

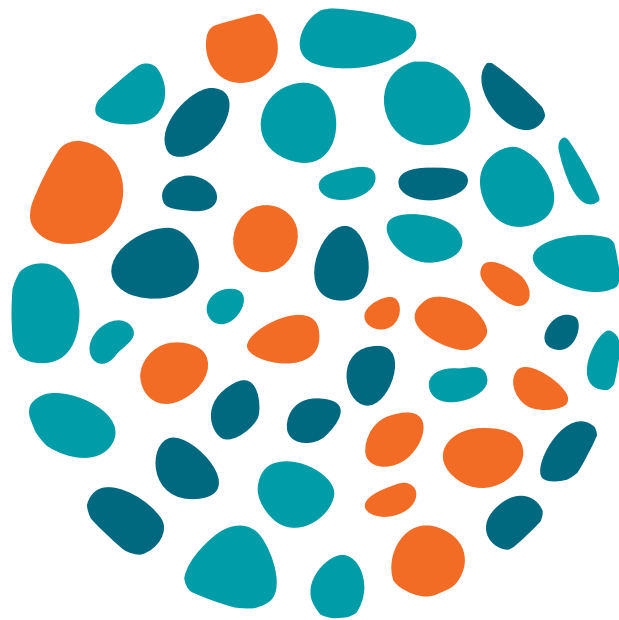


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November is a month of unprecedented events and activities for the Anna Lindh Foundation. We are delighted to have our Board of Governors, meeting in Alexandria for the very first time in the Foundation's history. The Board will meet to discuss some important challenges and give guidance to the Secretariat on a number of issues to enable it to move forward with its agenda.

November will also witness another event that takes place for the first time as well, which is holding the Advisory Council of the Foundation in the Headquarters of the Foundation in Alexandria.

The Board of Governors, meeting will also witness an event, that has never happened before, which is a meeting between the Representatives of the Heads of Networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Board of Governors. This meeting will provide a platform of discussion between the two statutory bodies for the first time that enables them both to exchange views on the best way to empower the Anna Lindh Foundation as it prepares for the next activities in the upcoming years.

In conclusion, the Anna Lindh Foundation feels empowered by the bridges of communication and consultation that is going on between its two statutory bodies; the Board of Governors and the Heads of Networks, and the family of the Foundation has all the confidence that, with this support, the sky is the limit to what it can do and achieve.

**Dr Nabil Al Sharif,**  
Executive Director



## Institution Building & Organization Development



## The Anna Lindh Foundation and League of Arab States sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):

On 16 September 2019, in Cairo, the League of Arab States signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Anna Lindh Foundation, recognising the centrality of intercultural dialogue in rebuilding bridges, restoring trust and improving mutual stereotyped perceptions among the people of the Mediterranean region. Signing the memorandum on behalf of the Anna Lindh Foundation, the President Elisabeth Guigou confirmed the importance of the cooperation in all fields of common interest in particular in the fields of research, advocacy, education, youth participation and cultural mobility.

## The Anna Lindh Foundation and UNESCO sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):

On 24 July 2019, UNESCO signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Anna Lindh Foundation, as a tangible step towards the formalization of an existing relationship and fruitful cooperation over the years. This new synergy will focus primarily on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a particular emphasis on intercultural dialogue; cultural diplomacy; education and training, gender equality and cross-cultural reporting. Signing the memorandum on behalf of the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Executive Director Dr Nabil Al Sharif emphasized the commitment to enhance dialogue among cultures, research-policy linkages and close association of civil society.



## EU LIAISON & GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Between May and September 2019, the Foundation continued to deepen its cooperation with the EU and multi-lateral partner institutions associated to its Corporate Work Plan and contract agreements with the European Commission.

Through the Foundation EU Liaison Office, monthly coordination meetings have been carried out in Brussels with representatives of EU institution headquarters (European Commission- DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European External Action Service – MENA, Strategic Communications). The coordination meetings have advanced during 2019 to take on a monthly strategic focus, for example: the July meeting focused on “MED FORUM 2020” including connecting the Foundation programming to the anticipated policy and programming priorities of the new EU leadership; and the September meeting on “Youth-led Dialogue and Exchange” with technical briefings on the flagship, EU-supported Young Mediterranean Voices and EC Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange.

## REGIONAL COOPERATION & THE “SUMMIT OF THE TWO SHORES”:

The Foundation has been working through its EU liaison to maintain and deepen its institutional contribution to regional and sub-regional frameworks where its mandate is now embedded. This included during May to September 2019: ensuring the Foundation’s representation at the meetings of the Senior Officials of the Union for the Mediterranean (Brussels, 18th July); and ongoing engagement with the 5+5 Dialogue Ministerial process and League of Arab States-EU cooperation.

A key output of this engagement has been reaffirming the Foundation’s role through the “Sommet des Deux Rives” on the initiative of French President Emmanuel Macron and as referenced in the Marseille Declaration of 23rd June where Foreign Ministers of the Summit underlined political commitment to the Foundation as a “central platform for strengthening the partnership between the European Union and all countries around the Mediterranean”.



## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS & THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019:

At the level of multi-lateral cooperation, the Foundation continues to connect its intercultural dialogue mandate to international policy development and contribute to reaffirming the Mediterranean at the heart of the global agenda.

On the occasion of the UN General Assembly High Level Week 2019, a Strategic Dialogue took place in association with Young Mediterranean Voices, co-organised by the Anna Lindh Mediterranean Foundation and EU Delegation to the United Nations. The Dialogue connected strategic partners with young leaders working in the field across the Mediterranean, and provided insights to new methodologies aimed at transforming youth voice into youth agency and leadership.



## GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS IN ALEXANDRIA

### FIRST NETWORKING RECEPTION AT THE ANNA LINDH HOUSE, 18th September 2019

On 18th September 2019, under the patronage of the ALF Executive Director Dr Nabil Al Sharif, the Anna Lindh House in Alexandria gladly hosted a Networking Reception co-organised with the successful Young Mediterranean Voices debate hub 'Make A Contribution' Club.





“..Investing in the younger generation is about ensuring that young people all over the world are able to realize their fullest potential. We need to work together towards this right now, the longer the wait, the longer we withhold our greatest investment from ourselves and our nations”.

Dr.Nabil Al Sharif ,  
Executive Director.

## MEETINGS

### Thessaloniki, 24 - 25 October 2019

In collaboration with the Heads of the Hellenic Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Anna Lindh Foundation Secretariat organized its annual statutory meeting of its Coordinators of National Civil Society Networks in Thessaloniki, Greece from 24 to 25 October 2019.

The meeting served as an opportunity for open dialogue with the Heads of Networks institutions of the ALF on the Action plan for 2020 which is soon to be adopted by the ALF Board of Governors as well as an opportunity to renew mutual commitment to open to support of both Heads of Networks and Members. The meeting aimed to present

concrete courses of action and recommendations for implementing the Action plan in 2020. The meeting also served as a platform for the election of six Heads of Networks to attend the upcoming ALF Board of Governors meeting to take place in Alexandria on 24 November 2019.



### Meeting of Dr Nabil Al Sharif with the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs:

On November 12, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry received Dr. Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation for Dialogue between Cultures, at the Foreign Ministry, where they discussed aspects of cooperation relations between Egypt and the Foundation in order to support dialogue between cultures in the two shores of the Mediterranean.

In a statement to Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ahmed Hafez, the Executive Director of the Foundation invited Minister Shoukry to participate in the 59th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Anna Lindh Foundation to be held on November 24, 2019 in Alexandria in Egypt, especially since this is the first time that Egypt is hosting the work of this council after almost 15 years on the establishment of the Foundation.



## THE WAY FORWARD

### Board of Governors meeting, Bibliotheca Alexandrina

The Anna Lindh Foundation is organizing at its Headquarters, the Bibliotheca Alexandria, for the first time since its establishment in 2005, the 59th Anna Lindh Foundation Board of Governors meeting on Sunday 24 November 2019. The Anna Lindh Foundation is honored by the presence of H.E. Minister Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Dr Mostafa El Fiki, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, and Mrs Henrike Trautmann, Head of Unit DG NEAR, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, who will deliver short welcoming speeches to the participants of the meeting and invitees to the opening ceremony.



### Advisory Council Meeting, Anna Lindh House

The Anna Lindh Foundation is organizing on Monday 25 November, the next day following the Board of Governors meeting. The meeting is hosted for the first time at the city of Alexandria, at the ALF House (former Swedish Institute), which is the second premises of the Anna Lindh Foundation. The Advisory Council meeting presided by Madame Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation will focus on the functioning of the Foundation as well on the coming events organized by the Foundation, particularly next Med Forum in 2020, and will contribute by sharing proposals on the Anna Lindh Foundation strategy.



### New Appointments:

- \* Outreach Manager: Mr. Estevan Ikonomi has been selected and started his job on 1st of September 2019.
- \* YMV Coordinator: Ms. Ellada Evangelou has been contracted as short term expert from 1st of September 2019 till end of this year.
- \* Calls have been launched, interviews have been conducted with candidates. And we are in the final stage of recruiting new staff members for the following positions:
  - Network Officers
  - Grants officers
  - Communication Manager
  - Media Officer
  - HR Consultant



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## Šibenik, Croatia, 2-5 April 2020

The Anna Lindh MedForum represents a landmark event to accelerate and scale-up the impact of intercultural action in the face of unprecedented regional challenges.

## Open Call For Self-financed Participants

The Anna Lindh Foundation launches the call for participation for self-financed applicants to the Anna Lindh Euro-Med 2020, which will take place in Šibenik, Croatia, from 2 to 5 April 2020. Read more about the selection criteria and apply here : <https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/apply-now>

**The deadline for the submission of applications is 15:00 (Egypt time) 1 December 2019.**



## Second pre-Forum event in Zadar, Croatia June 11-13, 2019



### Primošten, Croatia

In the framework of the preparatory phase for the MED FORUM 2020, to be held in April 2020 in Šibenik, Croatia, the following two pre-Forum events were organised in Croatia, gathering the participants from the Croatian ALF National Network (Croatian Network for Cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean), together with the visiting representatives from other National Heads of Network organisations: the first, held 10-12 April in Primošten, and the second, held 11-13 June in Zadar, Croatia.

### Zadar, Croatia

As for the second pre-forum event in Zadar, it gathered more than 80 people, focusing on the subject of Sustainable development of local communities in the Euro-Mediterranean. Again, the discussions were held among the attending members of the Croatian National ALF Network, other participants from the interested organisations in Croatia, as well as the representatives from HoNs.





# AUSTRIA



## Anna Lindh Stiftung Österreichisches Netzwerk

### Network Meeting:

The meeting of the Austrian National Network of the Anna Lindh took place on Tuesday the 17th of September at the Austrian Institute for International Politics (OIIP)

This phase focuses on the promotion of youth and youth organisations and on the fight against populism and xenophobia. The Austrian Network is updating the network members in regard to main developments within ALF and in regard to future activities. HoN, Sherin Gharib, has sent out information about the MED Forum 2020 and the call for participation to the workshop on intercultural Citizenship Education which will take place between the 25 November and 1 December. As for the topics of the Capacity Building



Workshops, they are still open and will be discussed together with the network members in the coming network meetings. The Network will continue to strive to increase the visibility of ALF at this stage. Therefore, non-network members will be also invited to the Capacity Building Workshops. At this stage, the Network wants to promote its diversification; continue with Graz as a focal point, but also include other federal states. Network members can always invite interested organizations to join the activities. It is planned to have an updated homepage in the future.



# BELGIUM



## Anna Lindh Stichting Belgisch Netzwark

### Coordination meeting with the network: 16/09/19

A coordination meeting with members of the Belgian network took place on 16 September 2019 in Brussels:

#### Addressed points:

A tour of the table presenting the associations present is carried out.

#### Recovery of the Belgian network

- Regularization of the coordination meetings of the Belgian network at a rate of once a month
- Willingness to restructure and democratize the network.
- Compagnie des Nouveaux Disparus is looking for a network coordinator. Willingness that this coordination is done, in the long term, with several associations and that the operation is more democratic.
- Request to improve the internal communication of the Belgian network

#### Pre-Forum in Zadar in June 2019

- Geraldine's participation in the presence of the AWSA association, invited by the Compagnie des Nouveaux Disparus because the theme was about women's rights.

#### FORUM 2020

Who wants to go? What does everyone want to talk about? Willingness to develop a theme and workshops in common? Which priorities according to the requests.

- Tour de table of associations wishing to participate in the 2020 Forum
- Reflect on a theme and common actions for 2020 (possibly with other leader).
- Round table of associations to determine the themes of which they wish to discuss.

It emerged in particular:

- o Questions on migration
- o Religious section



- o Youth
- o Young asylum seekers and refugees

### **August 2019: Festival Nomadic Theaters with the organization of the International Meetings in the presence of the artists of the sector**

Following the "Odyssée Karavana", the actors of this project met during the Nomadic Theaters Festival, one of the largest street art festivals in Belgium organized by the Compagnie des Nouveaux Disparus, during the Rencontres Internationales on 23 and 24 of August, 2019 in Brussels.

These meetings brought together a dozen actors involved in these European artistic itinerancy projects.

### **The main questions developed around these discussions were:**

- How to federate companies around a big project?
- How to prepare and develop an artistic partnership outside our borders?
- How to navigate the local, national and European administrative, financial and structural oceans without being overwhelmed?
- What can we bring to this Europe?

All these questions were discussed and debated during these meetings through a panel discussion, a face-to-face, a narrative walk and focus groups



# FINLAND



## Anna Lindh Säätiön Suomen verkosto

### Network launch event and workshops on the results of the 2018 Intercultural Trends Report

On 3 June, the Finnish network hosted three workshops on the key findings of the 2018 Intercultural Trends Report. These workshops, facilitated by our network members, discussed how to tackle youth radicalization, educate media how not to reproduce cultural stereotypes, and negotiate between different cultures and backgrounds in schools. Before the workshops, the participants had a briefing of report findings by Konrad Pedziwiatr, one of the authors of the report, and Tia Kangaspunta, who wrote an article series on the report (in Finnish). Network members were eager to participate in new activities after the hiatus and specially to participate in international ALF activities.



### Cultural evening with dabke, chobi and poems

Helsinki based Meera Band made the crowd dance in Helsinki, 15 August. Their wide repertoire of traditional Arabic songs and popular dance music are genres seldom heard in Helsinki, and the club evening attracted more audience than any event of the Finnish Anna Lindh network before. The event was part of the program of an academic conference, the Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern studies.



## Public discussion events:

Before the beginning of the ALF program period in May, the Finnish Head of Network organized two public discussion events. The first one, which took place on 4-5 May 2019, was a series of two panel discussions at the Finnish Social Forum which are;

1) Patriarchal Interpretations of Religion and Traditions and 2) Migrant Women in Europe and North Africa. The panel discussions were organized in cooperation with a member of the ALF national network MONIKA - Multicultural Women's Association.

The Finnish Network also organized a public discussion in the World Village Festival on the 25th and the 26th of May with the title: "From barricades to hashtags - Social media in the Middle East", in which the director of a Lebanese ALF member, NGO Social Media Exchange (SMEX) Mohamad Najem was interviewed by a Finnish journalist Sanna Raita-Aho. This event was organized in cooperation with the Finnish ALF member Association of Finnish Foreign Affairs Journalists. The aim of both of these events was to activate network members and to gain visibility for the ALF in Finland.



The actual Launch Event of the new ALF program period took place on the 3rd of June. The event was opened with discussion on the ALF Intercultural Trends Report and one of the composers of the ALF Intercultural Trends -report, Professor Konrad Pedziwiatr from the Cracow University of Economics, gave a short lecture on the outcomes of the report. After that, the event program consisted of workshops on the following themes: 1) Preventing youth radicalization 2) What kind of values do we want our children to learn?, and 3) F2F meetings and media literacy skills against stereotypes. Proposals of the network members for the program of the MED FORUM 2020 were collected in facilitated group discussions under three themes: 1) Gender issues, 2) Youth, and 3) Media.



# FRANCE



## Fundation Anna Lindh Réseau Français

### Le Forum Femmes Méditerranée FFM

This is the 22nd edition of Women's Time "International Solidarity and Economic Empowerment of Women." It took place on the 25th September from 14h00 to 19h00 and on the 26th of September 2019 in the premises of Coco Velten 16 rue Bernard du Bois 13001 Marseille. The event included a presentation of the Erasmus + program of the Anna Lindh Foundation and Young Mediterranean Voices. Moreover, it included a photo exhibition with the theme " Exceptional Women: Ending Stereotypes in the Euro-Mediterranean Region".



### Network meeting

The national meeting of the French network of Anna Lindh took place Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 14h00 to 16h30 on board the ship of the Corsica Linea the Danielle Casanova, Conference Room «la Marina» deck 9. Port of Marseille (La Joliette).

This meeting took place in collaboration with the association U Marinu CPIE Bastia Golo Mediterranean which organized the 20th edition «Med-Educ» on the theme of «Together preserve our sea». The 26th edition of «Mer en Fête» was also held to raise awareness among young people about a Mediterranean feeling. A day was assigned - branded as a Summit of the Two Shores - for an event which was later held in Marseille on June 23 and 24, 2019.

On the same day (May 23), Forum Femmes Mediterranée (FFM), the Head of the French Network of the ALF also implemented the Respect and Intercultural Dialogue Workshop.

Following the reception of the Intercultural Citizenship in the Euro-Mediterranean Region Handbook, the FFM decided to implement activities inspired by this handbook. The activities were carried out during the Mer en fête event on 23 May 2019 organized by U marinu on the boat Danielle Casanova. Mer en fête aimed to make primary and secondary school students in Marseille aware of a Mediterranean feeling.

Forum Femmes Méditerranée had the ambition to present three activities from the Handbook: "The Euro-Mediterranean Cruise", "A City, a Country, a Region" and "Every Photo Tells a Story". The audience was between 8 and 10 years of age, and activities for people aged 14 and over have been adapted to suit them better.



# GERMANY



## Anna Lindh Stiftung Deutsches Netzwerk

WIKA-Workshop 2019 ALF pre-event, 25 September



For the first time the annual WIKA Workshop at the ALF-member ifa (Institute for Foreign Cultural Affairs) this year offered a public pre-event. In cooperation with the Anna Lindh Foundation young debaters from Morocco, Algeria, Germany, Tunisia and Poland with experience in Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange and YMV presented a live debate involving the audience. The subject of the debate was seized in one of the panels at the WIKA workshop the following day: Youth as Central Actor of Civil Society.



Civil society actors are gaining influence and are becoming political change makers. Their local embedding and engagement at the grassroots level and the strength of internationally working NGOs who use their cross-border cooperation as a means of empowerment make them attractive partners for state involved actors. The WIKA Workshop seeks to reflect on interdisciplinary topics such as “Cultural Cooperation and Shrinking Spaces”, “Youth as Civil Society Actors” and “Civil Society and Statehood” in order to relate them directly to fields of action of cultural relations and education policy. This year’s workshop took place in close collaboration of ALF-member ifa and ZAK with the Foreign Office’s working group “Civil Society” and Goethe Institut e.V. in line with the Strategical Process 2020 of German Foreign Cultural Policy and the Anna Lindh Foundation, headed by the Chairwoman of WIKA, Prof. Dr. Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha. <http://www.zak.kit.edu/english/6433.php>

## Cooperation with the Civil Society Working Group at the Federal Foreign Office:

### Dr. Odila Triebel and Swenja Zaremba presenting 10 Theses for involving civil society in the German Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy

Since 2018 Swenja Zaremba, Coordinator of the German Anna Lindh Network, has been member of the working group “Civil Society” at the Federal Foreign Office as part of the Strategical process of German Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy (=AKBP 2020). This process is aiming at formulating concrete recommendations and developing instruments as a basis for the new strategy. It is against the backdrop of this cooperation that ALF-related topics were presented and discussed at this year's WIKA Workshop in September 2019 and it is this context in which the Information Tour in November 2020 takes place.



## Festival EFFEKTE

In cooperation with the Institute of Technology Futures, ZAK's Interculturality and Globalization Department presented an Exhibition stand at this year's Science Festival EFFEKTE in Karlsruhe. The EFFEKTE science festival provides fascinating insights into the exciting spectrum of scientific expertise. It is a huge hands-on and experience laboratory for children, teenagers and adults. Within a poster campaign we drew attention to the networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation, our Cross-Cultural Studies Program and promoted the Erasmus + Virtual Exchange activities.



## Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange, pilot within the pilot - first Euro-Med Debate Online Competition

Since 2018 the ZAK | Centre for Cultural and General Studies has been taking part in the organization of virtual intercultural learning opportunities in the framework of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project.

During the Euro-Med Debate Online Competition young people aged between 18 and 30 met online to take part in

a parliamentary debate online session. This year we supported the implementation this activity from 26 to 30 August 2019 as the first competition of its kind, connecting young people virtually to debate online.

40 teams from over 12 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region took part. Debate discussions were framed around current social challenges and world events, chosen by the participants themselves, such as: the Arab Spring, democratic rights, education, climate change, immigration, power dynamics, amongst other topics. After a competitive and intense final round, the Lebanese team (Beirut 1 - Nahia) earned a well-deserved victory.

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange is a ground-breaking project enabling youth in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean to engage in meaningful intercultural experiences online, as part of their formal or non-formal education. This flagship project is established under a contract with the Education, Audiovisual and Culture

Executive Agency, financed by the European Union's budget, and it is implemented by an international consortium of partners. More information about the project.



## WIKA-REPORT (Volume 3) Diaspora - Networks of Global Communities

People sharing a common origin who live across various countries are the definition of living transnationality. As diaspora communities, they form a global network. Highlighted photographically, interdisciplinary scientific and cultural contributions are concentrating the contents of two WIKA workshops based on following questions: how could diaspora communities work as mediator? What are their challenges? What are potentials and risks for the foreign cultural policy?

Prof. Dr. Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha, foundingdirector of the ZAK | Centre for Cultural and



General Studies introduces "Diaspora. [As] An Underestimated Topic" which should be of great interest for the foreign cultural. In her article she explains the migratory dynamics between origin and host societies and the resulting cultural changes and promotes a new analysis of the term Diaspora. Swenja Zaremba, research fellow at ZAK and coordinator of the German network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, published an essay on international cultural work in the globalized world. It deals with the cooperation of transcultural networks and civil society organizations as partners in international cultural relations.

Both Articles are published in "Diaspora - Networks of Global Communities", KIT Scientific Publishing, Karlsruhe 2019. Download: <https://www.ksp.kit.edu/9783731508137>



# IRELAND



## Anna Lindh Foundation Irish Network

### Chester Beatty Library Dublin, 17th May 2019

18 people, representing 15 of a total of 58 Irish network members, attended the meeting and availed of the opportunity to meet with invited guest Aida Ridanovich, Director of the ALF Euro Med Forum 2020. Aida, together with the co-Chairs of the Irish network, were guests at a dinner organized by Ireland's BoG representative on 16th May. Although Ireland has not applied for funding the 2019-2021 Phase, and thus there are no ALF sponsored events scheduled, there was a lot of enthusiasm expressed and ideas discussed with regard to the Forum in 2020. Ideas were also mooted regarding how the network could continue to work together in the interim. Two network representatives have been chosen to attend the EuroMed Women for Dialogue Forum in Amman, Jordan in September 2019. Members were also looking forward to receiving updates on the ALF Call for Proposals 2019-2021.



### CONNECTING LIVES: 'Interbelief Dialogue in Contemporary Ireland'

Irish network member Dr. Patricia Kieran has just published a book titled 'Connecting Lives' acknowledges the support of the Anna Lindh Foundation and the fact that the work was brought about as a result of Ireland's NIA (Network Intercultural Action) 2016 organized by Jenny Siung of the Chester Beatty Library.

# ITALY



## Fundazione Anna Lindh Rete Italiana

### Scaena Mediterranea

The event took place on Monday, April 29, 2019, from 16:00 to 19:00 at the Gaja Conference Room of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI). It was organized by the Italian Network for Mediterranean Dialogue (RIDE-APS) in cooperation with the University of Urbino (RIDE-APS' member), the publisher Cisalpino (that produces the RIDE-APS' editorial series "EPHESO") and Cerealia (the Festival on food and cuisine as means of intercultural dialogue, under the patronage of the Italian Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation-ALF).



The ALF Deputy Executive Director/Director of Operations and Administration, Ms. Cristiana Gaita, took part in the event on behalf of the ALF Secretariat. The meeting included two distinct parts: 1.

presentation on the e-book "The Mediterranean as a Plaza. Japanese and Italian Insights on the Great Sea", the publication of the proceedings of the international conference organised by the University of Urbino and RIDE-APS in cooperation with the University Hitotsubashi of Tokyo; 2. Round Table on the project Scaena Mediterranea. Greek-Roman Theatres and Mediterranean Identities, aimed at setting up a network of archaeological sites and theatrical initiatives.



### 5+5 Forum on Circular Economy

The activity was organized in the context of the 2nd World Conference on the Revitalization of the Mediterranean Diet "Strategy towards more sustainable food systems in the Mediterranean region" (Palermo, May 15-17, 2019), in cooperation with the MAECI. The ALF Executive Director, Dr. Nabil Al-Sharif, took part in the 3-days event.

On that occasion the Italian HoN, in cooperation with the MAECI Euro-Med Coordinator, Min. Pl. Enrico Granara (ALF BoG member for Italy), promoted an inter-institutional meeting between the UfM Secretary General Amb. Nasser Kamel and the ALF Executive Director. This successful meeting led to an unprecedented program of joint activities between UfM and ALF for the 25th anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration in 2020.

## Mediterranean, the Sea that Unites”, EPHESO International Award 2019 The Cerealia Festival Opening :

After the Press conference held at the INSOR Institute in Rome (a research centre on agriculture, RIDE-APS member), the inauguration ceremony of the Ninth Edition of Cerealia Festival 2019, titled “Ethics in the Plate: Food, Health and Environment”, took place at the Contemporary Arts Museum of Rome (MACRO), on June 4th 2019 in the presence of the Ambassadors of Malta (outgoing host Country) and of Tunisia (host Country 2019).



## The Little Jerusalem meets the Great Jerusalem :

The two-day event on History, Culture and Traditions as privileged tools of friendship and dialogue between the local Jewish and Catholic communities in Italy and Israel took place in Pitigliano, Tuscany, on June 6, 2019. The organizers plan to invite the local Muslim communities to the next edition. See: [http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/it/notizie/rubriche/cultura/2019/06/06/pitigliano-capitale-del-dialogo-fra-popoli-del-mediterraneo\\_99419d44-b3f4-4b52-be55-2ba00b6242dc.html](http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/it/notizie/rubriche/cultura/2019/06/06/pitigliano-capitale-del-dialogo-fra-popoli-del-mediterraneo_99419d44-b3f4-4b52-be55-2ba00b6242dc.html).



# PORTUGAL



## Fundação Anna Lindh Rede Portuguesa

### PORTUGAL HAS A NEW HEAD OF NETWORK FOR THE 2019-2021 TRIENNIUM

#### MEDesTU Association

- **MEDesTU** Association was elected by 47 national members as Head of Network in June 2019.
- **MEDesTU** is a nonprofit youth association founded on 30th October 2013 in Porto, Portugal.
- The principles and values that **MEDesTU Association** promote are: Active and Participatory citizenship; Participation of young people; Democracy; Human Rights and human rights education; Rule of law; Political and institutional context; History and memory; Justice; Gender equality; Interculturalism, intercultural learning and dialogue; Ubuntu; Diversity and minorities; Religion and tolerance; Peace; Creativity to resolve conflicts; Strengthening of youth policies; Development of leadership skills and entrepreneurship; Respect for the environment.
- At present, **MEDesTU** counts with 50 national members. And it will make everything in their power to be an active and inclusive HoN, together with the support of their national Ministry of Foreign Affairs.





# SPAIN



## Fundación Anna Lindh Red Española

### Youth creators transforming the Mediterranean: 12th Edition of the Contest Sea of Words:

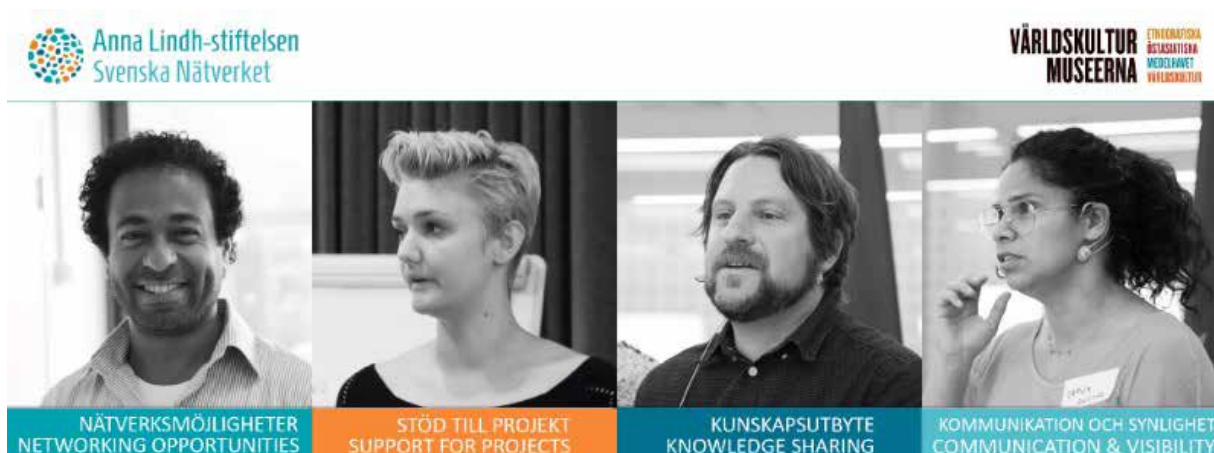
on the 25th of September the European Institute of the Mediterranean (hereafter IEMed) organized a conference with the title 'Youth creators transforming the Mediterranean' in Barcelona. In this act the finalists of the international contests, both organized by IEMed in order to provide a stage for the youth and the women out of the Mediterranean area, as much as to promote their creative potential. The youth could write within the literary contest A Sea of Words supported by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the women could draw inside the drawing contest Drawing 4 Equality: challenging gender roles which was supported by the Euro Mediterranean Women (hereafter FFEM).



# SWEDEN



## Anna Lindh-stiftelsen Svenska Nätverket



### OPEN CALL

**Reshape** proposes an open and inclusive experimental process with professionals from the Europe and the Mediterranean to enhance their innovative practices and help transforming the entire arts ecosystem.

We are looking for artists and cultural workers who have tried and managed to devise alternative models of working together or have engaged audiences in innovative ways.

**Apply here:** <https://reshape.network/open-call/>

### JOIN NOW

#### the New Global Network of More Than One Story

More Than One Story is a unique and powerful card game which builds intercultural dialogue bridges between people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures through storytelling. It is the initiative of our network member, the Department of Leisure and Culture in Simrishamn city.

**Join here:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/morethanonestory/>



## New Members:

### 1. Centre for Capacity Building and Empowerment

The Malmö-based, Centre for Capacity Building & Empowerment is a youth organisation, which connects active adventurous people together.

<https://www.annalindhoundation.org/members/centre-capacity-building-and-empowerment>

### 2. Save the Children Gothenburg

Save the Children started in 1919 in Scotland. They have offices in Sweden and 119 other countries and are fighting for all children 's obvious right to survive, develop and grow up in safety.

<https://www.annalindhoundation.org/members/radda-barnen-goteborg-save-children-gothenburg>

### 3. Support Group Network

Support Group Network (SGN) is a non-profit association in Vänersborg launched by asylum seekers in July 2016 in collaboration with Swedish society with the aim of helping other asylum seekers, refugees, immigrants and migrants during their long waiting for decisions regarding their cases.

<https://www.annalindhoundation.org/members/support-group-network-sgn>

### 4. More Mosaic

It is a non-governmental organization based in Stockholm, Sweden. Its aims are to promote academic, cultural and political exchange, to participate in the discussion about European citizenship and to serve as a platform for meaningful collaboration between Sweden, EU and other actors beyond former geopolitical borders. <http://www.moremosaic.eu/>

## Upcoming Events:

### Climate & Creativity Seminar by Tiltt , 13 November 2019, Gothenburg

Invitation for organisations/individuals based in Sweden only!

Are you interested in working with climate adaptation - in Gothenburg, Västra Gölalund and in an international perspective? Are you interested in alternative and creative solutions to meet the climate challenges of the future?



Welcome to two exciting climate adaptation seminars with Swedish and international guests and experts. The seminars are part of the international project Cultural Adaptations and are free of charge but require advance registration. Read more and register here: <https://www.tillt.se/en-GB>

## Council of Europe Grant to Fight Sexism

This call for proposals aims to co-fund a project with activities at the national level aimed at promoting the implementation of Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)1 on Preventing and Combating Sexism and complementing activities undertaken by the Council of Europe with member states.

Deadline for submission of offers: 18 November 2019. Read more:

[https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/news/-/asset\\_publisher/97rn0OKB2ywb/content/call-for-proposals-ngo-grant-to-promote-the-fight-against-sexism?\\_101\\_INSTANCE\\_97rn0OKB2ywb\\_viewMode=view/](https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/news/-/asset_publisher/97rn0OKB2ywb/content/call-for-proposals-ngo-grant-to-promote-the-fight-against-sexism?_101_INSTANCE_97rn0OKB2ywb_viewMode=view/)







## EuroMed Women for Dialogue Forum

On 11 and 12 September 2019, held under the “Matronage” of Her Royal Highness Princess Rym Ali, the Anna Lindh Foundation and UNESCO organised the EuroMed Women for Dialogue Forum. The Forum gathered around 100 delegates engaged in the promotion of gender equality, the fight of gender and cultural stereotypes, including ambassadors, international organisations, academics, journalists and civil society members of the ALF national networks. The Forum was conceived as a regional platform to give voice to women and men who could share success stories on the role of women as agents for the promotion of intercultural dialogue in the region and to counter prevailing stereotypes which till today hamper women full participation and potential in their societies.

## EUNIC Siena Cultural Relations Forum

In the framework of the development of the EU strategy for international cultural relations, the Anna Lindh Foundation participated to the EUNIC Cultural Relations Forum organised in Siena, 26-29 June, under the title “Bridging Theory and Practice. A European Strategic Approach to International Cultural Relations: The state of the art”. The ALF participate to the partners roundtable held on 27 June, presenting its programme and five proposals for the EU Strategy of International Cultural Relations, revolving around a multi-stakeholder approach, investment on visibility and communication, work in cities as intercultural laboratories, research data and evaluation, and the potential establishment of an instrument to support cultural projects for social cohesion.



## Union for the Mediterranean Regional Dialogue on Women Empowerment

Participating to the UfM Regional Dialogue on Women Empowerment which took place in Barcelona on 18 and 19 July, the ALF provided its input for the establishment of a mechanism with indicators to monitor progress in women's equal participation as a follow-up to the UfM Ministerial conclusions on Strengthening the Role of Women in Society. More in particular, the ALF offered the results of its research work on intercultural trends, the disaggregated data by gender and those focusing on people's perceptions on women's role in society.



## Preparing for the Training for Trainers on Intercultural Citizenship Education

On 11 June, the Anna Lindh Foundation, participated at the Annual Meeting of International Regional and International Stakeholders (AMIRS) organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in the framework of the 7th Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship in Hammamet to reinforce coherence and synergy in the vision, priorities and actions of the multiple stakeholders acting in the region in the youth field, in order to maximize the contribution of their efforts. The ALF presented its programme for intercultural citizenship education as well as its youth programme and concrete areas of collaboration were discussed in preparation of the Training for Trainers on Intercultural Citizenship Education that the ALF plans for November 2019.



## YOUNG MEDITERRANEAN VOICES

### Young Mediterranean Voices Debate and Policy Forum", Malta 2-5 July 2019:



The Anna Lindh Foundation together with the Maltese Youth Agency, Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ, delivered the very first Young Mediterranean Voices Debate Forum and Debate Championship in Malta, the Forum has been conceived as the largest movement of its kind to connect champions of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from across the Middle East, North Africa, Europe, and the Balkans where elements of debate, dialogue, advocacy, policy and virtual exchange are combined in a unique youth forum.

Organised from the 2nd to the 5th of July 2019, the YMV Forum brought together 50+ young debaters from more than 20 Euro-Mediterranean countries including Algeria ,Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic ,Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary ,Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco ,Palestine, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and UK

16 debate motions took place through the 3-day Euro-Med Forum ,these motions were shaped, on the one hand, 'bottom-up' as a result of the outcomes of grass-root youth-led debate involving 5,000+ young people from across the Mediterranean in 2018 in debates and exchanges, physical and virtual, and on the other, in alignment with specific policy areas identified through the YMV engagement in policy platforms in 2019.

Sample motions include : quality education; gender equality; reduce inequality within and among countries; climate action; peace, justice and strong institutions.

Each debate featured two teams of young debaters from the south and north of the Mediterranean who presented evidence to validate their arguments for or against a policy







motion linked to specific SDGs. Issues, arguments and policy recommendations were captured and presented as a main output of the forum.

The Forum showcased a unique methodology of intercultural youth-led debates used to draw out key issues, evidence and proposals to act strategically to accelerate the implementation and increase the reach of the 2030 Agenda.

## **CAPACITY BUILDING : Young Mediterranean Voices National Debates**

The British Council led debate club activity from May to September, including the local delivery of National Debate Training in debate and dialogue techniques. Through this process, new debate clubs gain an initial capacity to run a programme of local debate activities.

Additionally, they contribute to promoting a culture of debate at the local community level, including local level competitions, that took place in September. Debate clubs from different Hubs engaged in small-scale competitions to practice debate and prepare for National Competitions, scheduled to take place in October.

National debate tournaments will be enhanced to also incorporate debate motions directly linked to national and regional policy agendas. October will include a region-wide programme of debate competitions and national dialogue forums in eight South Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia):

- Khims City, Libya, 10-12 October
- OPT, 17-19 October
- Setif, Algeria, 17-19 October
- Lebanon, 18-20 October
- Rabat, Morocco, 24-26 October
- Tunis, Tunisia, 31 October-2 November
- Cairo, Egypt, 21-22 November
- Jordan, 14-16 November



## ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

### ONLINE DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Intercultural Online Debates #ErasmusVirtual bring together young people from diverse backgrounds of the Euro-Med region to meet online and get trained to debate topics of their choice. You can join any time; there is no deadline. Participation is free!

Upcoming Debate Team Leader Trainings (10 am – 4 pm CET)

In English: November 9th, 23rd, December 7th

In French: November 16th

Upcoming Online Debates (10 am – 1 pm CET time)

In English: November 2nd, 30th, December 14th

In French: December 7th



Trainings and debates are available in English, French and Arabic. They are open for beginners and advanced debaters. Register now here :

[https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual/expression-interest-advocacy-training\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual/expression-interest-advocacy-training_en)

and get all the information you need to join the debating community! Watch the promo video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QboFFKVY7MI&feature=youtu.be>

Debate Team Leaders Training:

A six hours intensive training on parliamentary debate skills. It is intended to prepare Team Leaders to deliver a local training for their teams in their communities before registering and leading them in an Intercultural Online Debate. Training sessions are conducted in English, Arabic and French.

Online debates:

Following the Team Leaders Training session on the necessary debate skills, teams from the North and South of the Mediterranean engage with each other in a 3 hours online debates on topics (motions) of their choice.

Post-Debate Dialogue Sessions:

Following their intercultural online debate, teams from north and south of the Mediterranean meet again a week later in the Post-debate dialogue session to engage in a meaningful dialogue around the debate motions and to have a self-reflection on how has the online debate critical thinking experience affected their views on the selected topics.

Online Euro-Med Debate Competition 2019:

The Online Euro-Med Debate Competition took place from 26 to 30 August 2019, in the framework of the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project. It was the first competition of its kind, connecting young people virtually to debate online.

40 teams from over 12 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region took part. The competition was aimed at increasing intercultural awareness and promoting dialogue exchange between Europe and the Southern Mediterranean.

More about the competition could be found here:

[https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual/news/280-young-people-euro-med-region-participated-first-erasmus-virtual-exchange\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual/news/280-young-people-euro-med-region-participated-first-erasmus-virtual-exchange_en)





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