cairo, with the aim of enhancing their capabilities on how civil organizations can contribute to achieve the United Nations goals for sustainable development 2030. The members have been trained by Mr. Majed Hosni, President of the National Support Foundation, who stressed on the importance of implementing the goals of sustainable development. □

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS GUIDE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030

As Head of the Egyptian National Network of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Dialogue between Cultures, Partners for Transparency has created a guide on how civil society organizations can contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030. You can find the guide in the following link: <https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/network-news/dlyl-mnzmat-almjtm-almdney-llmsahmt-fy-tnfydh-ahdaf-altnmyt-almstdamt-2030> □

DIALOGUE BETWEEN DIFFERENT CULTURES REDUCES EXTREMISM



Debate on Dialogue between different cultures

Egyptian Network of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures, organized a youth debate entitled "Dialogue between different cultures reduces extremism" which held in Alexandria, attended by the youth from civil society institutions in Alexandria and Delta, the debate format provided a very good platform for two teams, one of them supporting the issue and the other team being the opponent of the issue. The supportive team started presenting the issue and defining concepts related to dialogue and extremism through the UN definitions, as well as identifying the axes on which its strategy will be based to prove the issue.

The opposing team presented its examples and arguments that dialogue may lead to an increase in extremism, and that is what is happening in terrorist groups. Each team worked to clarify its point of view with arguments and proofs, while clarifying that criticism is for the idea and not for people in raising the idea of constructive dialogue based on acceptance of the other. □

THE COMMITTEES MEETING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN NETWORK



Egyptian Network meeting

The Egyptian Network of the Ana Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue held a meeting of committees for members of the Egyptian Network on October 9, 2020 in Cairo governorate, the events began with an opening session of all specialized committees, after which each committee was meeting to develop a strategy for the next 3 months and the way the committee works, in the end was presented the results of the work of each committee before the rest of the committees to exchange experiences and to take suggestions and comments. □



FRANCE

VOIX DE FEMMES PRESS RELEASE

What if the women of the Mediterranean made their Voices heard, with all their strength, their stories and their dreams? "



Association Djazairoun des victimes du terrorisme

The "VOIX DE FEMMES" project in the Euro-Mediterranean aims to honor the freedom for women in the Mediterranean. This project will bring about unique and intense encounters between artists from neighboring cultures, will allow the plural feminine phrases of freedom, peace in a diversity of languages and literary, musical and graphic styles, to change the ghettos of silence into language territories from here and there. This international project was selected as part of the call for proposals from the Anna Lindh Foundation.

The establishment of this space for reflection and action should finally draw the attention of public opinion and decision-makers to the discrimination and violence suffered by women in the Mediterranean, also to their capacities for resistance and creativity.

The French Head of Network "Mediterranean Women Forum" has chosen several partners to make visible the creativity of women and their capacity for resistance: IEMed in Spain, We Love Sousse in Tunisia, Djazairouna in Algeria, Agir Ensemble in Morocco.

To carry out this project, the Forum Femmes Méditerranée and its partners produced a sexism kit in order to better understand discrimination, erase sexist prejudices, change mentalities and allow younger generations to live in a more democratic world. It has been translated into English and Arabic, and released on December 20, 2020.

The European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), in collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation, launched on December 15, 2020 the artistic collage competition "Gender equality collages for the future: transformations of the Euro-Mediterranean area". Through the artistic language of collage, participants are invited to highlight the complexities of gender equality in our present and / or to imagine scenarios and alternative strategies to overcome the difficulties accentuated by the pandemic. for an egalitarian future.

The deadline to apply is February 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. CET.

You will find the sexism kit and the call for the collage contest on the "Voix de Femmes" blog created for this project at the address below. This blog will be regularly updated in order to follow the progress of the project: <https://voixdefemmesfalrance.blogspot.com>. □

**"BODY VOICE" TRAINING INVITATION OCTOBER 15
MONTREUIL - SUPPORTED BY THE FRENCH NETWORK OF
THE ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION**



In the framework of providing support to the network members, the French Head of Network delivered a training on October 15, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This training was organized by Morena CAMPANI of the association Rexister and will take place at the Pianos, 26, rue Robespierre 93100 Montreuil □



Anna Lindh Stiftung Deutsches Netzwerk

GERMANY

LEARNING TOGETHER: FIRST THREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN NETWORK IN 2020 CONCLUDED



Learning together - online workshop

Learning Together: first three online workshops organised by members of the German network in 2020 concluded

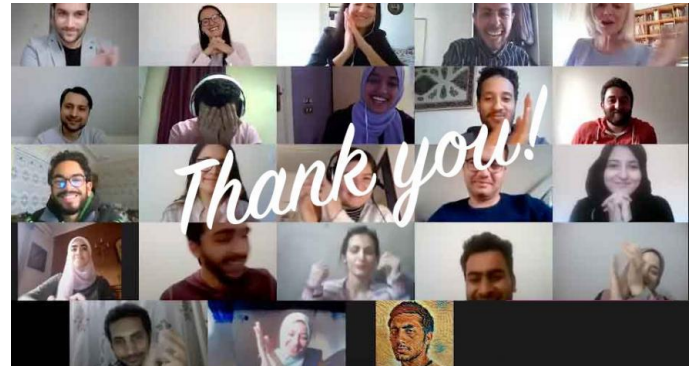
In the spirit of further promoting the cooperation, expert knowledge and learning exchange initiatives of ALF members, the German network started a new series of interactive online workshops organised by members of the German ALF network for all members of the ALF. The first part of the series was successfully concluded in 2020, the third session took place in October as follows:

Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 (5pm- 7p.m. CET)

The topic of the workshop focused on the integration of people with a migration background who hold professional qualifications or other valuable credentials that are not recognized in Germany. In this regard, Anne Gueller-Frey presented the Network "Integration through Qualification" (IQ), which works on improving employment opportunities for people with a migration background in Germany. The Network IQ works also on transnational activities together with European and international partners.

The series will be continued in 2021. Please follow us on ZAK | Research - Anna Lindh Foundation (kit.edu) and on Facebook. [📌](#)

A THANK YOU MESSAGE TO THE TEAM AND ALL PARTICIPANTS OF ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGE, DEBATE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES!



Thank you message - Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange

The German ALF-coordinator wants to thank all the participants and the entire team of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange activities! ZAK, Centre for Cultural and General Studies at KIT, is proud to have successfully contributed as a third party to the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange programme from 2018 till 2020. The online Debate Exchange activity involved many young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region either as Debate Team Leaders or as Debate Participants. The most debated topics in this year were the impact of Covid-19, online learning, migration, human rights, racism, climate change, mental illnesses, artificial intelligence, and multiculturalism.

Overall, in 2020, Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange offered nine online debate cycles starting from February and ending in November 2020. In addition to the regular debate cycles, two Euro-Med Debate Online Competitions were organised in April and August 2020.

The Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange initiative was launched in 2018, with the aim to offer young people the opportunity to engage in an intercultural learning experience online. Three years later, we have fascinating stories, experiences, and insights to share.

At the #ErasmusVirtual closing event, #VirtualExchange experts, educators, youth workers and university staff are announcing findings, reflecting on lessons learned and celebrating the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange achievements. Please find the recordings of the final event [here](#). [📌](#)

GERMAN COORDINATOR AS PANELIST IN EUROMED CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUES



Euromed civil society dialogues

The first Euro-Med Civil Society Dialogue Webinar organised by the [Center for International and European Studies \(CIES\)](#) took place on 22 December with the participation of Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha from ZAK | Centre for Cultural and General Studies at KIT, Karlsruhe.

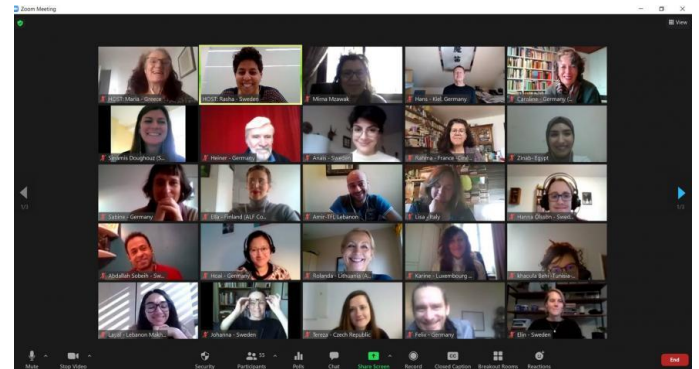
The conversation with the Anna Lindh Foundation Heads of Network and coordinators from Germany, Lebanon, Tunisia, and Greece revolved around the state of Civil Society in the EuroMediterranean Region.

The session was moderated by Dimitris Triantaphyllou from the Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, with the participation of the panellists:

- Zeina El-Hage, Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO (LNCU), Beirut
- Anis Boufrikha, We Love Sousse, Tunis
- Stefanos Vallianatos, Hellenic Foundation for Culture, Athens.

The Webinar's video can be watched [here](#). □

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY FORUM: GERMAN NETWORK AS A PARTNER



Celebrating our diversity forum

For the third year, the Swedish network organised [Celebrating Our Diversity](#) forum on 24-25 November 2020 (via Zoom). **The Forum** brought together more than 60 members and alumni of the Anna Lindh Foundation in the 42 Euro-Med countries. The German network as well as the Finnish and the Lebanese networks were partners in this initiative of the Swedish network. 13 members of the German network participated actively in the inspiring online event that was facilitated by Maria Scordialos and Rasha Shaaban.

The programme included a world cafe round and reflections on "what did I learn about myself and my work during the pandemic?" We shared opportunities and challenges of our intercultural dialogue working during the pandemic times, and we concluded with sharing our dreams for the EuroMed region in 2045 (Barcelona+50). Participants exchanged good practices on how to build inclusive, sustainable and intercultural cities especially in post pandemic societies. Dimitrios Cavouras from the Anna Lindh Foundation gave a presentation on the ALF networks work.

The next edition of the forum is scheduled to take place in Germany in 2021. □

GERMAN NETWORK'S CONTRIBUTION TO YMV COMMUNICATION LAB



The German networks members Kreisau-Initiative e.V. and CRISP contributed to the Young Mediterranean Voices' 2020 edition of the Communications Lab that took place virtually from 7 to 11 December. The event was organised by the [Anna Lindh Foundation](#), in partnership with the [Center for Mediterranean Integration](#), on the occasion of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Lab focused on the development of youth-led creative communication initiatives to challenge extremist narratives in the digital world. CRISP facilitated a session on "Simulation Gaming and Conflict Resolution", while Kreisau-Initiative e.V. offered a "Values-based Communications Workshop".

The aim was to leverage youth-led dialogue and exchange to shape digital narratives. The group, formed by young influencers and civil society workers, from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean, emerged from the workshop with a set of project campaign ideas that were presented in a public online event which can still be watched [here](#).

CRISP is an independent non-profit organization based in Berlin, which develops projects, facilitates trainings and conducts consultancies in the fields of conflict transformation, civic education and citizen's participation.

The [Kreisau-Initiative e.V.](#) aims at initiating activities based on the ideas of the Kreisau Circle and Central and Eastern Europe opposition movements to connect people of different origins through active remembrance, mutual perception and constructive creation. □

EUROMED CITIZEN REPORTERS STILL OPEN FOR PARTICIPATION!



Ms Swenja Zarembo - Campaign

Every active citizen of the region is still invited to take part in the storytelling project "We are still here! EuroMed Citizen Reporters" that was launched by the ALF President Madame Elisabeth Guigou on the occasion of the ALF activities during the German EU Presidency. ZAK, as coordinator of the German network of Anna Lindh Foundation, runs this project in cooperation with the Candid Foundation, with the support of the German Federal Foreign Office. With this video project, ZAK aims to give citizens of the EuroMed region the

opportunity to take part in a citizen journalist campaign by sharing voices and views in the current situation of Covid-19. One central element of the project is the future prospect for challenges and opportunities for civil society during and after the pandemic by showcasing small "utopias", local initiatives that give hope. The released videos can be watched on the website: <https://www.euromedcitizenreporters.org>. If you want your voice to be heard in this context, please send an email to alf-koordination@zak.kit.edu. □

ALF ACTIVITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GERMAN EU PRESIDENCY



In the framework of the German EU Presidency and on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Process, several events took place on 2nd December 2020: The Launch of the Intercultural Trends Survey and the Public Policy Forum on Youth and Civil Society in the Euro-Mediterranean region, with the participation of Caroline Robertson-von Trotha as one of the panelists. The activities were organised by the Anna Lindh Foundation in partnership with the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Goethe Institute and ZAK as Heads of the ALF German Civil Society Network, and Deutsche Welle as main media partner.

If you missed the events, you can watch the recordings of the [Launch of the Intercultural Trends Survey](#) and the [Public Policy Forum](#) on YouTube. □

“WE ARE STILL HERE! EUROMED CITIZEN REPORTERS” - WEBSITE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED!



Poster - We Are Still Here

The virtual storytelling project “We are still here! EuroMed Citizen Reporters” has been officially launched!

The [link to the website](#) has been presented by Mme Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation in a virtual opening ceremony as final part of the event [Policy Dialogues of the Anna Lindh Foundation](#) on 2nd December 2020.

ZAK as coordinator of the German network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, in cooperation with the Candid Foundation, will gather civil societies’ views in citizen journalist campaign about life during the current pandemic and on prospects after the Covid-19 period.

Covid-19 is spreading simultaneously in Europe and in the neighbouring MENA region. It affects every single citizen in the Euro-Mediterranean area – not only in his or her private lives, but also in their work in and for society.

Civil society actors are attentive observers of the public discourse and important contemporary witness of what is happening in their society. While the media primarily provides information from an overarching perspective, we believe that individual active citizens can provide an immediate, authentic, and more detailed grassroots view of this new global situation and of developments in their local societies. We invite citizens of the EuroMed region to take part in a citizen journalist campaign by sharing voices and views on how they have adapted to the new norm and which local initiatives give hope in this situation. We want to understand the state of civil society activism, learn about new ways of active citizenship, activism and participation, and we want to collect examples for social initiatives at the grass-roots level that support the community small “utopias”, that were put into practice locally throughout the region. The outlook on future challenges and opportunities for civil society in the period during and after Covid-19 is a central element of the project.

The new video format, therefore, allows civil society actors from the EuroMed region to express their voices, experiences, and views.

The videos are planned to be released clip by clip using the channels of the Anna Lindh Foundation and Candid Foundation, starting in December 2020.

Visit [EuroMed Citizen Reporters](#) and stay tuned for further information!

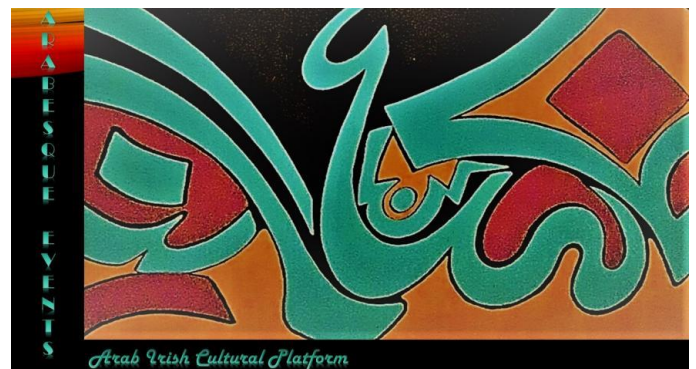
The official Launch of the Website took place on 2nd December 2020, if you missed the event, you can see it [here](#) - the festive launch of the website can be seen in the last 10 minutes of the video.

The project is supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. □



IRELAND

WORLD ARABIC LANGUAGE DAY IN DUBLIN; BORDER CROSSINGS (UK), SISTER COMPANY IN IRELAND, IS A NEW MEMBER OF THE IRISH NETWORK



Poster - World Arabic Language Day

World Arabic Language Day was established by UNESCO in 2010 and is observed annually on 18th December. Since 2018, Ireland has celebrated this event to celebrate the language and promote its cultural diversity. Arabesque Events, a member of the Irish network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, organizes these events under the rubric ‘Arabesque Events’ with the aim of bringing East and West together through the sharing of traditions and culture. In 2020, on December 18th, this was done via a new Arabic video conferencing/concert streaming facility.

Border Crossings (UK) has been a member of the ALF for many years, and was funded by the ALF for a project with Palestine in 2014. They have created a sister company in Ireland and joined the Irish network in December 2020. The organization has twenty-five years of experience in intercultural performance, curation, and community work. The company works across borders between cultures and art forms, and between nations and peoples. Border Crossings advocates for

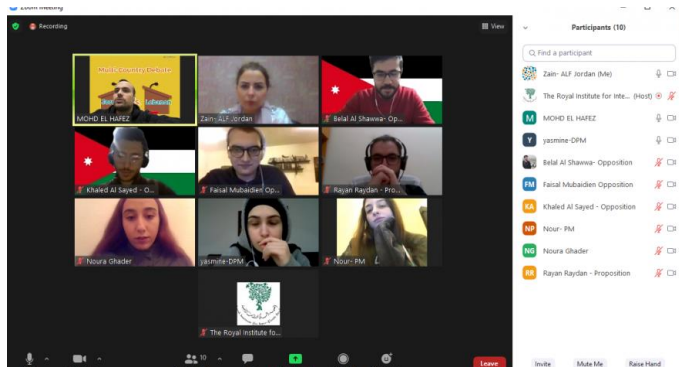
a universally accessible approach to cultural work, with particular stress on:

- **Social Integration.** Border Crossings works with artists and international cultural partners to make theatre and other cultural outputs that reflect the increasingly multicultural and international nature of Irish society.
- **International Collaboration.** Border Crossings works with partners across the European Union and beyond to develop innovative new approaches to theatrical and cultural creation, participation, and learning.
- **Participation and Education.** Border Crossings works closely with the diverse communities of contemporary Ireland, both within the education system and at a grassroots community level, to enable wide and varied participation in cultural activities, regardless of ethnic and cultural identity, religious beliefs, and socio-economic background. □



JORDAN

MULTI-COUNTRY DEBATE



Multi-country debate - Jordan

On the 29th of December, the Jordanian network of the Anna Lindh Foundation held a Multi-Country Virtual Debate between Jordan and Lebanon.

Intellect and debate society, one of the Jordanian Network members, gathered a team and using the Asian Format, the debaters debated the following motion:

“In times of pandemics, this house would significantly relax the minimum safety and efficacy standards required for the approval of treatments and vaccines. Including but not limited to measures such as; waiving medium-term & long-term safety testing, accepting drugs that did not yet show superior

outcomes compared to existing treatments, allowing more severe side-effects than those that are usually permitted”.

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LITHUANIA

WE ARE COMMUNITY. WE CREATE IT TOGETHER.



Poster- Festival Labas

Festival "LABAS! 2020" overcame the challenges and crossed virtual borders to bring children aged 0-6 a week of diverse activity online, and a few in person from 20-27 September in Lithuania.

Dalia Mikoliunaite of Teatrukas Theatre in Lithuania and Clodhna Noonan of Acting Up! Arts in Ireland have been international partners of this early year's project event for six years now. They met at Assitej World Congress in Warsaw and have enjoyed an incredible collaboration since then! They tried to bring the programme to fruition and to involve international guests as they had planned to do. They made a decision to try to use zoom for one purpose only - to be the portal by which the artist met the kids. Luckily, during the festival week in Lithuania, crèches and kindergartens were still open. In this project, they presented four types of experience: Live interactive sessions - on the spot problems needing to be solved in a live session (dance and theatre), pre-recorded

storytelling with arts activities which made the listening interactive, if not live. (Storytelling and meditation for babies), live stream performance - YouTube live experiences where the artists did not interact with children and the screen became the live stage for the children. (Music and Theatre performances from Belgium and Germany), workshops with the leader on screen (visual arts) and the children using the same materials as the artists. It took a team of four to six people to bring each international event to the children. Once these elements were in place, a festival progressed day by day and a first time experience for everyone was delivered and enjoyed. As we all face an uncertain future, we must remember why we do what we do ... we want to reach the children. As a community of Labas! Artists we feel strongly that this is what we did.

WE ARE COMMUNITY. WE CREATE IT TOGETHER! □

DDG AND ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION LITHUANIA NETWORK IMPLEMENTED THE THIRD "INTERCAP" NATIONAL TRAINING SESSION

On July 2-3, 2020, Diversity Development Group in cooperation with Anna Lindh Foundation (Lithuania network) implemented the third training session by the international project "InterCap".

The two-day seminar held by the lecturer Jogaila Vaitekaitis was attended by 19 participants, namely – by the teachers' trainers and instructors from education institutions and non-governmental organizations membering the Lithuanian network of Anna Lindh Foundation.

While topics of migration, (in) security, sustainable development, and global education were of central importance during discussions and interactive tasks, participants were also introduced to new participatory learning methods, firmly supported by the e-platform launched in the framework of broad-based project aims.

In addition, the trainees were intensely exposed to controversial issues and tried out a number of trendy tools designed to maintain a well-informed, inclusive and respectful exchange of experiences or opinions. It is expected that the training material will be conveniently applied while implementing the following "InterCap" activities, namely the workshops intended to be attended by the pre- and in-service teachers. □

مؤسسة آنا ليند الشبكة الفلسطينية



PALESTINE

THE "YOUNG MEDITERRANEAN VOICES PROGRAMME" CONCLUDES THE NATIONAL DEBATE FORUM 2020



YMV Debate - Palestine

*Discussed the "CEDAW" agreement in its final sessions
The "Young Mediterranean Voices programme" concludes the National Debate Forum 2020*

Over a period of six days, the "Young Mediterranean Voices" programme concluded its National Debate Forum 2020 with the participation of 100 debaters from different governorates. This is a regional project jointly organized by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the British Council, and co-funded by the European Union.

The programme aims to develop the skills and seeks opportunities in holding youth-led debates that contribute to enriching constructive and democratic dialogue, transferring the debate from the state of hypothetical speeches and recommendations to practical application on the ground. It also seeks to invite decision-makers to hear the participants' opinions on such issues, their proposed solutions and to what extent these recommendations can be implemented in an effective manner in reality.

Forum Rounds

A total of 500 youth from different governorates joined trainings and workshops, where they participated in a number of serial training workshops, followed by several field visits. A group of 100 participants later qualified for the six final rounds that took place over a number of sessions held between 19.11.2020 and 28.11.2020.

Delivering the voice of youth to decision-makers

Mr. Osama Abu Arafah, the YMV Project Manager in Palestine, believes that in addition to the experiences acquired by the participants, it is very essential to communicate the outcomes and decisions of the programme to decision-makers. "Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the training and workshops have been limited to virtual communication sessions via Zoom.

The involvement of the civil society institutions in the final session

The final debate focused on the saying, "This House Believes That the implementation of CEDAW is the most effective solution to protect the rights of Palestinian women".

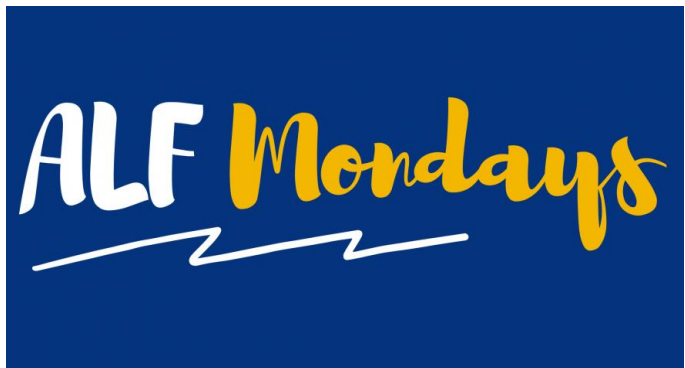
Partner institutions as well engaged in the session including: The Youth Development Resource Center – Hebron, Burj Al-Luqluq Social Center Society - Jerusalem, The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Unit –Birzeit University, the Society for Community Development and Continuous Education at Palestine Al-Ahliyya University, Al-Awdeh Center - Tulkarm, Khatwa Community Development Association - Jenin and Nablus Municipality Cultural Center - Hamdi Manko.

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TUNISIA

LAUNCH OF ALF MONDAYS



Poster - ALF Mondays

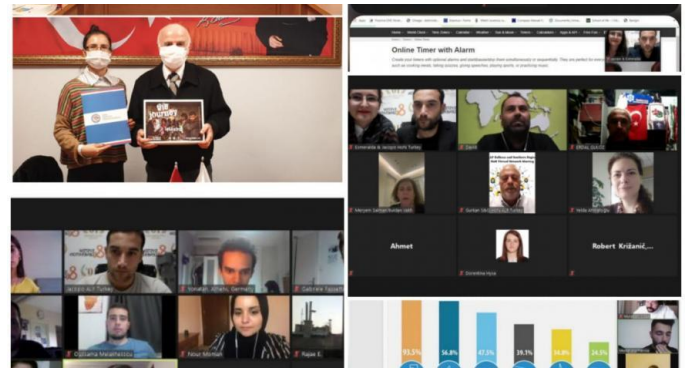
As part of the activities of the Tunisian network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, a new initiative has been launched: the "ALF Mondays"! What is that? This is a series of webinars welcoming major players in national and international civil

society to create a space for learning and sharing of expertise. Why? The ultimate objective is to develop the skills of the members of the Tunisian ALF network and to offer them interesting networking possibilities. How to register? New appointments are always shared through our social networks. In order not to miss our next sessions. Follow us on: Facebook: Anna Lindh Foundation Tunisia Instagram: FAL Tunisia. □



TURKEY

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020 BY HON TURKEY



Turkish Network Activities

HON Turkey continues carrying out activities by engaging National Members of ALF Turkey to keep the Network active and vivid. Given the restrictions put in place due to the pandemic, these activities have been mostly organized virtually but also some small scale activities have taken place such as field visits by eventually avoiding gatherings of big groups. In short, the activities that have been implemented from October to December 2020 by ALF HoN Turkey are as below:

1. Multi-Country Debate #3

On the 28th of October 2020, ALF HoN Turkey hosted virtually the Multi-Country Debate #3 in the frame of the future of civil society and Intercultural trends, with the joint participation of debaters, observers and judges from Albania, Italy, Georgia, Pakistan, Turkey, Algeria, North Macedonia and Spain. The motion of the debate was 'THBT Human Activity is not primarily responsible for Global Climate Change'. The debaters presented valuable arguments and discussed the motion from different angles. The winners of this debate were the

Opposition Team, represented by Hana and Patricia, respectively from Georgia and Spain.

2. Field visit #4, Ankara

On the 20th of November, 2020, HoN of the Anna Lindh Foundation Turkey organized field visit #4 at the premises of 'Non-Violent Society Organization' Şiddetsiz Toplum Derneği), in Ankara, Turkey. The visit offered the opportunity of having a better knowledge of the common interests between the Anna Lindh Foundation and Non-Violent Society Organization. In addition, the participants could discuss the chance to:

- Partnership building at local, national, and international level;
 - Latest updates of ALF Network;
 - Introducing possible funding opportunities;
- The attendees, exchanged the best practices of each organization, emphasizing common goals and planning future projects and activities to strengthen ALF values and keep the strong commitment in the fight against injustices and violence.

3. Multi-country Debate #4

On the 24th of November 2020, ALF HoN Turkey organized virtually the Multi-Country Debate #4 in the frame of the future of civil society and Intercultural trends, with the joint participation of debaters, observers, and judges from Indonesia, Portugal, Albania, Italy, Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Algeria, Romania, North Macedonia, and Spain.

The motion of the debate was THBT '**We should invest more in nuclear power rather than in green energy**'. The debaters made gave interesting overviews and convincing arguments, a fact that made it difficult for the judges while taking the decision. The observers shared their opinion related to the topic and offering the perspectives of the background where they come from.

The winners of the debate were Muratcan (Turkey) and Oussama (Algeria) representing the Opposition Team.

4. ALF Balkans and southern region HoN Virtual Network Meeting

On 26th November 2020, ALF HoN Turkey hosted the 'ALF Balkans and Southern Region HoN Virtual Network Meeting'. The meeting registered the participation of Heads of Networks from the Balkan and Southern Region, following the below agenda:

- Opening Speech & Welcoming of the participants;
- Mapping the realities regarding the operational aspects of the CSOs during the Covid-19 pandemic;
- Sharing best practices on the National Network Coordination;
- Partnership development within the National Network

Members and how this has affected the internal cohesion and joint mobilization of the National Network;

- Inter-Network Communication and Consultation;

Q&A session;

Closing Speech;

End of the ALF Balkans and Southern Mediterranean Region HoN Virtual Network Meeting.

All the participants offered an exhaustive overview of their engagement as HoN at the national level, shared best practices and challenges faced during the year 2020 taking into account mostly the difficulties that arose by the pandemic.

It's worth to mention that the meeting served as a bridge to further strengthen the ties and cooperation between the HoNs.

5. Field visit #5

On 21st December 2020, HoN Turkey conducted the 5th field visit at the premises of Lykia Scouting and Nature Sports Club Association (LIDOSK) in Antalya, Turkey. This visit endeavored to offer the chance to further promote ALF values and foster the collaboration between the National Members. The participants shared the best practices of this year, challenges, and ongoing projects and activities. It is worth mentioning that this field visit served as a stepping stone for the organizations to initiate joint projects and activities at the national and international scale.

The full list of activities (with further explanations and photos) carried out by the ALF HoN Turkey can be accessed through [this link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jr8thnasL9D5825IYTog2s2dM18pK0kk/view?usp=sharing):

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- Networks Officer at the Anna Lindh Foundation (2020 - January 2021)
- Senior Community Empowerment Associate at Caritas Egypt (May 2018 – September 2019)
- Former Field Delegate at the International Committee of Red Cross (August 2016 - October 2016)
- Former Assistant to the Ambassador at the Embassy of Canada Qatar (July 2015 - July 2016)
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