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Let's Make the Networks Great Again

We are delighted to share with you the first edition of our *Network News*, a bi-monthly newsletter, where we plan to feature current and upcoming activities taking place in the 42 networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation. Here, you will find information about Network Meetings, Project-related activities, calls for proposals and for participation, trainings, conferences, and other activities.

Our aim is to increase the communication flow and visibility of the different Network's activities for an efficient exchange of knowledge and news. So, please keep us posted with your latest Network Activities, news and photos that include the ALF visibility. Your feedback to improve the Network News are mostly welcome, your opinion matters to us.

The first edition of *Network News* includes activities which took place in November and the first half of December.

As the end of the year approaches, we enter into the final stage of the IV Phase of the Anna Lindh Foundation, which will mark 12 years of working towards dialogue across the two shores of the Mediterranean. In this important period, we believe that the *Network News* will link all of us together for an even better cooperation across borders. The Networks' Team: Dimitrios, Fatma, Mai, Paulina and Rana look forward to a close collaboration with the 42 Heads of Network and the roughly 4500 Network members, to co-organizing many fruitful activities and to a peaceful 2017.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a happy new year - Season's Greetings!

Capacity Building Activity and Meeting of the Turkish ALF Network



One of the 3 ALF coordinators of the Turkish Network, the Third Sector

Foundation of Turkey (TUSEV) hosted a Network Meeting combined with a Capacity Building Activity on the 11th and 12th of November in Ankara. During the two days long event, a training on Social impact analysis for CSOs was organized. As part of this training, participants discussed “social impact”, “social impact management” and ways to create a “social impact culture” among CSOs.

Participants learned about the basics of social impact management while working on different case studies. In this Network Meeting, participants were informed about the current situation of their Network, the ongoing projects and priorities of ALF that were discussed in the Malta Forum. A new website of the Turkish ALF Network was presented and members were encouraged to use it more actively. The priorities of the participants for the future activities of the Network and their proposals to the consortium coordinators of the Turkish ALF Network were also highlighted and addressed.

Spanish ALF Network Meeting and Capacity Building in Barcelona

On 16 and 17 November 2016 the XVII Meeting of the ALF Spanish Network took place in Barcelona. The event brought together about 60 people from different organizations and was attended by Dimitrios Cavouras and Paulina Raduchowska from the Networks Unit of the ALF Secretariat in Alexandria. It included Capacity Building trainings, thematic working group sessions and the Annual Assembly of the Spanish Network.



The meeting was opened by the Executive Committee, the IEMed and the Network Manages from the ALF Secretariat, followed by a training session on the “Motivation, design, elaboration, management and justification of international projects”, delivered by the Magenta Consultoría and Espirals - Entitat de Serveis. In the afternoon, the participants met in the four thematic groups into which the Network is classified: Intercultural Education and Learning, Culture and Art, Areas for Citizenship and Media. This was an opportunity to discuss the work done throughout the year, as well as for the associations of the Network working in the same areas to meet face to face.

The next morning, Jovesolides (a member of the Spanish Network) delivered workshops on creating projects, based on the methodology of SCPS (Creative Solutions for Social Problems). The participants, divided into four different thematic groups - Youth, Gender, Cultural Dynamics and Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue - interacted with one another. The well-received, highly participatory training, allowed for a fostering of new synergies that will serve as scenarios for possible future new projects.

During the closing session, the Annual Assembly of the Spanish Network reviewed conceptual and economic aspects of Step 7 and discussed important topics, such as the sustainability of the Network, the results of the evaluation survey carried out by the members, working in thematic groups (Clusters) and the conclusions of the ALF Med Forum in Malta and the 5 + 5 Dialogue meeting in Marseille.



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Network Meeting of the German ALF Network



On the 25th and 26th of November, the German ALF Network organized a Network Meeting which was hosted by one of its member association: *boat people projekt*.

Boat people projekt which is an award winning theatre company with a focus on themes as “escapes and migration” invited the German ALF Head of Network to organize its Meeting in their stage area. Today the building, where the stage and office of *boat people projekt* is located, is also used

as a Refugee’s lodging which gave the event a very unique and authentic atmosphere. The thematic focus of the meeting was on the following three themes: Diaspora, Interculturality and Integration.

After an opening speech by Caroline Robertson-von Trotha (co-head of the ALF German Network) and Swenja Zaremba (coordinator of the ALF HoN Germany), the members got the opportunity to find cooperation partners – national as well as international – and new project initiatives. Members presented their offers, projects and ideas to potential partners. In preparation of the Network meeting the Head of Network initiated a new form of finding partners for cooperation among members across the ALF National Networks: They sent an inquiry, which included a matchmaking form in four languages, to the ALF National Networks and the feedback was very positive.

In addition to that, one of the “traditional” element of the German network meetings took place during the afternoon; four members organizations introduced their organizations and presented their current projects. This was considered as a great opportunity for members to get to know each other. In the evening, The participants visited *boat people projekt*’s recent play: “HILFE! Ein Stück über Grenzwerte” (HELP! A play about critical values).

On the second day, a workshop on Capacity Building was offered to the members by Elisabeth Lenz, a fundraising expert. The workshop familiarized the members with methods and techniques to attract sponsors and supporters, which was one of the most desired subjects by the members of the German ALF Network.

Network Meeting followed by a Musical Evening in Luxembourg

The Luxembourg ALF Network decided to organize an evening with high visibility through which the Network can attract new potential members.

In this framework, a concert was held on the 7th of December and was organized by The Centre Culturel de Rencontre Abbaye de Neumünster (Head of Network in Luxembourg).

The concert consisted of a meeting between singer and sax player Cumali Bulduk, sax and flute player Manuel Hermia and percussionist Stephan Pougin. This concert marked a major step in the Turkish traditional music while respecting the diversity of the musical traditions and backgrounds of the three artists.

In order to prepare the content of this evening of cultural and musical exchange, the Head of Network invited the members to gather for a consultation meeting on the content and the conduct of this event. A presentation of the ALF, its mission and, programmes as well as the Luxembourg ALF Network, its composition and NIA project: “Welcome to Paradise” project was disseminated by the Head of Network to the attendants.

This meeting was also an opportunity to compile a list of associations and institutions to be invited as members to the Network. The invitations was sent by the Head of Network on the same day to 50 new potential members.



The Czech Network Meeting in Prague

The annual meeting of the Czech ALF Network took place on December 8th, in the premises of the Institute of International Relations in Prague (The Head of Network institution).

This is the first Network National Assembly Meeting since Ms. Pavla Začalová has officially assumed the role of coordinator of the Czech Network last October.

The agenda of the meeting included updating the members about the ALF Network state and upcoming events and initiatives, the Czech ALF National Network situation, the members' contacts and organizational information.



This meeting was also a great opportunity to debate about the new Network website and to discuss the expected goals of the upcoming Capacity Building Activity of the Network which is planned to be held on January/February 2017.

Members decided that a special page will be created in the National Network website, providing space for announcement of the members' events and initiatives and for sharing demands and offers to effectively use

resources and expand possibilities of activities.

By the end of the meeting, the Network members expressed their enthusiasm and their will to re-start the Czech ALF National Network, providing a lot of ideas for mutual cooperation and collaboration and exchanging contacts between each other.

Swedish Network Meeting in Malmö



On the 8th of December, few members from the ALF Network in Sweden gathered in Malmö for a final Network meeting. The meeting was joined by representatives from other organizations such as Kvinna Till Kvinna, STPLN, Södra Communityteatern and Youth to Youth Initiative (member of the Lithuanian Network).

During the meeting, participants shared information about their work and explored possible opportunities for future collaboration. Two members presented briefly their projects which recently received funding from the ALF through the call for proposals scheme

Network Meeting of the Hungarian ALF Network

The Network Meeting of the Hungarian ALF Network was held on 9th of December in the heart of Budapest, at DocuArt. This event was important to resume the Hungarian ALF Network's activity in 2016 and to debate about the recommendations and outcomes of the MedForum in Malta. Network Members and participants of the Translation for Dialogue Conference held in Slovenia (23-24 June 2016) were invited to this meeting.

This Network Meeting was an occasion to evaluate the Hungarian Network's *Art as a Medium Festival* event in all its aspects (preparation, realization and impact).

Through this Festival, the Hungarian ALF Network succeeded in implementing: 51 programs in 4 locations and 3 cities with 600 visitors. 15 members of the Network participated in the preparation and the implementation of this event.



The Hungarian Network decided to continue organizing events similar to this festival in the upcoming years since they are perfect to reach direct and indirect beneficiaries.

Komlósi Orsolya (coordinator of the Hungarian Network) proposed to create thematic clusters for the Hungarian Network. This suggestion was welcomed by the members who agreed to work in thematic groups which will assure the flow of information and the efficiency and sustainability of the Hungarian Network.



General Assembly of the Italian ALF Network in Naples

On the 10th of November, the Fondazione Mediterraneo (Head of Network) organized a General Assembly for the Italian ALF Network which was composed of representatives from different institutions and organizations in Italy.



The agenda - prepared by the Steering Committee - was developed around the recommendations and conclusions of the MED FORUM, the 15th Heads of Networks Meeting in Malta (23-26 October 2016) and the 5 + 5 Civil Society Meeting in Marseille (28 October 2016)

The Assembly was attended by 75 members of the Italian ALF Network and also by the Maltese Head of Network coordinator Cynthia Tomasuolo, with whom joint activities

between the two networks have been planned.

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Youth visit to the Italian ALF Network in the Museum of Peace

More than one hundred youth accompanied by their parents visited the Museum of peace in the Fondazione Mediterraneo (Head of Network institution in Italy) on the 18th of November 2016, in Naples, Italy.



The proposals on youth that were arisen by the General Assembly of the ALF Italian Network on the 10th of November were concretely demonstrated by this visit of exchange and intercultural dialogue.

The event was organized by the *Intercultura* organization which is a historical association that for half a century promotes exchanges of youth around the world.

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The Portuguese ALF Network present in the Lisbon Forum



Established by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Lisbon Forum is a distinctive platform bringing together high-level participants from Europe and neighbouring regions to share experience, good practice and expertise. The themes of the Forum were closely related to the core mission of the Council of Europe: to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

This year, the event took place at the Ismaili Centre from 24th to 25th of November. The Portuguese ALF Network was present taking part in the debates.

The Forum was organized around plenary sessions, roundtables and workshops and included activities that aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the global dimension of the migration crisis. It focused on enhancing cooperation at regional and international level for the management of this key issue through exchange of experience and good practice between national/regional/local structures – governmental and non-governmental – for coordinated action that safeguards migrants' access to rights, in particular vulnerable groups, such as children and women. The Lisbon Forum was an excellent opportunity for actors with recognized expertise to discuss the current situation in the region, and to exchange experience and good practice in light of the migration crisis - a common topic of grave concern for the European and Mediterranean space.

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Proposals from Irish Members for 2017 Network Activities



At the request of members of the Irish ALF Network, a meeting was held in Dublin on 30th November 2016 to discuss a proposal for a NEtwork activity in 2017. Member organizations involved were: *Triskel Arts Centre* (Head of Network); *Maynooth University*; *Coiste na hIarchimi*, *Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology*, and *The Chester Beatty Library*.

A proposed working title for the agreed project was: *The Island of Ireland - Morality and Legacies*. With a particular focus on rural communities and migration.

For more information, please click [here](#)



Workshop on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for Development Results by the Jordanian ALF Network

The Jordanian ALF Network has concluded its yearly Capacity Building workshop on "Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for Development Results" on the 4th and 5th of December 2016 in cooperation with the Arab Education Forum, coordinated by the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies(Head of Network organization) and featuring the Catholic Center for Studies and Media which is a member of the steering committee of the Jordanian ALF Network.



More than 25 ALF members from different governorates from across Jordan had a unique opportunity to share good practices in this workshop, to acquire new skills that will help civil society in Jordan to monitor and evaluate forthcoming projects of the NGOs. The Network Members discussed through networking and

participatory approach how the organizations in the network can manage projects for a better development impact and results.

Ms Zina Nimri the Network coordinator of the ALF Network in Jordan stressed the importance of organizing this kind of workshops that provide the organizations with the necessary tools to manage their projects and interact with each other to serve the local communities in all provinces on social and cultural level.

Principles and Good Practice for Working with Refugees

Intercultural Action of the UK ALF Network

As part of their NIA 2015/16 common action, the UK ALF Network, led by In Place of War (Head of Network)) is developing an electronic toolkit for working with refugees. Concerns regards the spiralling refugee crisis across Europe, with thousands risking lives fleeing war have inspired the members of the UK ALF Network to develop guidance for all their members on working with refugees, which they consider "a simple measure to help us all do better".



They have started by developing a shared statement , which reads: "ALF UK Network welcomes refugees, as we welcome and embrace all the communities we serve. We will work to support refugees through our project activities, our networks, and through our access to other services they may need. We will do all we can to help refugees once in the UK, and abroad if we can, and support agencies and other organizations in the difficult transition of resettling refugees." They have also developed "5 key Principles on working with refugees": "Welcome", "Don't Ask", "Existing Networks of Support", "Bring refugees together with host communities" and "Share Learning". Together with the statement, these key principles are going to form the basis of the Toolkit, which is going to be further developed during regional meet-ups throughout December, January and February, and eventually made available for all the members of the Network. They hope to prepare a full set of documents and useful guides to help members dealing with refugees to have the right information and support.

Please find photos from the working meeting, which took place in London in October by clicking [here](#)

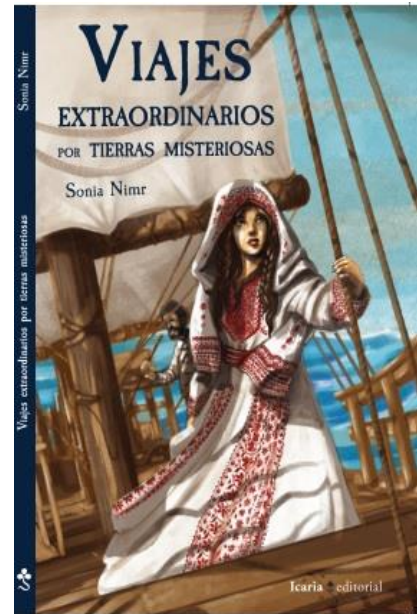


20 Thousand Leagues on the Intercultural Sea

Intercultural Action of the Spanish ALF Network

As the local communities in Spain have become more and more intercultural, municipalities have begun searching for programs to build on the new situation and encourage intercultural harmony. When *Fundación Al Fanar*, a Madrid-based NGO for the promotion of Arab knowledge, came to know Sonia Nimr's "Amazing tours in mysterious countries" (Tamer Institute for Community Education, Palestine, 2013), selected as the best novel for teenagers in the Sarya Book Fair (United Arab Emirates), they immediately understood that if they could manage to translate it into Spanish, publish it and design a reading guide for the novel, they would have a powerful tool to work with teenagers.

Confident that the promotion of readership is one of the basic pillars of education – formal, informal and non-formal alike – they contacted *Jarrit* (Valencia) and *Irenia Jocs de Pau* (Barcelona) – all members of the Education cluster of the Spanish ALF Network. Eventually more Network members joined (*Fundación Tres Culturas del Mediterráneo - Sevilla*, *IEMed - Barcelona*, *Universidad de Cádiz*, *Ajuntament de Molins de Rei*, *Comité de Solidaridad con la Causa Árabe - Asturias*), as well as the *Tamer Institute* (a member of the Palestinian ALF Network) and other partners, and thus the project proposal came together.



Throughout the month of November young people of the Youth Reading Club of the *Miguel de Cervantes Municipal Library of Colmenar Viejo* are reading the novel. When the project ends, the Department of Culture wants to propose this reading to the local institutes. On the 30th of November, the novel was presented at a press conference at *Casa Árabe* (Madrid).

Please find more information about the project by clicking [here](#)

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- 16/12/2016: Cairokee Egyptian band in Gothenburg- The Swedish Network
- 14/12/2016: Capacity Building Activity -The Estonia Network
- 22/12/2016: ALF Staff Mission + Capacity Building Activity in Northern Israel -The Israel Network
- End of January (TBC): Capacity Building Activity -The Czech Republic Network
- January 2016 – End of February 2016: Sub regional meetings -The ALF United Kingdom Network

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