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OUR SAY

The Anna Lindh Foundation is the only Euro Med institution with its headquarters in the Global South, bringing to our institutional partnerships a unique insight to authentic voice and tested methodologies from the Mediterranean to the global agenda.

We are proud that one of our main program entitled “ Young Mediterranean Voices” brings together more than 5000 new young debaters in national dialogue forums and intercultural debates, connected to an outreach network of 100.000 young med voices.

The Anna Lindh Foundation is also keen on empowering young voices. Giving platforms and spaces to young women and men of the Mediterranean to shape alternative narratives to fight extremist discourses and growing xenophobia.

We are also deeply committed in influencing the policy debate. By providing impactful research to influence international policy making and provide a unique cultural lens on cooperation strategies. The Foundation is playing a key role in leading a growing movement for dialogue and exchange. This centers on the efforts of civil society networks , present in 42 counties and bringing together 4500 members who form The Anna Lindh Family. Work is also underway to prepare for our flagship event Med Forum to take place in 2020 in Croatia in connection with its Presidency of The Council of The EU in the first half of 2020.

Leading a movement

Med Forum 2020



Anna Lindh Foundation @AnnaLindh · Apr 11
#HappeningToday: Pre-Event of The @AnnaLindh MED Forum 2020 in Primošten, Croatia from 10-12 April 2019, countries attending: Austria, Albania, Czech Republic, Italy, Morocco, Ireland, Lithuania, Jordan, Germany, Spain, Cyprus, Sweden, Belgium, Algeria, Poland.



Primosten - April 10 -12, 2019

The theme of the first pre-forum event was “MARE NOSTRUM AND THE YOUTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN”.

This event was hosted in Primosten, Croatia by the National Foundation for Civil Society Development and was attended by Austria, Albania, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Italy, Morocco, Ireland, Lithuania, Jordan, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Belgium, Luxemburg, Poland, Greece, Algeria, Slovenia and Turkey.

The event showcased ERASMUS+ Virtual Exchange by ALF and Germany’s Head of Networks, Philanthropy and the Youth by Croatia’s Head of Network as well as Exchange of good practice examples from various countries and a debate with the audience by Young Mediterranean Voices.

The event also coincided with the 10th Anniversary of the Croatian Network for Cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean in the framework of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

Pre-Forum Events

Thematic meetings/discussions with Heads of Networks for the Anna Lindh Forum are planned in the host country to underline the importance of the networks’ role in joint project planning.



Anna Lindh Foundation @AnnaLindh · Apr 12
MED Forum director @AidaRidanovic:

"This Forum is for the Networks, by the Networks. You are the curators!"

#ALF #MedForum2020 #HoN



Leading a movement

Upcoming Activities until July 1st

1. Second pre-Forum event is taking place in Zadar from June 11-13 with the main theme of "Sustainable Development (Local Communities) of Euro-Mediterranean" with four sub-themes:
 - The role of women in the development of local communities in the Euro-Mediterranean
 - Sustainable development of Mediterranean islands
 - Social Entrepreneurship - an initiator of sustainable development in the Euro-Mediterranean
 - Renewable energy sources - new Euro-Mediterranean power
2. The first Inter-Institutional Steering Group Meeting
3. Publication of Service Contract Notice for the Forum
4. Launch of Call for Participation for the MedForum2020



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Closing with: "Only the sky is our limit!"

#ALF #Networks #HoN #MedForum2020



Fighting Stereotypes

Sharing findings of the 2018 Intercultural Trends Report

On 19 February 2019, at the University Mohamed V of Rabat, the University Presidency hosted the seminar entitled "Intercultural Trends in the Euro-Mediterranean region. A representation of Faculty members and master students alongside a representation from the ALF civil society network, ensured a lively debate on the basis of the Intercultural Trends findings and analysis. The debate tremendously benefitted from the presence of Professor Mohamed Tozy as one of the leading authors of the Report, who underlined the value of the value map emerging from the Report, the evolution of trends over the last 10 years, the similarities and comparisons between geographically distant countries which allow to break North-South divides. The Moroccan ALF Head of Network, Mr Wadii Abdelwahdi offered the support of the Network to deliver capacity building on intercultural issues for students benefiting also from the Anna Lindh Education Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship Education in the EuroMed. In February, UNIMED finalized the concept paper and structure of the Intercultural Trends online course based on the Report 2018 and the previous editions in collaboration with the ALF team and experts associated to the Anna Lindh Report. The course is to be developed during 2019 to be launched by in the autumn.



ALF- UNESCO collaboration and paving the way to the Euromed Women for Dialogue Forum

On 21 February 2019, the Anna Lindh Foundation leadership had a coordination meeting in Paris with representatives of the UNESCO Headquarters to discuss in detail the areas for strategic partnership between the two organizations and to ensure the implementation of operational measures to the Memorandum of Understanding between the ALF and UNESCO. Among the first concrete areas of cooperation the Euromed Women for Dialogue Forum to take place in Amman on 11 and 12 September 2019 was indicated as a joint initiative. On the same occasion a coordination meeting was held with Ms. Randa Habib, as the Jordan Media Institute board member working closely with HRH Princess Rim Ali as the patron to the Euromed Women for Dialogue Forum. During the meeting the concept note for the event as well as the partnership around the Forum were discussed.

In preparation to the fourth edition of the Intercultural Trends Report

In March 2019, the first steps of the tendering process for the identification of the polling company to be commissioned the fourth wave of the Intercultural Trends Survey was initiated. On 2 April, in Brussels, the first meeting of the Anna Lindh Report Scientific Committee was held. The Scientific Committee discussed the main issues affecting and impacting intercultural relations in the region which are to be taken into consideration for the preparation of the fourth edition of the Report. These issues include migration and the situation related to refugee movements, cultural polarization within societies fueled by hate speech and some populist movements, the role of diaspora communities, the role of horizontal and vertical trust-building relations inside societies, and the space for effective action that youth and women have in our societies, among other issues. The Committee agreed on the modifications to be applied to the intercultural trends questionnaire at the heart of the public opinion poll. Moreover, the Committee stressed the importance of investing in communication, media and visibility actions to spread the results of the intercultural research and impact on public opinion and policy makers. The Committee also underlined the important role played by the ALF network for dialogue and the need to integrate good practices and case-stories in the Report to provide grass-root illustrations of intercultural action and processes.

Institutional Meetings

Working Group on the Review of the Network Model of the Foundation

The third meeting of the Board-mandated “Working Group on the Review of the Network Model of the Foundation” took place on the 27th March in Brussels on the eve of the Board of Governors. The representatives from the BoG (Egypt and Germany), from the HoNs (Slovenia and Tunisia), the Advisory Council and from ALF attended the meeting. After a summary of the main topics discussed in the first two meetings held in 2018, the discussion was centered on building our collective delivery capacity – e.g Management Support to the HoNs, Monitoring and Evaluation, priority Capacity-building measures – need of mapping the Network of Networks and related proposed methodology. It was also anticipated the request of having the Working Group composition being reviewed.

Board of Governors Meeting

The Foundation has organized the first Board of Governors meeting for the 2019 in Brussels, back-to-back with the UfM-SOM that is also attended by Euro-Med Senior Officials. The meeting was focused on the Executive Director’s presentation on the Foundation Work Plan to 2020, its organisation priorities and report on the General Assembly of the Network of Networks outcomes; presentation from the President, Mme Guigou, on intercultural trends in the Euro-Mediterranean landscape and the work of the Advisory Council as well as sharing the proposal of organising the second 2019 BoG in Alexandria. The proposed Board meeting will take place in Alexandria and is envisioned to have a particular strategic importance in terms of reviewing the Foundation’s 10-year Strategy (at the mid-point in its implementation) and discussing in depth all areas related to the Foundation long-term development



On Friday 29th March, the [@AnnaLindh](#) Board of Governors meeting took place in [#Brussels](#). The Executive Director Dr. [@NabilAlSharif](#) presented to the Board members the Foundation’s Work Plan to 2020.



Activities

Investing in a Mediterranean Generation

Anna Lindh Foundation and the Summit of the Two Shores

At the start of 2019, the Anna Lindh Foundation was confirmed as a key partner of the “Sommet des Deux Rives” (Summit of the Two Shores), an initiative of French President Emmanuel Macron to recreate a more inclusive Mediterranean policy with civil society at the heart. This is in recognition of the Foundation as the Mediterranean organisation for intercultural and civil society dialogue, and its institutional mandate to shape a positive agenda for regional cooperation. France, as a main donor of the Foundation and protagonist in its evolution since 2005, has also actively engaged the Foundation in all levels of the Summit process.

In Valletta, from 24th to 25th April, the Anna Lindh Foundation was principal partner for the Malta Forum for the Summit of the Two Shores, organised by the Maltese Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion on the theme of “Youth, Mobility and Education”. The Malta Forum, which was co-moderated by alumni of the Foundation Young Mediterranean Voices network, brought together 150 civil society representatives including educators, intercultural experts and young policy leaders. The Forum also showcased the Foundation’s consortium work on the groundbreaking “Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange”, with Maltese Foreign Affairs Minister Carmelo Abela commending “the exceptional partnership” with the Foundation and the importance of “investing in youth-led education and mobility initiatives”.

 Young Mediterranean Voices
@YoungMedVoices

Malta Foreign Minister @AbelaCarmelo and ALF President @elisabethguigou underline commitment to champion youth-led initiatives on #education and #mobility resulting from Malta Summit of the Two Shores @MFAMalta @AnnaLindh #MediterraneanGeneration #YoungMedVoices #ErasmusVirtual



In Montpellier, from 2nd to 3rd May, the Foundation partnered in the pre-Summit Forum on “Culture, Tourism and Media” including through the participation of members of the Foundation civil society Networks, alumni of its Journalist Award for cross-cultural reporting, and representatives of Young Mediterranean Voices from North Africa and Europe. The Montpellier Forum provided a platform for the Foundation and partners to further elaborate initiatives to be championed as part of a renewed regional cooperation agenda, among them a very first “Mediterranean Erasmus of Associations” to widen access to cultural mobility and “Media Nostrum”, a platform to connect media practitioners, young debaters and schools of journalism engaged on cross-cultural reporting. Wided Bouchamaoui, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize with the Tunisian “Dialogue Quartet”, joined the Foundation President Elisabeth Guigou at the closing in calling for common projects to challenge prevailing stereotypes and bring together citizens of the Mediterranean.



Through the preparation process, the Foundation has been leading the call to invest in a #MediterraneanGeneration, together with its partners and its Young Med Voices network. The output of the preparation Fora will be taken forward to a pre-Summit meeting in Tunis from 11th to 12th June, on the theme of “Towards a common space of intercultural dialogue”. Prior to that, on 23rd May, the Foundation’s French National Civil Society Network will also organise in Marseille on the Danielle Casanova Ship a national meeting dedicated to the intercultural projects to be taken forward through the Summit. The Foundation was nominated back in January member of the working group for the overall preparation of the Summit, and is contributing to the legacy strategy of the President Macron-led initiative.



COPEAM Annual Conference

Dr. Nabil Al Sharif was a keynote speaker at this year's COPEAM Annual Conference. The 26th Conference titled *Changing Societies: communicating diversities*, took place in Split, Croatia, from 4-6 April.

This event also confirmed a long-lasting partnership between the Anna Lindh Foundation and COPEAM and a renewed Partnership Agreement was signed by Dr. Al Sharif and Claudio Cappon, the Secretary-General of COPEAM with the main areas of cooperation:

- To collaborate on the promotion of the Mediterranean cooperation
- To work together to develop innovative approaches to promote intercultural dialogue through the media sector

To develop common media activities, including collaboration on events, awards, information and communication campaigns



Young Mediterranean Voices – Europe day on EU Foreign Policy

Young Mediterranean Voices (YMV) delegates from France, Tunisia and Greece were invited to Athens to celebrate Europe Day with a public debate on 9 May 2019 on EU’s foreign policy. An initiative of the Anna Lindh Foundation, the activity was co-organised with Europe Direct/ELIAMEP, the Hellenic Foundation for Culture (the Foundation’s coordinator of civil society organisations in Athens), the University of Athens’ Law School, and the EU Representation in Athens. The YMV Athens Debate followed the model being pioneered across Europe as part of the “Young Mediterranean Voices” expansion from South to North, including in European locations such as Barcelona and Marseille. On this occasion, debaters offered evidence-based arguments for and against the motion on whether the EU should prioritize stability over democracy in its foreign policy. The activity was presented to an audience of around fifty people including students, youth workers, civil society actors, academia, and representatives of the EU partner organisations.

According to the evaluation carried out with debate attendees, 9 out of 10 people rated the format of the activity as “very good”, and 94.12% admitted the debate helped shape their opinion about the topic being discussed. The audience valued the interactive dialogue with the debaters during the session and the innovative format of the activity which provided facts and evidence about the topic that were useful to shape public opinion. This activity is part of the mapping and outreach exercise to identify debate hubs and local partner institutions in priority European Member States in the framework “Young Mediterranean Voices”, as the programme expands north from the Southern Mediterranean countries.



Institution-Building & Organisation Development

Management support call

On the 4th of February and on the 17th of February 2019, the ALF launched the first two rounds of the Management Support Call for Tender aimed at the HoNs, reference ALF-CFT-MS/2019/01 and ALF-CFT-MS/2019/02.

The calls were addressed to 28 Heads of Networks Institutions, following the endorsement and confirmation of mandates by the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs. The countries are: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Palestine, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Tunisia.

The Management Support Tender aims to empower the ALF National Networks as spaces for conception, action and exchange for intercultural dialogue by enhancing and fostering their coordination, mobilization and development as well as by supporting them in promoting ALF programmes activities.

Monitoring and Evaluation Heads of Network Working Group

The Monitoring and Evaluation Heads of Network Working Group is planning to meet for the first time beginning of July to develop the inaugural seminar with Networks on monitoring and evaluation, to discuss the working process for the subgroup on M&E and to design the toolkit on monitoring and evaluation for the Networks.

The aim of the working group is to strengthen the Foundations' collaborative-participatory approach, to build a strong evidence base for more effective CSO/Network support (leverage), to report to donors and political decision makers, and to give visibility to civil society work . In addition, the working group aims to support ALF's organizational development by establishing a Results-Based Monitoring system, as requested by the external consultants.

Contracting HR expert

Reference to the need in reviewing the internal tools related to Human resources and procedures, ALF will contract a Human resources expert to review staff contracts and working modalities for development of updated HR policies that can better serve achieving ALF goals.

Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding with Swedish institute on 7th of March 2019

ALF has been offered to use the whole Swedish institute building until 29 February 2020.



A Network of Networks

ALF National Network in Finland

Are Women's Rights Secure Even in Europe?

Tunisian-Italian women's rights activist and a mobilizer Sodfa Daaji called for cross-generational and cross-boundaries solidarity between women to ensure women's rights in Europe and in the global South. Women should have safe spaces to meet, to discuss and to mobilize. Women need to have their voices heard at the tables where decisions that concern them are made.

In an interview in the Finnish Social Forum on May 4th, Daaji encouraged the Finnish audience to make demands on the EU and member states: what are these doing to stop repressive governments from continuing their policies? Rights of women are not only a problem of the global south but they should be a key issue for all of us.

Daaji visited Helsinki as a guest of the Finnish ALF Network (<http://www.annalindhfinland.fi/en/>) and MONIKA – Multicultural Women's Association (<https://monikanaiset.fi/en/>), a member of the Network and a nationwide multicultural women's NGO that promotes the equality and inclusion of immigrant women in Finland and prevents violence against women.



ALF National Network in France

Writing workshops

The FFM (Forum Femmes Mediterranee) organizes writing workshops twice a month in its premises. These workshops led by a director of the FFM, Marie-José Scherné-Pujol, host graduated from the University of Provence.

These workshops were held on January 24, 2019, February 19 and 28, and March 14 and 28, 2019

Our literary activities are part of a context of intercultural dialogue and promotion of the writing of Mediterranean women.

We initiated the establishment of writing workshops to allow the expression of women. It's about bringing out a memory of women. Whether in the neighborhood or in a network of meanings that runs all around the Mediterranean, women have a way of seeing. They tell the story of the murmur and the little facts. The events light up differently, and begin to signify differently.

The neighborhood, the city, the country and the countries between them, begin to mean otherwise. The words of women do not seek to counter the memory and history in place. She says something else, which is not yet visible. She weaves in the like and the same. With it, the difference is not separation but mutual enrichment.

To make women write is to make it possible for women to realize that they have a way of seeing - to do - the world, which deserves to be taken into account. It is to bring out a sensitivity, and a responsibility, Mediterranean. To make women write is to enable them to put in words what they make live every day, in the daily gestures, in the birth and in the colors they give to the world. Women of peace, beings of life. It's about enabling a culture of peace and life. It is about giving back - or giving - women a role in the culture and life of the city.

Writing workshops are part of a democratic practice of culture. There can be no question of producing writers. It is a question of allowing women, who have never had the opportunity or the opportunity, to put into words a few bits of what they have to say, and that they never say, or else under form of lost confidences or inaudible soliloquies.

In the framework of the writing workshop, with the help of indications (instructions, solicitations, elements generating daydreams, etc.), they write. They finally have the time, since they are there for that. They can look in .and around them. And they write. Words take on colors



ALF National Network in Turkey

Ankara Social Entrepreneurship Platform (Sosyal Giriş im Ankara, SGA) was established to bring actors of social entrepreneurship ecosystem in Ankara together, support establishment of new social enterprises and develop the existing ones. Therefore, the work of SGA focuses on raising awareness about social entrepreneurship as well as contributing to the formation of legal framework and financial support mechanisms. SGA was established under the coordination of Ankara Development Agency in cooperation with TED University Center for Social Innovation-Istasyon TEDU and Social Sciences University of Ankara.

Social entrepreneurship aims at solving social problems by developing new services, products or models. Social enterprises generate revenues and have profits while they are working for realizing their social goals

For 1 month the SGA Caravan had been traveling around Ankara and visiting one of the best universities in the capital. We achieved our aim to find Ankara's new social entrepreneurs that will solve social problems by developing new services, products or models in the spheres of education, environment, disabled people, elderly, gender equality, young people and children, refugees and migrants.

System and Generation Association was a partner in the project and together with our EVS and local volunteers went to twelve universities in the capital of Turkey, Ankara. They disseminate the concept of social entrepreneurship among thousands of students in the best universities. System and Generation - S&G together with the Association of Civil Society and Development Institute (ACSDI) are ALF Coordinators in Turkey, as they are in charge of the coordination and mobilization of the Turkish Network. The Coordinators Mr. Gürkan Akçaer and Necdet Sağ lam attended the events and met the Rector of Ankara Social Sciences University. The initiative received sufficient representation in the local and national media. During the visit in Hacettepe University, a team from TRT Haber visited the Caravan and interviewed the participants. During this day, Certificates were delivered to all local volunteers



ALF National Network of Sweden

Portunus - a new mobility scheme from the European Commission

An alternative to the Erasmus + program for cultural professionals, a pilot mobility scheme for artists and culture professionals will be launched by the European Commission in April 2019.

A pilot mobility platform will allow 500 participants from visual and performance arts (artists, curators, actors, producers, choreographers, etc.) to take part in this experimental program which will test different durations of mobility for different professional purposes over the course of six months (until November 2019)

There will be three Open Calls in April, May and June when candidates can apply for support to culture work abroad within the countries mentioned under the Creative Europe program.

Open Neighborhood Opinion Poll

This opinion poll has been designed to assess the current levels of awareness among the general public about EU support in the Southern Neighborhood countries, as well as public attitudes towards, and perceptions of the European Union in these countries.

A key focus of the study are the differences between the Maghreb and Mashrek groups of countries.

This report presents the results of the third wave of this survey, conducted in Autumn 2018. Areas covered by this survey include:

- Perceptions of, and attitudes towards the EU
- Awareness of financial support provided by the EU, and the main areas of cooperation with the EU
- Use of mainstream and Internet-based media, and the EU's media profile;
- The general mood of respondents in Southern Neighborhood countries, including their views on current and future economic, employment and general life situations.

ALF National Network of Spain

The Spanish Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation (ReFAL), coordinated by IEMed, met on 20 and 21 February 2019 in Valencia to review the work done in the network in 2018 and present new ideas and projects for 2019 that would give continuity to the work carried out from the Network, in areas such as development cooperation, intercultural dialogue, gender equality or education in the Mediterranean.

After this annual meeting of the Network, the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the year took place in Barcelona on April 26, in which the Work Plan for 2019 approved by all the members of the Network was revised. Among this year's activities, it is worth mentioning that the organization, at the request of ReFAL members, of more face-to-face meetings at the local level (decentralized meetings) that will take place in the four cities of Spain which agglutinate a greater concentration of members of the Network. These meetings, which will be led by a member of the Executive Committee, have a main objective which is to create a meeting space for members to interact with each other at a local level and share their projects. These meetings will also work on proposals and activities for the Med Forum 2020 and encourage members to actively participate in this important event.

In February, the new call for the 2019 Mobility Program was launched. The objective of this Program, which already had a great success the previous year, is to foster collaboration and mutual knowledge among the members of ReFAL, facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices and promote the cohesion of the Network. This year 3 projects have been selected that will bring together the joint efforts and shared synergies of 9 ReFAL entities between the months of April and June 2019. The chosen proposals will deal with a wide range of issues ranging from the prevention of violent extremism, the fight against Islamophobia or the visibility of different experiences related to art, community creation and popular culture as tools of social transformation.

This April was also launched the Intercultural Program 2019 promoted by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) in which 10 Catalan entities of ReFAL will develop a total of 13 intercultural workshops in 18 schools in Barcelona. This initiative, framed within the Plan of Citizenship and Migrations of the Catalan government, was born from the desire to promote inclusion, coexistence and social cohesion in educational centers with a great cultural diversity, located in the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona.

In this clear commitment to youth as a motor for change, the call for the 12th edition of the youth literary contest "A Sea of Words", organized by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) and the Anna Lindh Foundation, with the slogan "Young people's commitment to social change", has been successfully closed. This competition, addressed to young people between the ages of 18 and 30