



EDITORIAL

The world is facing an unprecedented challenge in the form of the Coronavirus pandemic and we, at The Anna Lindh Foundation, have been impacted like everybody else. We were forced to work from our homes just like millions of people everywhere.



The virus may have changed our working habits and prevented the Anna Lindh Family from personally interacting or seeing one another, but we can say with full confidence it has not dampened our spirits or

diminished our commitment to continue our mission and our dedication to serve our Networks and utilize modern technology to implement our programs virtually. The staff of the Anna Lindh Foundation is still working round the clock to fulfil the Foundation's mandate as if nothing had happened.

We are doing so because it is our job first and foremost, but also we feel there is a sense of urgency to carry out our mandate. In short, we feel that the Coronavirus pandemic has made our mandate more relevant than before.

Our mandate reminds us all that solutions to all problems rely mainly in creating strong partnerships, exchanging expertise and sharing of knowledge. Building bridges has also always been the core message of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

This message was always clear and evident for everybody to see, but it is now more evident than ever.

Dr Nabil Al Sharif
Executive Director
Anna Lindh Foundation

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Dear readers,

This quarterly e-magazine covers the period from October 2019 to January 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Anna Lindh Foundation has announced that the Forum which was planned in April 2020 in Croatia has been postponed. The ALF is monitoring closely the situation and keeps you informed on a regular basis through its social media and its website. Thank you for your understanding.

We wish you a pleasant reading.

HEADQUARTERS IN ALEXANDRIA

59th BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING – November 2019

For the first time in its history since the creation in 2005, the Anna Lindh Foundation organized at its Headquarters at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina the 59th Anna Lindh Foundation Board of Governors meeting on Sunday 24th November 2019.



Board of Governors Meeting – Bibliotheca Alexandrina

The inaugural session of the meeting was formally opened by Madame Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Dr Nabil Al Sharif, the Executive Director, H.E. Ambassador Badr Abdel Atty, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs for Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and UfM, Dr Hoda El Mikaty, Deputy Director of Bibliotheca Alexandrina, and Mrs Henrike Trautmann, Head of Unit DG NEAR, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South from the European Commission in Brussels, who delivered short welcoming speeches to the participants of the meeting and invitees to the opening ceremony.

Dr Nabil Al Sharif presented to the Board of members the Foundation's Work plan for 2020 and its related budget, with focus on the strategic steps necessary for the strengthening of the Foundation's administration and reform of and its Network, which was also presented in the meeting by six representative of civil society organizations from Germany, Greece, Morocco, Palestine, Slovenia and Turkey.

The Anna Lindh Foundation Secretariat gave a general overview of its flagship activities: the ALF Report on intercultural trends, Young Mediterranean Voices and the Fourth Edition of the Med Forum which will take place in Sibenik, Croatia, from 2nd to 5th April 2020, where Board of Governors from the Foundation's 42 Euromed countries will meet again, jointly with representatives of the civil society of the equivalent countries. □

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – November 2019

Following the 59th Board of Governors, the Advisory Council took place in the city of Alexandria, November 2019 and was hosted at "Anna Lindh House", former home to the Swedish Institute that has served as co-premises for the Foundation since 2005.



Advisory Council Meeting – Anna Lindh House in Alexandria

The Advisory Council presided by the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, is the statutory body responsible for advising the 42-country Board of Governors, Executive Director and National Civil Society networks on the strategic policy orientations of the Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to take stock of progress during the current triennial cycle and open up the next cycle of programming to be shaped and endorsed during 2020.



Advisory Council Meeting – ALF Twitter account

The opening intervention was by the President, Madame Elisabeth Guigou, with an exchange with the members on the state-of-play of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and the emerging priorities of regional cooperation, followed by an intervention by the Executive Director of the Foundation with focus on the emerging areas of programming for the Foundation and the work underway on the review of the 'Network of Networks' model. □

Maltese Delegation at the Anna Lindh House - 29 November 2019



Dr Nabil Al Sharif - Anna Lindh House

In collaboration with MAC Club and on the occasion of the visit of the Maltese delegation to the Anna Lindh House in Alexandria, the Anna Lindh Foundation has organised a Public Policy Debate under the auspices of Dr Nabil Al Sharif on 'the Positive influence of youth engagement in developing their Communities in the MENA region'.



Youth Debate - Anna Lindh House- Maltese Delegation

The debaters were really inspiring and had a great heated discussion resulted with fruitful recommendations through developing the role of youth in decision making process. □



Training on Intercultural Citizenship at the Anna Lindh House – 19 January 2020

The ALF House in Alexandria hosted training on Intercultural Citizenship organised in collaboration with the Egyptian Head of Network. □



Training at Anna Lindh House – ALF Twitter account

International Seminar on the Revitalization of the EuroMed Cooperation - 6 December 2019



Inter-institutional Seminar - Rome

In view of the 25th anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration, the leaders of UNAOc (Ambassador. Moratinos), UfM (Ambassador Kamel), ALF (Dr. Al-Sharif), and PRIMA (Prof. Riccaboni), met for the first time together for an inter-institutional Seminar, held in Rome on December 6, 2019, launching a new joint action plan for multilateral cooperation within the common Euro-Med ecosystem. □

Meeting of Dr Al Sharif with Mr Kaymakçı in Turkey - December 2019



Dr Al Sharif meeting with Mr Kaymakçı, Turkey – December 2019

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçı met with Dr. Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation and the accompanying delegation on 11 December 2019 at Directorate for EU Affairs. During the meeting with the delegation including Coordinators of the Turkish Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Prof. Dr. Necdet Sağlam and Gürkan Akçaer, bilateral co-operation opportunities were discussed in detail. □

EU LIAISON AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

EYL-MENA seminar ‘Unlocking the next generation's vision’ on 4 and 5 November 2019 in Brussels

The Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation (ALF) in partnerships with Friends of Europe (FoE) drew young leaders from Europe, North Africa and the Middle East for a unique two-day seminar to share experiences, debate pressing issues, and exchange ideas with influential figures from government, business, civil society and the arts.

Young Mediterranean Voices @YoungMedVoices · Nov 4, 2019
 The future is here! @YoungMedVoices from Lebanon, Palestine, Spain, Check Republic, Egypt, Libya, Germany and Morocco are getting ready to discuss today global subjects including #SDGs implementation with influential representatives and #EYL40 delegates #YoungMedVoices2030



Young Med Voices at the EYL-MENA seminar in Brussels – ALF Twitter account

The seminar sent a positive message on the strength of people power led by youngsters who, despite being under-represented at the political level, can still be a driving force for change and innovation. Participants from north and south of the Mediterranean underscored the importance of partnering to confront issues that cut across borders: inequality, gender rights, migration and inclusion, sustainable agriculture and the climate crisis. □

MAJALAT Brussels Civil Society Forum, 2-3 December 2019

MAJALAT Brussels Civil Society Forum, regional initiative aimed at creating a permanent exchange between the EU and civil society organisations in the South Mediterranean, supported by the European Commission (DG NEAR). □

JANUARY 2020

In January, the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Madame Elisabeth Guigou, had meetings with high-level EU officials, including:

Anna Lindh Foundation @AnnaLindh · Feb 2
 The President of the European Parliament stressed the importance of working closely with the Southern Mediterranean countries. The President of the @AnnaLindh highlighted the Foundation's Programmes, including its flagship one @YoungMedVoices.



Elisabeth Guigou and David Sassoli

ALF President meets the President of the European Parliament – ALF Twitter account

the Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, Olivér Várhelyi, the Commissioner for Democracy and Demography, Dubravka Šuica, the Director-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Christian Danielsson, the Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Global Issues at the European External Action Service, Christian Leffler, the Managing Director of the MENA region, Fernando Gentilini as well as the President of the European Parliament, David Maria Sassoli. These meetings were an opportunity to highlight that the year 2020 will be the turning point for civil society and its stronger role in climate, technology, intercultural dialogue, youth, and gender equality. Therefore, the Foundation's MedForum2020 will be the opportunity to challenge these issues. □

EC AV Service @EC_AVService · Jan 22
 Commissioner @OlivérVarhelyi receives @elisabethguigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

More photos: europa.eu/!WR84uU



ALF President meets Commissioner Olivier Varhelyi – ALF Twitter account

INTERCULTURAL TRENDS REPORT

Presenting and Discussing the Intercultural Trends Report

In the last trimester of 2019, three presentations of the Intercultural Trends Report were organized in collaboration with member universities of UNIMED and the participation of the ALF Heads of Networks, as well as academics from the host universities and experts associated to the Anna Lindh Foundation.



Intercultural Trends Report Presentation – University of Birzeit

On 25 November 2019, the University of Birzeit hosted a seminar which offered the opportunity to explore regional data from the Report and have an in-depth comparison of data gathered in Palestine and Jordan through the analysis provided by Dr Saif Nimri, Managing Director of Ipsos Jordan and Iraq.



Intercultural Trends Report Presentation – University of Cyprus

On 27 November, the Intercultural Trends Report was presented and discussed at the University of Cyprus with a panel discussion chaired by the Head of the Cypriot Network and the participation of both academics, network members and an education specialist. From the University of Cyprus, Assistant Professor at the University of Cyprus, Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides, provided comments to the regional

overview of data provided with a focus on the role of women in society and the state of Euro-Med socio-cultural relations while Nouredine Erradi, Chairman of Integration For All and trainer, building on the data gathered in relation to intercultural education shared his experience on intercultural skills development.



Debate at University of Evora

On 3 December the University of Evora hosted a debate around the Intercultural Trends Report with the participation of a high level panel including the Rector of the University, Prof. Ana Costa Freitas, Ambassador José Filipe Moraes Cabral, President of the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO, Professor Filipe Themudo Barata, President of the UNIMED Office at the University of Évora, the President of President of Associacao Medestu - Head of the ALF Portuguese Network, Juliana Santos, a representative of the Students' Association of the University of Évora Ana Rita Silva, and Dr Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation. Dr Al Sharif underlined among other the importance of fact-based cross-cultural journalistic reporting and collaborations among academic institutions and civil society. □

Training of Trainers in Nicosia, Cyprus - November 2019



Training of Trainers in Nicosia



From the 25th of November to the 1st of December 2019, the Anna Lindh Foundation organized a Regional Training for Trainers on Intercultural Citizenship Education in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The training was attended by 30

participants and three trainers. The training was addressed to educators in the formal and non-formal education sector identified through the Heads of National Networks and committed to organize educational activities in their respective communities and networks to share the skills, knowledge and information gathered with the regional training.



Training of Trainers in Nicosia

The training was based on the capacity building methodology on intercultural dialogue developed by a team of experts coordinated by the Anna Lindh Foundation using as main educational reference the Anna Lindh Foundation Education Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship in the Euro-Med region and including the presentation of intercultural citizenship education concepts, interactive learning and activities led by the trainees to practice the competences and notions acquired, as well as the exchange of educational practices among the participants. Following the face-to-face training a mentorship scheme was set up to support educators in the implementation of education activities. Click here, for more information about the Anna Lindh Foundation Education Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship in the Euro-Med region. □

12 November 2019, launch of the first Online Course on Euro-Med Intercultural Trends



Poster - Online Course on Euro-Med Intercultural Trends

On 12 November 2019, the first Online Course on Intercultural Trends in the Euro-Mediterranean region was launched in its pilot phase. The course was produced through the collaboration of the Union of Mediterranean Universities based on the intercultural trends data and analyses. The course is of the duration of 4 weeks and foresees the completion of 4 learning modules. The modules cover the

following themes: Representation of the Mediterranean and mutual interest; Values and mutual perceptions; Interaction across cultures; Living in diversity. Course contents includes written analyses, 21 short videos explanatory of the main Intercultural Trends Survey data and analysis, quizzes and short expert lectures by some of the authors of the fourth edition of the Anna Lindh Report 2018. Every week participants engaged on exchanges via a dedicated discussion forum around a common identified issue. Upon completion of the four modules of the course participants received a certificate. 479 people from 39 countries registered to the pilot version of the online course. Participants' ages range from 16 to 79 years with a majority of the participants (62%) that are under 34 years. Most of the registered participants are university students, followed by civil society activists, university professors/school teachers and decision makers. □

Presentation of Intercultural Trends Report at the University of Siena, Italy - 14th January 2020



Presentation of Intercultural Trends Report – University of Siena

On the occasion of the “Tuesday Seminar” organized on the 14th of January 2020, by the Centre for the Study of Political Change of the University of Siena, the findings of the Intercultural Trends Report and the work of the Anna Lindh Foundation were presented as part of a lecture on intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Med region. The lecture developed around the ALF indicator of intercultural relations with an overview of the main trends recorded during the past ten years on the following variables: the level of mutual interest among the people of the region and sources of information, the level and impact of cross-cultural interactions and related barriers, the main values of societies and the openness to diversity, mutual perceptions and recognized dialogue measures.

To conclude the presentation, the Anna Lindh Foundation also announced that in 2020 it will open an online platform

gathering and promoting material on intercultural trends in the Euro-Mediterranean region. "We want to make research on intercultural trends in the Euro-Mediterranean more accessible to all people, and especially journalists, researchers, civil society. That is why we are preparing to launch a new online hub for intercultural dialogue", concluded Eleonora Insalaco, Head of Operations and Intercultural Research in the ALF. □

Preparation of the fourth edition of the Intercultural Trends Report



Preparation of the fourth edition of the Intercultural Trends Report

In January 2020, Ipsos Mori, following an international tendering procedure, was awarded a contract to carry out the regional public opinion poll at the core for the preparation of the fourth edition of the Anna Lindh Report on Intercultural Trends and Social Change in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The field work is planned to take place between March and April 2020 and data to be analysed from June. □

MED FORUM 2020

Call for Participation for self-paying participants



On October 1st 2019, the Anna Lindh Foundation announced the Call for Participation for self-paying participants to the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Forum 2020, which will take place in Šibenik, Croatia, from 2-5 April 2020. □

**Due to the Pandemic of the Covid-19, the Call has been cancelled.*

Public Debate in Thessaloniki, October 2019

During the General Assembly in Thessaloniki from 23-27 October 2019, an Oxford-style debate took place on 25 October in the afternoon. Two debaters from the North and two from the South agreed on the Motion and had a successful exchange with live audience participation.



YMV Debate in Thessaloniki

Debate Motion

"This House believes that underage people should be able to vote".

FOR THE MOTION

Zahra Atmeza (Palestine)
Filippos Kantarellis (Greece)

AGAINST THE MOTION

Anas Alatawneh (Jordan)
Anna Pekridou (Greece) □

YOUNG MEDITERRANEAN VOICES

Policy dialogue Lapland, Finland - 12 November 2019

YMV, in association with the Finnish Presidency of the European Council, hosted an event on the afternoon of November 12th 2019, at the University of Lapland, Finland, with the presence of 5 YMV's from Libya, France, Jordan, Finland and Spain. This event marked the very first Euro-Mediterranean dialogue encounter of its kind in Finland.



YMV in the Lapland - ALF Twitter account

The dialogue, hosted at the University of Lapland, exposed the interconnected nature of issues debated in Northern Europe with those debated across the Mediterranean region from migration and climate resilience to cultural identity and social inclusion. The evaluation of this first Young Mediterranean Voices (YMV) dialogue in the North has proved positive, both by the delegates and the University of Lapland.

"People from North Africa have almost no contact with Scandinavian countries. It is very exciting to have an intercultural exchange in Finland, between very different lifestyles. The most basic assumptions of life are challenged here because of the weather. It is interesting to hear the perspectives of Arctic communities who rely a lot on their environment for their form of living, much more than the industrialised/urbanised lifestyles of other parts of the Euro-Med region", said Asma Dekna from YMV Libya (delegate). □

Second Leadership Seminar in Malta, 18 – 23 November 2019

The Regional Leadership Seminars an initiative of the Anna Lindh Foundation, co-organised with the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) and World Leadership Alliance – Club de Madrid. Club de Madrid contributed with the participation of Former Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zlatko Lagumdžija and the beneficiaries of the

services of Common Purpose. The Euro-Med Media Network also assisted in the coordination of the Media Day.



Dr Nabil Al Sharif attending the second Leadership Seminar - ALF Twitter account

The open call for participants attracted more than 200 applicants. Twenty-one (21) young people from 15 countries of the Euro-Med were selected: Libya, Mauritania, Malta, Greece, Palestine (2), Morocco (2), Belgium, Italy, Egypt (2), Tunisia (2), Algeria, Croatia, Lebanon (2), Hungary, and Syria. There were 11 women and 10 men.

The week's programme and methodology – in a building block approach – were a blending learning experience including expert input, peer learning, practicing skills learnt, reflections on outcomes and feedback by trainers and practitioners. The programme attracted quality contributors that assisted and mentored participants throughout the week.



Jaafar Abdul Karim's Tweet on YMV Leadership Seminar -- ALF Twitter account

The cohort was engaged, inquiring, intellectually energetic and affable. The participants would spend the week in presentations, workshops, mentoring sessions and visits which would make them more culturally intelligent, environmentally aware and media savvy. The week equipped them with the necessary skills and knowledge to work together in teams to devise plans and narratives related to problems associated with the environment. The objective was to reach out to policy makers as young advocates with putative projects on climate change. They did this admirably well. The theme for the week had been predetermined by the organisers in an attempt to simplify the process and was linked to Climate Action.

During the Media Day, a panel of international and national senior journalists discussed what makes a story for the media, and how chosen issues can be translated through stories or possible publication, they also informed of the DNA make-up of a journalist that would help in creating partnerships of trust, an important component of skills that any young leader should aim at. The line-up of journalists included Jaafar Abdul-Karim, TV award winning journalist at Deutche Welle, who hosts the Arabic youth talk show Shababtalk. □

YMV Strategic Communications Lab 2 – 4 December 2019, Kokkola, Finland

The YMV Communications Lab engaged 16 youth from MENA and targeted EU countries, for this training/capacity building activity. It focused on the development of youth-led creative communication initiatives to challenge extremist narratives. The lab leveraged youth-led debate competences connected to Young Mediterranean Voices, to shape narratives in the digital world.

During the 1.5-day event, participants enhanced their digital literacy and media skills, heard from social media leading companies about how to enhance online reach, and work in groups to create new, compelling campaigns to reach at-risk audiences in their own communities and beyond. The Lab also focused on how to unleash existing creative talent within the debate communities, through the generation of practical campaign ideas, relating to the communities of the participants, and collaboration across regions.

Eligible countries were the 8 YMV south program countries, and Finland, Germany, Estonia and Denmark in the north. The participants were 9 women and 7 men, from Finland, Egypt, Lebanon, Tunisia, Estonia, Germany, Finland, Tunisia/Germany, Morocco and Jordan.

“The program received a lot of positive feedback from the participants. It was well-structured and had a good balance of theoretical and activating elements”, indicated Inka Nokso-Koivisto, ALF HoN Finland.

The identification process for delegates started with an open call/expression of interest, in collaboration and partnership with the ALF Finnish Network. Selection criteria included (among others): experience in communication and social media networks; capacity and capability to reach out to communities (i.e. through communication campaigns); interest in and proven capacity for engaging policy advocacy, using communication tools as a support, on the regional stage; and demonstration of creativity or potential for development. □



You and 2 others

YMV in Kokkola - ALF Twitter account

ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

Debate Exchange activities

The Debate Exchange activity led by the Anna Lindh Foundation in the frame of the European Commission's pilot project "Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange" continued its activities on a weekly basis during the last quarter of 2019. ALF offers debate team leaders Training and Exchanges to participants from the eligible countries of the project.



Debate Exchange activities

The Debate Exchange activity brings together participants from different backgrounds to develop parliamentary debate skills with the support of a network of trained debate team leaders and online debate trainers, fostering listening and understanding through advocacy training.

Participants debated in mixed teams from North Africa, Europe and the Middle East motions of their choice related to sex education, the Arab spring & the democratization process, culture & religion, gender equality, animals' rights, climate change, fake news and migration among other motions. □

Virtual Exchange Workshops in different countries of the Mediterranean region



Virtual Exchange Workshop - Morocco

The Debate Exchange activity was featured at the Young Mediterranean Voices Debate & Policy Forums that took place in October and November 2019 in the Southern Mediterranean region. Participants in 4 Forums (Morocco,

Tunisia, Jordan & Palestine) benefited from a Virtual Exchange Workshop delivered by local Trainers and Team Leaders, and had the opportunity to learn about the project and its activities, and to exchange virtually with peers from other countries from Europe and the Mediterranean in online debates using the activity's methodology.

Anna Lindh and Friends of Europe joint advocacy Brussels, November 2019

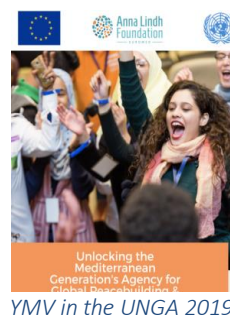


Anna Lindh and Friends of Europe joint advocacy

The Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange's model and the possibilities it provides in terms of enlarging the scope of participation and contribution was included in a number of key advocacy events that have been led by the Anna Lindh Foundation, involving young alumni from the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project with decision makers and civil society actors from Europe and the Mediterranean. Sixteen (16) alumni joined the "Future is Here: unlocking the next generation's vision" seminars, co-organized in November 2019 by the Anna Lindh Foundation and Friends of Europe, and have actively contributed to the discussion on "Rebooting Regional Cooperation".

Unlocking the Mediterranean Generation's Agency for Global Peace-building and Climate Resilience, New York, September 2019

On the occasion of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) a special dialogue was hosted at the European Union Delegation to the UN (New York, September 2019). The Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange model played a key role in enlarging the scope of consultations and engaging additional youth voices to the discussions. Twenty four (24) young alumni joined the Breakfast Dialogue framed by the centrality of the Mediterranean for the Global Agenda, climate resilience and the



2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The event was organized by the Anna Lindh Foundation in partnership with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC). □

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Heads of Network's Sub Group

The mandate of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Sub Group involving 8 Heads of Network ended December 2019. The group was established to look at good practices of M&E across the Anna Lindh Foundation Networks, and to support the development of simple tools of data collection and evaluation methods to be shared amongst all members.

A formal conference and meeting on the 3rd and 4th of July 2019, took place in Manchester. The event was a culmination of work undertaken by the group members, towards a formal framework and research into methodologies, tools and evaluative practices. There was a broad spread of ideas and propositions presented, not just from members of the sub group, but from organisations and entities doing much work in this field globally, to learn from each other, and share experience and expertise. The sharing, knowledge, skills, expertise and hands on practical exercises was a great chance to hear also of the pit falls and mistakes to avoid the same slippers. Speakers included representation from British Council, Arts Council England, IETM and EUNIC, as well as our own members presenting on the Goethe Institute, presentation from Network Analysis academic, Dr. Susan O'Shea and the Secretariat.



Monitoring and Evaluation Sub-group - July 2019

A report was sent to the Secretariat, with clear recommendations for the immediate work needed to progress the ALF to a stage of formal systems and approaches to evaluation and data collection and resource to ensure that it is undertaken effectively, with the leadership required at all levels. Two main challenges were identified: (1) the networks of networks covering some 42 countries, have different ethics and laws, and represent very diverse organisations within each country. Methods of operation, structures and processes are multiple. (2) Effective translation of any tools into operation will only be as effective as the learning and development is undertaken to ensure everyone is able to use them, and knows how to embed them into their work. □

NETWORK OF NETWORKS

The Foundation is emphasizing its role in mobilizing the National Networks dealing with the dialogue between cultures created by the Euro-Mediterranean partners, notably by promoting a Network of the respective Heads of the National Networks. It is also enhancing the needed assistance for the Networks to secure access to funding, spreading knowledge and sharing best practice and, thus, contributing to the implementation of the Foundation's programme. Moreover, the main focus of the Networks Unit in its current phase is to enhance the visibility of its networks through "mapping" and "profiling" of the members of the network in 42 countries, while underlining the active involvement of the Networks as a key condition for the achievement of the ALF mandate.



Heads of Network meeting, Thessaloniki - October 2019

The 18th General Annual Assembly of Heads of ALF National Networks and Civil Society that took place in Thessaloniki, Greece, between 24-25 October 2019, involved network coordinators from 30 countries, the Foundation's networks' team and representatives across the board of the Foundation's central operation teams and flagship initiatives. During the meeting, good implementation practices, challenges and ways to overcome were shared and discussed across ALF networks as well as with an aim to develop, improve and build new cooperation and collaboration practices and methods between and across structures and networks. Discussions took place and actions proposed which inform planning the collaboration for the following period.

Moreover, during December 2019, the Foundation concluded the recruitment process for two "Network officers" and since the start of 2020; the Network Unit has welcomed two new members, Ms. Doaa Chalaby and Ms. May Helmy. Both Doaa and May have previous experience with the Foundation and are familiar with the ALF mandate and programmes, hence they are expected to play a significant role in strengthening the Network team and enhancing its support to ALF networks.

The focus of the Networks Unit for the upcoming period will be to intensify support for the reactivation of non-active networks and the endorsement of new Head of Network institutions in the countries pending elections or appointments. In parallel, the Networks Unit will continue to extend support to the Heads of networks in planning, implementing and reporting their activities. □



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Tenth Meeting of ALF BiH Network in Tuzla from 11 to 13 October 2019



Meeting of ALF BiH Network in Tuzla

The tenth meeting of the ALF Network of BiH was held in Tuzla from October 11 to 13. Twenty participants from sixteen member organizations attended the meeting. The meeting primarily summarized what has been done in the past ten years of ALF BiH's existence, but participants also had the opportunity to share experiences and information about the coming period related to the work of the ALF BiH.

The participants had the opportunity to discuss current problems of BiH society, the role of ALF in intercultural cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region, mechanisms of non-governmental sector's actions towards governing structures, funds, cross-border cooperation. Forthcoming EuroMed Forum, which will be held in early April 2020 in Šibenik - Croatia, was also discussed. □

Participation in the 8th Tuzla Film Festival – October 2019



Poster - Tuzla Film Festival

Representatives of ALF Network members in BiH had the opportunity to participate in the opening of the eighth Tuzla Film Festival organized by our member - Magic Factory Tuzla. The opening of the eighth TFF was held on October 12 at the Bosnian Cultural Center Tuzla.



Tuzla Film Festival

At the festival, we also promoted the Anna Lindh Foundation's BiH Network, activities and plans, but also had the opportunity to speak informally with actors, directors and producers from the region, as well as representatives of local, cantonal and federal authorities, and representatives of the Ministry of Culture of FBiH and representatives of the Academic Community. □

Working Visit to Vitez



Working Visit to Vitez

From November 3 to 4, ALF BiH National Coordinator Miralem Tursinović and ALF BiH Board President Jasmin Jašarević visited Vitez and ALF members from Vitez - the ENTER Association and the City Youth Theater. During the visit, we had the opportunity to talk with representatives of local and cantonal authorities, businessmen, and visit a traditional cultural event: 9th edition of Days of Brandy Distillers and the original bečarac folk ensemble Krčevine from Vitez

Also, a meeting in Vitez was attended by Ms. Aida Riđanović - Director of the EuroMED Forum ALF. During the meeting, we agreed on the possibilities for greater participation of ALF member organizations at the Forum in Šibenik, as well as providing eventual support for the organization of the Forum by ALF BiH members. □

Nadace Anny Lindhové Česká síť

CZECH REPUBLIC

“Intercultural Dialogue and Prevention of Violence Conference”, Czech Republic - November 2019



Czernin Palace

On 7 November 2019, the fourth edition of conference on intercultural and interreligious dialogue took place in Czernin Palace under the auspices of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. This year conference focused on relationship between intercultural dialogue and prevention of radicalism and violence. Conference was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in close cooperation with Institute of International Relations (ALF) and Organisation of Islamic Conference, Prague Group.

Among international guests, there were Ambassador of Iraq to the Czech Republic H.E. Sundus Omar Ali Albayraqdar, who delivered her remarks on behalf of OIC countries, Apostolic Nuncio to the Czech Republic H.E. Charles D. Balvo and H.E. Faisal bin Abdulrahman bin Muammar, Secretary General of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), which was founded jointly by Saudi Arabia, Austria and Spain with support from the Holy See. The topic was also discussed by renowned academics such as Peter Mandeville, Jeffrey Heynes and Susan Hayward as well as journalist and activist Yeni Wahid, who significantly contributed to reconciliation in conflicts in Southeast Asia. The conference was also attended by representatives from Azerbaijan, Iran and OIC.



“Intercultural Dialogue And Prevention of Violence” Conference, Czech Republic, November 2019

The participants agreed that in our current era, which is plagued by chronic conflicts and crises, intercultural dialogue is

one of the most important instruments contributing to restoration of broken bonds across countries and societies. As such it plays an indispensable role in the modern world. □

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EGYPT

Series of Workshops and Trainings about Intercultural Citizenship



Intercultural Citizenship training



The Egyptian Network of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation organized Series of Workshops about Intercultural Citizenship the first one was in upper Egypt on 28 December 2019 in Minia governorate for members of Egyptian network from upper Egypt. The second workshop was in Alexandria on 18 January 2020 and it will organize third workshop on intercultural citizenship next month in Cairo.



Workshop on Intercultural Citizenship at the Anna Lindh House

These trainings on inter-culture citizenship come through the training by Anna Lindh Foundation in Cyprus, So the keenness of the Head of Egyptian Network to activate the activities of the Anna Lindh Foundation and transfer opportunities and experiences to all members of Egyptian Network, in these workshops presented the new tools in explaining the intercultural citizenship. The main goals of these trainings are to emphasize that unity in diversity, importance of coexistence and acceptance of difference, (accepting cultural, religious, social, athletic and economic diversity). □

NEWSLETTER

Head of Egyptian network decided to make newsletter for members of Network, this newsletter aimed to straighten the relation among members of Egyptian Network and facilitate to know the activities of Egyptian members to make partnership and joint events among them in Egypt

New Members

MAC Club for Social Development

MAC Club is a civil society organization founded since the 5th of October 2011 in Alexandria, they have more than 40 volunteers from young people and they also member of YMV program:

<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/members/mac-club-social-development/>

Center for Arab-West Understanding (CAWU)

Egyptian NGO (2008), cooperating with the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT) in Egypt and Dutch NGO Arab-West Foundation:

<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/members/center-arab-west-understanding-cawu/>

Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT)

They are building electronic library for intercultural dialogue, the head of this center Cornelis Hulsman:

<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/members/center-intercultural-dialogue-and-translation-cidt/>

Pasma association for Development, this association in upper Egypt and have more than 80 volunteers

<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/members/ijmy-bsm-ltnmy-wltywyr/>

General Egyptian Society of Talented

<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/members/ljmy-lm-lry-lnbgyr/> □



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FINLAND

Creating counter narratives to hate speech - Young Mediterranean Voices communications lab in Kokkola, Finland 2 – 3 December 2019



YMV Communications Lab in Kokkola, Finland

The Finnish network was happy to welcome 20 young participants from Mediterranean and Baltic sea to Finland to develop their communication strategies in a Young Mediterranean Voices communications lab. This was the second Young Mediterranean Voices event in Finland, after a successful YMV debate in Rovaniemi, Lapland earlier in the fall of 2019.



YMV debate in Rovaniemi, Lapland

After the theoretical introduction, the group had an activation exercise with personal experiences and then a full day of group work with projects. Every group would plan a campaign that could counter a specific type of hate speech. An important question was how to create counter narratives without antagonising and creating polarisation. One of the solutions was a “Love Speech Movement”, where positive messages were communicated instead of negative ones. Other topics addressed by the groups were gender-based violence, alt-right politics and fake news. □



Fondation Anna Lindh
Réseau Français

FRANCE

In November 2019, 40 young people from 10 countries that participate in the AJCM (Workshop of Young Mediterranean Citizens), met during the Mediterranean Forum of the Future, in Marseille. They worked on how to create a *Mediterranean Youth Assembly* and proposed an action plan for 2020, around the topics of environment, mobility and gender equality.



Workshop of Young Mediterranean Citizens

The AJCM offers a space for dialogue and citizen consultation to the youth around the themes of environment, eco-development and Mediterranean identity. Within this framework, more than 2.500 young people get involved and act each year, around simultaneous actions, carrying values of solidarity and exchange.



Mediterranean Forum of the Future, in Marseille, November 2019

The next international event will be the Day of Young Mediterranean Citizen Commitment, the 6th June. If you want to participate, or become an AJCM correspondent in your country, do not hesitate to contact us! This project is led by Les Têtes de l'Art, which encourages participatory artistic practices in culture, popular education and social and solidarity economy in Europe and the Mediterranean. □



Anna Lindh Stiftung Deutsches Netzwerk

GERMANY

The Information Tour to Berlin, 17th to 21st November 2019, for members of the ALF from France, Germany, Israel, Jordan, Palestine and Poland aimed at fostering exchange among the members and connecting them to civil society actors as well as to state actors and private foundations in Germany. Diverse encounters and interactions on the subjects "Cross-border Cooperation in Civil Society" and "Digital Civil Society" did not only promote knowledge and mutual understanding – the tour also enabled networking to take place and to develop long-term cross-border cooperation.



Information Tour to Berlin, November 2019

Initiated on the invitation of the Federal Foreign Office and organised in close cooperation with the members of the MENA-AG, the Goethe Institute. V. And ZAK at KIT, the tour took place from 17th to 21st November 2019. One of the highlights was the meeting with representatives of the working group "Middle East North Africa (MENA)" that offered a great opportunity to exchange experiences and discuss future collaborations with stakeholders that are active in international affairs, especially in the MENA region. The international members of the ALF made the four days a fruitful exchange of knowledge, opinions, ideas, inspirations and concrete projects to be developed in cross-border cooperation in the nearer future – we are looking forward to it! This tour is one of the events in a series of activities that are contributing to shape the forthcoming agenda of the ALF activity during the German Presidency 2020 - along with the active involvement in the working group on "Civil Society" (06/2018 -02/2020) as part of the strategy process for German Cultural relations, and with

the WIKI-workshop at ifain association with "Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange" and "Young Mediterranean Voices" that took place in September 2019.

Further information:

http://www.zak.kit.edu/english/anna_lindh.php/

As an ongoing activity ZAK, together with the ALF team, is working as a third party on the implementation of the Debate Exchange activity in the context of the European Commission's Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange programme. We have continuously been active in coordinating the participation of young people from the EuroMed region in Debate Team Leaders Trainings and Online Debates in the foundation's three languages and in outreach activities for this activity.

Further information:

https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual/activity/debate-team-leader-training_en/ □



Ίδρυμα Anna Lindh Ελληνικό Δίκτυο

GREECE

The last two months of 2019 have been extra creative and busy for the Greek Network of Anna Lindh Foundation and its members. During the 23-27 of October, the annual meeting of the national networks leading members was held in Thessaloniki, being very much a great honor for the Greek Network to be the host.

Since 8-20 of November, the Greek Network did also organize a national meeting for its members in Thessaloniki. It was one of the biggest national meetings ever held by the network, with an estimated participation of over 60 organizations from all over Greece.

During January, under the "Open House" mission, we visited the Western part of Greece. The aim was to come close with the local organizations, informing them regarding the Foundation's work, aiming to reinforce their interest in the foundation and recruit new members.

Coming up, we will list some of the most important actions and events held by our network's members.

The "Ionian Center for the Arts & Culture" announced its international program for 2020-21. More specifically, projects of innovation are encouraged through the paths of Higher Education, Arts, Sciences, Research. The "ANTIGONE" organization came through with the "Words Are Stones" campaign, a campaign against Hate Speech. A total of 6 European organizations are taking part in this initiative and their aim consists of empowering activists, NGOs, European

citizens against any form of cultural, social, political and media promotion of any racist and xenophobic behavior. The “Culturepolis” organization is taking part in the OHAS project, an ERASMUS+ initiative, aiming to help people with disabilities, regarding access issues in cultural sites. Last but not least, The “MOHA Research Center” is publishing the book “Islamic Gardens: Multi-Meanings of Paradise” in English, concerning the symbolisms behind the Islamic Gardens and different forms of Heaven. Athina Korovesi from ICBS met with Georgios Karabatos, Executive Director “Routes of the Olive Tree” in the framework of Anna Lindh Foundation- Greek Network.

For further information regarding the Greek Network, its members and its actions, you can visit our website www.alfhellas.gr as well as our Facebook.

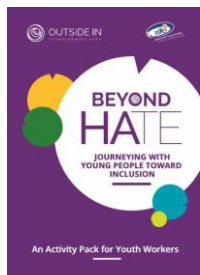


IRELAND

Activity Resource ‘Beyond Hate’

Ireland’s ALF member, the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) partnered with Al Jana in Lebanon to run a week-long youth exchange on conflict transformation with funding from the Anna Lindh Foundation in 2016-2017. See: www.youth.ie/articles/transforming-shadows-project/.

In the project titled ‘Transforming Shadows’, they set out to explore how 12 young adults overcame various forms of conflict, such as drugs, crime, war, violence, racism, and personal adversity. Using non-formal youth work practice, and art as a tool for critical social engagement, they piloted several experimental approaches to looking at Transformative Practice.



Activity Resource ‘Beyond Hate’

without the support of ALF. A seed was sown; it bore beautiful fruit.

An Erasmus + project followed which was completed in December 2019 during which NYCI developed an Activity Resource called ‘Beyond Hate’. They learnt much through these projects which radically changed their training and their support to the youth work sector. It has also been adopted by the youth work sector in Northern Ireland. According to the NYCI ‘Something magic was started in Lebanon which wouldn’t have happened

Intercultural Museum programme for schools

Ireland’s co-Head of Network, the Chester Beatty, has worked on a project with two other ALF Ireland members, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick and Maynooth University, County Kildare, initiated an 18 month project to research, develop and build its first Intercultural Museum programme for schools (2018-2020). Their aim was to explore ways to engage primary, post-primary schools and teachers with the Library’s unique collections.



Intercultural Museum programme for schools

From March 2020, teachers and students will be able to engage with the Chester Beatty Islamic, East Asian and European Collections through a number of programmes including guided tours facilitated by guides using visual thinking strategies and object based learning; self-guided visits, online learning resources and access to their image gallery.

This project was also partnered by the Intercultural Education Service (Education Authority of Northern Ireland) and UK Heritec Education Consultancy and was supported by Creative Ireland and Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

ITALY

A Cultural Bridge in the Mediterranean Area, Rome – 15 – 16 October 2019

Over 50 experts took part in the two-day international workshop and debates held at the Italian Foreign Ministry (MAECI) in Rome on October 15 – 16, 2019, organized by the Italian Network for the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue RIDE-APS, Head of the Anna Lindh Network in Italy, and the RIDE-APS' EPHESO/Cisalpinopublishingseries.



Italian Foreign Ministry (MAECI) in Rome

In this context, eight ALF HoNs agreed to present common projects for the Cerealia Festival 2020, including the French-Italian proposal “Scaena Mediterranea”, selected by the Summit of the Two Shores launched by French President Macron.

Click the below links to download the article on the national news agency and pictures:

http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2019/10/17/four-projects-to-revitalize-euro-med-cooperation_52ec0a35-e874-4d7a-81d8-7553868e7b23.html

International Seminar on the Revitalization of the Euro-Med Cooperation

In view of the 25th anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration, the leaders of UNAOc (Ambassador Moratinos), UfM (Ambassador Kamel), ALF (Dr. Al-Sharif), and PRIMA (Professor Riccaboni), met for the first time together for an inter-

institutional Seminar, held in Rome on December 6, 2019, launching a new joint action plan for multilateral cooperation within the common Euro-Med ecosystem. Dr. Enrico Molinaro (Secretary General of RIDE-APS, President of Mediterranean Perspectives, organizer of the event on behalf of RIDE-APS), chaired the discussion with diplomats and civil society experts, including Muslim, Jewish, Christian representatives.

Click the below links to download the article on the national newsagency and pictures:

- <http://moked.it/international/2019/12/16/news-four-international-organizations-launch-new-euro-med-agenda/>
- <https://kmetro0.it/2019/12/08/nuova-agenda-euro-med-25-anni-dopo-la-dichiarazione-di-barcellona/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/RIDEAPS/photos/pcb.2492536507680655/2492535914347381/?type=3&theater>
- <https://www.facebook.com/RIDEAPS/photos/pcb.2492536507680655/2492535957680710/?type=3&theater>
- <https://www.facebook.com/RIDEAPS/photos/pcb.2492536507680655/2492535931014046/?type=3&theater>
- <https://www.facebook.com/RIDEAPS/videos/pcb.2492536507680655/2243336672633290/?type=3&theater> □

Events organised by RIDE-APS at the Italian Foreign Ministry on December 13, 2019

The two General Assemblies of RIDE-APS and of Anna Lindh network in Italy celebrated the successful regeneration of the respective memberships. Both networks unanimously appealed ALF ED Dr. Al-Sharif and the other HoNs to support Italy’s proposal to the ALF BoG for an independent Oversight Committee to clarify the 2017-2018 ALF budgets and appointments. With this transparent process, ALF could open a new page in the Euro-Med Cooperation. The RIDE-APS Board of Directors discussed the results of the two Assemblies and the Cerealia Festival’s proposals to be presented at the ALF Med-Forum planned in Croatia.

In the afternoon, RIDE-APS promoted the multidisciplinary Eurispes Laboratory on the BRICS group, where BRICS diplomats and experts considered the Italian ALF Network as a possible cultural bridge for the five countries in the Euro-Medarea. **Click the below links to download the pictures:**

- <https://www.facebook.com/RIDEAPS/photos/pcb.2494669397467366/2494668890800750/?type=3&theater>
- <https://www.facebook.com/RIDEAPS/photos/pcb.2494669397467366/2494669100800729/?type=3&theater>
- <https://www.facebook.com/RIDEAPS/videos/587226751848182/>
- https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2511664685767837&id=1931353270465651 □



Anna Lindh Foundation Jordanian Network

JORDAN

The National Head of the ALF in Jordan; The Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, has organized a workshop entitled “Dialogue for Citizenship” on the 23rd of December 2019.



Workshop on Dialogue for Citizenship in Jordan – December 2019

The Workshop included themes of: Human Rights, with focus on women’s rights, in order to tackle the issue of empowering women in the Mediterranean societies as actors for dialogue; Citizenship and diversity, which are important concepts to promoting social inclusion and equal opportunities; and cross-cultural dialogue based on shared values. All of the above themes are inspired by SDGs 5, 10, 11 and 16.



Workshop on Dialogue for Citizenship in Jordan – December 2019

The Workshop also took into consideration some of the objectives of the future Euro-Med Forum 2020 which address mainly: (more) cross-cultural understanding, building a Mediterranean community with shared values and based on mutual knowledge; (more) gender empowerment, underlining the central role of women as actors for dialogue and identifying ways to make this role more visible and sustainable. The Workshop content was based on RIIFS training manuals on citizenship, dialogue and human rights. □



Annas Lindes fonds Latvijas tīkls

LATVIA

January 8th 2020 representatives of the Head of Network of Anna Lindh Foundation Latvian Network had a working meeting with the two strategic long-term partners – representatives of the European Commission Representation in Latvia and European Parliament Liaison Office in Riga. For quite many years our collaboration has led to joint projects engaging citizens in dialogue about European policies and regulations, fighting poverty and social exclusion, protecting human rights and customers, advancing gender equality, European semester amongst others. Both offices are open for dialogue, provide collaboration and venues free of charge for NGOs events related to EU, share the information and support in financing some of the initiatives, the good practise that can be widely shared.



Working meeting with the European Commission and Representation in Latvia and European Parliament Liaison Office in Riga

In the photo from the left Laila Balga, Chair of the Board of EAPN (European Latvia, Board Member of WNCNL, Marta Rībele, Head of European Parliament Liaison Office in Latvia, Jelena Abola, Head of Communications Department, and Andris Kuznieks, Acting Head, both - European Commission Representation in Latvia, Inete Ielīte, Chair of the WNCNL, Gunta Kelle, President of the Association of Youth Organisations IMKA, Co-Chair of WNCNL.

After the elections of the European Parliament where Women’s NGO Cooperation Network of Latvia have advocated for 50/50 representation (see <https://www.womenlobby.org/-European-Parliament-50-50-Campaign-?lang=en>) and appointment of the new European Commission, partners in Latvia discussed the priorities for coming five years period. As first female elected President of European Commission Ursula

von der Leyen has made gender equality a corner stone of her case which has been supported by all political groups of European Parliament, parties discussed upcoming celebration 8th March - the International Women's Day, collaboration to support activities of Anna Lindh Foundation Latvia network, promoting MedForum, the new Gender Equality Strategy 2020- 2024. The strategy that is open for feedback by February 13th here https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2020-267703_en (from there available in all EU languages) focusing on combating violence against women, gender pay gap, gender balance on company boards, work-life balance, gender issues related to climate change and artificial intelligence that every much reflects what members of Anna Lindh network expressed in pre-Forum meeting in Zadar, Croatia.

Next steps after the meeting was exchange of information and more detailed planning of proposals for 2020 and upcoming years. ☐



Anna Lindh Fondas Lietuvos Tinklas

LITHUANIA

On the 27th of January after quite a long break, ALF Network in Lithuania had an annual meeting and Capacity building event for the network members. It was great to meet those people again and discuss different topics such as:

- ALF situation: in Euro Med context and in Lithuania (membership as well)
- Our opportunities working together (sharing, helping, learning, etc.)
- Ideas for Euro Med projects (how can we be useful each for another), etc.



Annual meeting and Capacity building event – January 2020

There were 2 short presentations from the last events organized by ALF: Euro Med Women Forum, presented by Jurgita and Training for trainers in Cyprus presented by Indrāja– they both participated in those events. Nice experiences and lots of encouragement to follow all the information coming from coordinator and using those incredible opportunities to participate and to open for new experiences, challenges and learning.



Lecture with Kamal Ahamada

This time we had a guest Kamal Ahamada <https://www.kamal-a.world/about/with> his lecture "Race, racialization in contemporary Europe/Navigating racism in Lithuania (a personal journey)". It was not a formal lecture – more as a discussion on the issues which are very delicate, even sensitive touching all of us very deep. It was interesting for Kamal to meet members of Anna Lindh Foundation LT network and he was curious to learn what different organisations from Lithuania do in the countries around the Mediterranean and raised some important questions that organisations working with minorities or marginalized groups should consider. His talk focused on the notion of race and how civil society, educators, or activist groups can spot and tackle the issue of racism and other forms of discriminations. He managed to untangle the complexities of racial ideologies while trying to keep participants and him optimistic about the world! These are some of the questions that we have discussed together, and we hope that this is just the beginning of further discussions and future collaboration: What is race? What is racism? How do ideas about race affect how we see others and ourselves? How have ideas about race and racism been used by societies to justify social exclusion, inequality, and oppression throughout history? And what is the impact that racial narratives still have in today's societies? What is the connection between racialized bodies, women, LGBTQI+, and people with disability?

At the end of our meeting we discussed ALF Forum 2020, what tasks we have in it and how the four people who will participate in it will share with other network members. ☐



Fondation Anna Lindh
Réseau Luxembourgeois

LUXEMBOURG

Intercultural Forum, Luxembourg - 14th December 2019

On 14th December 2019, the Anna Lindh Foundation Network of Luxembourg and the Greater Region organised an intercultural forum featuring the following topic: «The potential of transnational civil society cooperation in support of freedom of speech».



Luxembourg Intercultural Forum – December 2019

video:

<https://www.facebook.com/annalindh.lu/videos/575372883244786>

The main objective of the forum was the planning of a future cross-network action entitled "Be My Voice", inviting citizens of all member countries of the Anna Lindh Foundation to support Each other by recording the statements submitted by citizens from another country on video.

The project thus aims to promote the human right of freedom of expression transnationally.

After a podium discussion with special guests, participants had the chance to deepen their analysis in smaller discussion groups in a variety of languages, including Arabic, Luxembourgish, French, German and English. □



PALESTINE

Information Day of Erasmus+ office in Palestine (NEO)
Birzeit University, Palestine. 25th November 2019



Information Day of Erasmus+ office in Palestine

This event introduced opportunities to benefit from the different EU programmes, along with genuine experiences from successful projects. International representative of the Turkish higher education institutions Erasmus+ informed participants in terms of participation in international credit mobility and opportunities within the Jean Monnet activities.



Participants were able at the end of the information day to:

- Network with different universities in European countries, Turkey and Palestine
- Know how to apply for the different programmes and to benefit from EU grants
- Be aware of the national priorities and policies of the Ministry of Higher Education. □





Fundación Anna Lindh Red Española

SPAIN

The second debate, among the five, organized by the Spanish Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation (ReFAL) as part of this new stage, was held on December 13 2019 at the headquarters of the Foundation of the University of Valencia. The objective of these debates is to encourage participation and involve young people in current issues that concern them and concern them while allowing them to express their ideas and concerns.



Youth Debate

The debate brought together a hundred people, including three young students and heads of civil society associations. ReFAL financially supported the travel of three young people from the Network of AIPC entities Pandora (Madrid), Center Euro Àrab (Barcelona), Association Ajlnter (Jerez de la Frontera) through the notice given to all members.



Session on Climate Crisis

The debate took place in two sessions. The first The climate crisis: the role of the EU by MEP Immaculate Rodríguez Piñero who presented in a precise and clear manner theme assures that the EU is taking to mitigate the climate crisis, as well as the aims and objectives that the Commission was established within the framework of the 2030 program. The second session, the climate crisis: a critical vision was held by David Hammerstein (MEP Les Verts 2004-2009).

According to Asraf Kachach Hajaj (Euro-Arab Center of Barcelona), one of the young people in our network who participated in the debate, the set points of view on the same subject made the debate more enriching. He recognizes that this allows to have a more global and critical vision of the subject while analyzing in detail the advantages and disadvantages. For future discussions, Asraf proposes to address economic, political, sociological, psychological as well as legal issues, from a current perspective in order to make the dialogue more dynamic.

Ana Canalejas (PIARC Pandora) acknowledges that the event inspired him to change certain aspects of his own life. She believes that her participation in the debate has brought her new knowledge and a more global vision of the subject. She also greatly appreciated the interaction with the two the young people from ReFAL selected because they were able to exchange different opinions on climate change. It was interesting to see how each participant approached the subject in relation to their own area of study. From a legal point of view regarding Asraf and medical for Anna. From this dialogue, the participants extracted new proposals that they can apply in their future jobs.



Youth Debate

David Garcia (Ajlnter Association) notes that thanks to his participation in this event, he also acquired a general vision of the climate crisis situation. As interesting subjects to be tackled in future debates, he highlights education, immigration, the extinction of animals, the different energies that are used today and those that could be used, as well as the rights and duties of children.

At the end of the debate, each of them had the opportunity to discuss with the speakers, which they emphasized in a positive way. □



**Anna Lindh-stiftelsen
Svenska Nätverket**

SWEDEN

Celebrating Our Diversity Forum, 9 - 11 October 2019, Helsinki: *Building Inclusive, Sustainable & Intercultural Cities*

For the second year, we organized our regional dialogue forum "Celebrating Our Diversity" with more than 40 civil society organisations from the Euro-Med region to exchange, debate and dream for a more stable and inclusive region. How do we make our cities embrace cultural differences and be open to dialogue? How do we take joint climate action for a more sustainable future?



Celebrating Our Diversity Forum, Helsinki – October 2019

We had an open debate about Barcelona +25: the status quo of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the future of the Union for the Mediterranean by 2030. The debate was followed by a fun quiz about the Union for the Mediterranean. And, the winner was Aida Ridanovich, the director of the ALF Euro-Med forum. No surprise!

Participants shared their dreams about the Euro-Mediterranean region which included end of wars and armed conflicts, free mobility, regular migration, common media channels, more democracy especially in the South of the Mediterranean, more support to intercultural exchange, basic human rights and freedoms to everyone, innovating new funding schemes for the sustainability of civil society organisations, clean Mediterranean sea without pollution, a new age of enlightenment in the Region, more women and youth in power in the Euro-Med region (particularly in the South), reduce our dependency on fossil fuel and replace it with clean energy sources, and last but not least a region free of racism and hate speech propaganda.

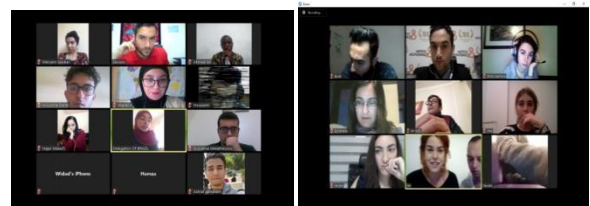
For more info: <http://www.varldskulturmuseerna.se/om-oss/internationellt/anna-lindh-stiftelsen/kalendarium1/celebrating-our-diversity-forum-2019/>



**Anna Lindh Vakfı
Türkiye Ağı**

TURKEY

Virtual Youth Debate number 1 on Policy Issues in the frame of "YOUTH ON THE MOVE & DIALOGUE FOR EMPLOYABILITY, bringing into focus the nexus between intercultural learning, mobility and skills for employability", on the motion "THBT every long-term volunteering service, lasting for at least 1 year, should be recognized by the government as added value for the development of society, and rewarded in terms of both pension contribution and educational recognition through credits."



Virtual Youth Debate on Policy issues

The Debate on Intercultural Trends was hosted by ALF HoN Turkey in the frame of "THE FUTURE OF CIVIL SOCIETY & INTERCULTURAL TRENDS, from the impact of Artificial Intelligence and Digitalization to trends in civil society-led creative entrepreneurship", on the motion "THBT Social Entrepreneurship represents a valid solution for massive unemployment and welfare needs"

ALF Turkey Network Brunch & Outreach Workshop, Ankara - December 2019



Network Brunch & Outreach Workshop, Turkey – December 2019

ALF Turkey Network Brunch & Outreach Workshop + ALF Turkey EuroMed 2020 Forum Awareness Outreach Strategy held in Ankara on 12th/December 2019, at the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. The event was organized for sharing The New Strategy of ALF and relevant information about EuroMED Forum 2020, and it was attended by many distinguished guests, Ambassadors and high political representatives.



Meeting of Dr Al Sharif with Mr Kaymakçi, Turkey – December 2019

ALF Turkey Network Coordinators Visited to MR KAYMAKÇI, December 2011

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçi met with Dr. Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçi met with Dr. Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation and the accompanying delegation on 11 December 2019 at Directorate for EU Affairs. During the meeting with the delegation including Coordinators of the Turkish Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation Prof. Dr.Necdet Sağlam and Gürkan Akçær, bilateral co-operation opportunities were discussed in detail. □

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