

Concept note

Background

Cities as laboratory of intercultural dialogue are in the frontline in promoting diversity management, inclusiveness, social cohesion, and sustainable development. This vision is aligned with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and more in particular with SDG 11 to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

A systemic action originating at the city level to address increasing phenomena of racism, xenophobia, discrimination, cultural polarization and growing social inequalities are made even more relevant in the post-Covid 19 context where mobility limitations and social distancing to contain contagion constrained the possibility for direct engagement and interaction between people.

The relevance for addressing intercultural dialogue at the city level has been reiterated by the Anna Lindh Foundation's research on Intercultural Trends and in different surveys that have been conducted among the more than 4500 ALF Network members from the 42 countries from both shores of the Mediterranean.

About the EuroMed Capital for Dialogue Award

The EuroMed Capital for Dialogue Award is an initiative of the Anna Lindh Foundation as the first institution created for the promotion of intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The EuroMed Capital for Dialogue Award is conceived as an international recognition for cities that have implemented or initiated intercultural policies and actions and have a vision to enhance cultural diversity, intercultural relations and EuroMed collaborations with the collaboration of different stakeholders. The awarded Capital would also be a reference to inspire dialogue work at the local and regional level in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The Award aims to acknowledge multicultural cities and cities which have a vision, which implement intercultural policies and support intercultural initiatives and EuroMed social and cultural collaborations.

20 Euro-Med Capital 21 for Dialogue Award

30 November 16:00 – 17:30 CET
Online award ceremony contributing
to the Day of the Mediterranean

Award Ceremony - Agenda

In the framework of the International Day of the Mediterranean, the ALF organises on the side of the UFM Regional Forum, the official bestowing Ceremony of the EuroMed Capital for Dialogue Award 2021.

Date: 30 November 2021 – 16h00 to 17h30 CET

Virtual format with live broadcasting via a specific web-platform and via the ALF Facebook page.

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| 16h00 - 16h40 | <p>Opening remarks and announcement of EuroMed Capital for Dialogue 2021
HRH Princess Rym Ali, Anna Lindh Foundation</p> <p>Successful stories of dialogue at the city level</p> <p>Nicos Nicolaides, Mayor of Limassol – EuroMed Capital for Dialogue 2021</p> <p>Mario Kordić, Mayor of Mostar – EuroMed Capital for Dialogue 2021</p> |
| 16h40 – 17h20 | <p>Debate on Intercultural dialogue at the city level moderated by Josep Ferré, Anna Lindh Foundation</p> <p>Béatrice Taulègne, Director – European Committee of the Regions ARLEM</p> <p>Hedi Jallouli, Head of International Cooperation, WeYouth – Tunisia</p> <p>Jacopo Cimmino, Project Manager, System Generation – Turkey</p> <p>Aliki Moschis-Gauguet, member of the ALF Advisory Council and President and Founder of FAM Network - Greece</p> |
| 17h20 – 17h30 | <p>Concluding remarks by Jean-Marie Moreau, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South - European Commission and Eleonora Insalaco, Head of Operations and Intercultural Research – Anna Lindh Foundation</p> |