



North-South Centre

of the Council of Europe

2017

REPORT of ACTIVITIES



Dear members of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

2017 was a good year for the North-South Centre.

We had the accessions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Algeria to our Enlarged Partial Agreement. We have continued to work with other States to bring them into the North-South Centre family.

We have improved the relations with our members, having more bilateral or statutory meetings, in Strasbourg, in Lisbon, in Brussels and for the first time in a capital of a southern country, Rabat, reporting regularly the on-going development of our projects, and involving them or member States nationals in its implementation.

We had a better interaction with the Quadrilogue (Governments, Pace, Congress and Conference) and different structures of the Council of Europe, participating in each other's meetings, and receiving in the North-South Centre headquarters in Lisbon the Deputy Secretary General (twice) and other high representatives from several bodies of the organisation.

We have continued to reinforce the process of alignment and contribution to the work of the Council of Europe, bringing into it our specificities and views, in particular our special relationship with the South and beyond, through our different programmes and activities.

We have been able to implement all of the activities inserted in our calendar in the following dimensions - Global Development Education, Youth Cooperation, Empowerment of Women, and Diasporas –, thanks to the contributions of the member States to the budget of the North South-Centre, to the Joint Programme with the European Union and the voluntary contributions of Portugal, Malta and the Aga Khan Development Network, which allowed us to work with more partners and increase the number of beneficiaries. With a bottom-up and multilateral approaches, associated to the implementation of Council of Europe priorities and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the North-South Centre has been an institution that really fostered north-south dialogue, solidarity, inclusiveness and new partnerships.

We have also successfully concluded the two flagship events of the NSC: i) the choice of and the award of the North South Prize to two personalities representing the north and the south, Ms Nicolini for her outstanding work as Mayor of Lampedusa and Linosa to protect refugees and migrants, and Ms Brahmi, for her engagement in the consolidation of the Tunisian democratic process; ii) the Lisbon Forum, financed by the South Programme II, signed between the European Commission and OGD of the Council of Europe, which dealt with the overarching theme Interconnecting People: managing migration, avoiding populism, building inclusive societies and reinforcing north-south dialogue.

We have changed dramatically our image (see the new website and our public materials) and the way we communicate (newsletter and social networks), using them to reach out to more followers and analysing better and in a comprehensive and diverse manner the core issues in debate.

We have made an effort to better manage the Centre in terms of activities and financial and human resources. For instance, a 2017 Results Oriented Monitoring Mission Report on the iLegend programme on Global Education signed between the European Commission and the Council of Europe, implemented by the North-South Centre, responsible for around 40% of its budget, clearly recognised our added value, uniqueness, the quadrilogue approach and the project sustainability beyond 2018. Some measures were introduced to reinforce the project. On the other hand, the 2016 financial statements were considered in order. Auditors from the external audit team from the Council of Europe were in Lisbon last October and the Centre is already adopting measures to implement some of the recommendations then orally made; and we will continue to do this as soon as we have access to the final report. The ratio between programme expenditure and running costs vs staff costs is very significant. The hiring of two

more experts for our team in the fields of Global Education and Youth has demonstrated the importance of having more funds available to better implement our programmes. Individual or collective training continued to be provided to increase the skills of our staff.

The North-South Centre transition from the Directorate on Democratic Governance and Anti-Discrimination to the Directorate on Democratic Citizenship and Participation within DG II has been done with success and is in place since last September. Guarantees were given that this migration would in no way change the nature, the position, the programmes and specificities of this Enlarged Partial Agreement, with 28 years of life.

A final word to the North-South Centre team, small but very effective and always available to bring the Centre to the next level.

In sum, I believe the five main priorities (more member States, more credibility, more alignment, secure the short/medium term future, improving the communication tools) I have outlined in October 2016 to the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre and deserved your support, were already achieved in 2017 within a certain degree of sustainability. That is why we have now a more credible institution, more participative, and more solid, with a better future in terms of activities and from a financial point of view. The door to its return to Africa was open in Rabat and the continuation of the cooperation with the European Union, vital to the Centre, is a very strong possibility under review, and we need to continue in this path. I hope the current turbulence in Strasbourg will not affect the development of this Enlarged Partial Agreement in terms of its autonomy, in its membership, in the neighbourhood policy of the CoE and in the access to European Union funds, all vital elements for the future of this institution.

Thank you very much for your resilient and valuable support.

Antonio Gamito

Executive Director of the North-South Centre

Ambassador

TEAM



In 2017, the secretariat of the North-South Centre was composed of 10 staff members: The Executive Director (secondment from Portugal), the Deputy Executive Director; a Financial Officer and Human Resources Correspondent; a Programme Manager for Global Education; a Project Assistant for Empowerment of Women; a Project Assistant; a Project Assistant for Youth; a Communication Assistant; a Project Assistant for Global Education; and an Administrative/Financial Assistant.

The valuable presence of seven trainees reinforced the team, greatly contributing to the implementation of the programme of activities.

The traineeship programme of the North-South Centre received 266 applications (115 first semester, 151 second semester; 59% female, 41% male), from more than 26 different nationalities (17 first semester, 20 second semester). It aims at contributing to fulfilling its mission, in terms of capacity building of young people, by providing a real professional experience in an international environment.

The **European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity**, more commonly known as the "North-South Centre of the Council of Europe", was created in November 1989, as a result of the European public campaign on North-South Interdependence and Solidarity launched in 1988 by the **Council of Europe** in cooperation with the then European Community.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the North-South Centre is to empower civil society, in particular youth and women, through intercultural dialogue and global citizenship education, in Council of Europe member states and neighbouring regions.

To this aim, and in particular through its multilateral activities, the North-South Centre responds mainly to four priority areas: global education, youth cooperation, empowerment of women and migration.

OUR METHODOLOGY

Under the principles of dialogue, partnership and solidarity, through a bottom-up approach, the North-South Centre brings together representatives of governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society.

This *quadrilogue* methodology helps build bridges between relevant actors with different cultures, from diverse backgrounds and multiple approaches.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

STATES: Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Kingdom of Morocco, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Spain and Tunisia.

OTHER MEMBERS: European Union, Parliamentarian Assembly of the Council of Europe, European Parliament, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, EU Committee of the Regions, Conference of NGOs and representatives of three civil society organisations.

PRIORITY REGIONS

The North-South Centre is an instrument for multilateral cooperation of the Council of Europe policy towards its neighbouring regions. Its activities target Council of Europe member states and eastern and southern Mediterranean countries.

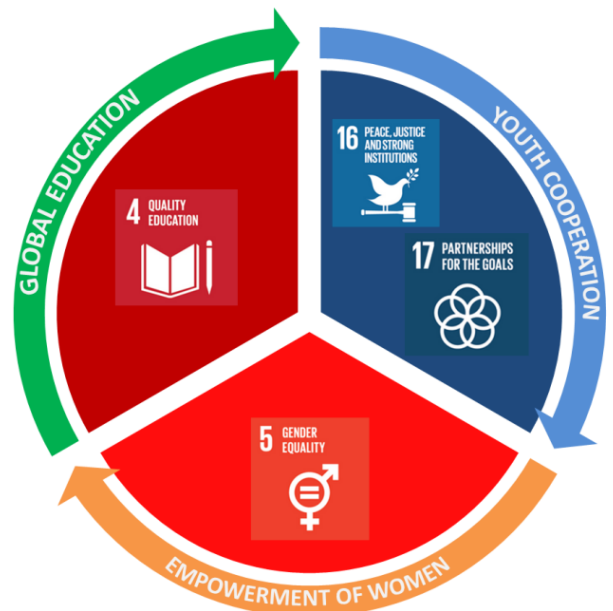
Since its inception the North-South Centre has developed a solid network and close partnerships with representatives of the *quadrilogue* in Europe and beyond.

PROGRAMMES AND GOALS

The programme of the North-South Centre responds to three priority areas - global education, youth cooperation and empowerment of women - and three main types of actions - advocacy, capacity-building and awareness raising. Diasporas and Migration were added to the work of the North-South Centre in 2016.

The North-South Centre programmes are in line with the Council of Europe values, standards and priorities and the United Nations 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular:

- I. **Goal 4:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all (particularly target 4.7.)
- II. **Goal 5:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- III. **Goal 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
- IV. **Goal 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.



STATUTORY MEETINGS: BUREAU AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 16th Bureau and Executive Committee meetings took place in Strasbourg, France, on the 10 March 2017.

The adjusted Programme of Activities for 2017 and the new regulation for the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe were approved. Algeria's request to join the North-South Centre, the concept note of the upcoming Lisbon Forum on "Interconnecting People" and the new bi-annum programme 2018-2019 were also discussed. The Executive Committee invited the Director of ODGP, Ms Verena Taylor to address the future of the Neighbourhood Policy and the South Programme, and Ms Irena Guidikova to present the Intercultural Cities Milestone event, which took place in Lisbon on 28 and 29 November.

The 17th Bureau, Jury of the North-South Prize and Executive Committee meetings took place on the 7 November in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, for the first time in a Southern country. The Programme of Activities and the Budget for 2018 (with an increase of 0,5%) and 2019 were approved. A new mechanism for the organisation of the Lisbon Forum and its follow-up seminar for the editions of 2018, 2019 and 2020 were also accepted.

The Jury of the North-South Prize nominated Ms Kristiina Kumpula, Secretary General of the Finnish Red Cross, and Dr Abbas Gullet, Vice-President of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Kenya for the 2017 North-South Prize.

The Executive Director was mandated to: i) negotiate with the European Union future projects for the North-South Centre (iLegend expanded and interconnecting people); ii) to relate to ODGP the new mechanism for the organisation of the Lisbon Forum; iii) to request guidance from the Secretariat on the possibility of integrating, in the North-South Centre, nationals of North-South Centre member states which are not Council of Europe members.

The Executive Committee allowed the North-South Centre to resume its activities in Sub Saharan Africa and mandated the Executive Director to raise this issue in the GR-EXT meeting. The Executive director provided information about the electoral process for the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Bureau, which will take place in Strasbourg on 8 February 2018.

GR-EXT MEETING

The Executive Director of the North-South Centre presented an overview of its current work in the **GR-EXT meeting**, which took place on the 19 January in Strasbourg, France. 20 states intervened in the debate. The relevance of the work of the North-South Centre was recognised and from the 20 states intervening the majority supported and positively assessed it.

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

With the aim to evaluate the integration mechanisms for migrants and refugees in Portugal, Ms Susanna Huovinen, from Finland, **Rapporteur for the Pace Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons**, headed a **fact-finding mission** which took place on the 21 and 22 February in Lisbon. The North-South Centre supported her mission in identifying relevant NGOs in the field as well as hosting a meeting at its headquarters

The **Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Culture, Science, Education and Media Committee meeting** took place on the 22 March in Paris, France. The work of the North-South Centre was introduced by its Executive Director, stressing its principles of dialogue, partnership and solidarity, through a bottom-up approach that brings together representatives of governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society. The relevance of Global Development Education as a tool to build more inclusive and peaceful societies in our current world was highlighted, as well as the importance of working directly with young people and Diasporas in Europe. The North-South Centre presented the iLEGEND project (Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue), showcasing the role of the European Union in supporting the promotion of global development education in Europe.

To launch the **Parliamentary network on diaspora policies**, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) organised a conference, on 7 and 8 September in Lisbon, upon the invitation of the Portuguese Parliament. This new network will operate as a platform bringing together parliamentarians from countries of origin and host countries and diaspora associations, fostering information exchanges on good practices, promoting the role of these associations in the integration of migrants in host societies and, finally, developing political cooperation between countries of origin and host countries. The

North-South Centre contributed to the sessions on the promotion of intercultural dialogue, moderated by the Executive Director of the North-South Centre, Ambassador António Gamito and the role of Diasporas in building cohesive societies. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, Mr Jean-Marie Heydt moderated this session.

CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Chair of the Executive Ecommittee of the North-South Centre participated in the **current affairs committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities** on the 14 and 15 June in Belgrade, Serbia, where he presented its work, in view of enlarged cooperation with the Congress.

STEERING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND PRACTICE (CDPPE)

The North-South Centre participated for the first time in the **Steering Committee meetings**, which took place on the 19 and 21 April, and 7 and 8 December in Strasbourg, France. The activities of the North-South Centre related to education, underlining its contribution in the field of global education and intercultural learning, were presented and followed by an exchange of views with the Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE AND JOINT COUNCIL ON YOUTH

The North-South Centre participated in the **steering committee and joint council on youth**, which took place on the 17 and 18 October in Strasbourg, France. 70 representatives from the Council of Europe, its member states and civil society organizations increased their knowledge on the North-South Centre in its the fields of work. Partners expressed their interest in continuing their collaboration in the future within the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship with a view to assure maximum visibility beyond the Euro-Med region.

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

The North-South Centre participated in the **Gender Equality Commission**, which took place on the 5 April in Strasbourg, France, where it shared its work in the field of gender equality. It allowed a better understanding of the North-South Centre's contribution to the priorities of the Gender Equality Strategy, as well as reinforced synergies, contacts and cooperation between both entities.

MEETINGS WITH STRUCTURES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN LISBON



The **Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr Nils Muiznieks**, visited the North-South Centre premises on the 6 March and met with the Executive Director, Ambassador António Gamito.

During the meeting both parties presented their current work and identified synergies for future collaboration.

The **Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni**, visited the North-South Centre twice in the margins of the North-South Prize and the Intercultural Cities Milestone event.

The North-South Centre hosted three meetings in its premises for the **Pompidou Group, ECRI and the FARO group**.

MISSIONS

The Executive Director undertook three missions to **Strasbourg, France** (15-20 January, 8-10 March, 11-12 September 2017) in order to: i) keep the contact with the Secretariat structures linked to the work of the North-South Centre; ii) meet with member states of the North-South Centre and potential member states (77 diligences); iii) reinforce the cooperation with the European Union.

The Executive Director undertook a mission on the 28 and 29 June to **Brussels, Belgium**, in order to reinforce the North-South Centre membership with new accessions. Contacts were initiated with Lebanon and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and continued with Belgium. Discussions also took place with several structures of the European Commission in view of the implementation of future joint programmes.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

The North-South Centre participated in the **Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Multi-Stakeholder Group Meeting (MSG)**, on the 27 January in Brussels, Belgium. It involved 26 delegates, including the North-South Centre, representing the major DEAR stakeholders in the European Union (EU).



The Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre participated in the **Ministerial Conference, "Education: a safe option for democracy", organised under the Cyprus Presidency of the Committee of Ministers**, in Cyprus on the 22 and 23 March.

The North-South Centre highlighted the specificity and unique expertise in the field of global education during the roundtable on "dialogue in the Mediterranean area".

The North-south Centre organised a **side event during the 4th World Forum For Intercultural Dialogue "From Intercultural Dialogue to Global Citizenship" (WFID)**, on the 5 and 6 May in Baku, Azerbaijan, where it show-cased its methodological approach, based on an intercultural peer learning process. Two members of the pedagogical teams and two participants involved in previous trainings for trainers shared the pedagogical methods and contents used in the trainings, as well as their impact on the participants' professional development.

In the **International Conference "the challenge of intercultural education -yesterday, today and tomorrow"** which took place on the 8 to 9 June in Tallinn, Estonia, the North-South Centre presented the ICD dimension of its GE and Youth Programmes. The aim was to encourage creative solutions and advancing of intercultural education among youth in the Euro-Mediterranean region, in order to increase communication and build trust to motivate them to be part of the regions development, recognising the benefits of working together across cultural boundaries. The North-South Centre highlighted how ICD can be promoted through global education methodologies based on intercultural and peer-learning processes and practices, how GE contributes to intercultural understanding and intercultural dialogue, and to the consolidation of a democratic culture. The keynote presentation was followed by a debate on the complementarities between the different approaches developed in the Euro-Med region.

The North-South Centre was invited to represent Council of Europe at **the Euro-Med Conference on Intercultural Citizenship Education: educate for dialogue**, which took place in Piran, Slovenia, on 9 and 10 October. Following the launching of the Anna Lindht Foundation Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship Education in the Euro-Med region, to which the North-South Centre contributed, the conference aimed at show casing practices, debate and advocate for intercultural citizenship education while offering a set of recommendations for governments, schools, trainers and formal and non-formal educators, in terms of policy development and pedagogical support.

The Chair of the Executive Committee presented the work of the North-South Centre in the **2nd International Conference on religious and cultural pluralism**, organised by the Greek authorities in Athens, Greece on 29 and 31 October.

YOUTH COOPERATION

The North-South Centre participated in the **6th Arab-European Youth Forum and International Conference**, which took place on the 26 and 27 May in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, under the theme "The Mediterranean crossroad of civilizations between Africa, the East and the West: towards making youth, peace and security a reality". The activities of the North-South Centre were presented, in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Cooperation, in particular the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship (MedUni), and identified potential synergies and cooperation with other stakeholders active in the field of youth in the Southern Mediterranean.

The North-South Centre presented its work in the **4th Africa-Europe Youth Summit** which took place from 9 and 11 October in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, in the panel: "Looking back to move forwards: Ten years of Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation". 120 youth representatives and international organisations from Europe and Africa had the opportunity to become acquainted with the

work of the North-South Centre namely its activities in the framework of the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership (until 2012) and the Joint Management Agreement with the European Commission (2009-2011, 2012, 2013-2015) for the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation. Partners, like the European Youth Forum, officially acknowledged and thanked the North-South Centre for its role in the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation, namely through the African University on Youth and Development. The final Declaration of the Summit recognised these achievements.

The North-South Centre participated in the **Council of Members of the European Youth Forum** meeting that took place on the 24 November in Cascais, Portugal, among which members of the *quadrilogue* were present, such as the Portuguese Secretary of State for Youth and Sports, President of the European Youth Forum, Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe and the Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. The Executive Director of the North-South Centre intervened in the debate on “the role of young people in leading global change”, and took the opportunity to invite regional platforms, national youth councils and international youth Non-Governmental Organisations to reinforce their cooperation in framework of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship.

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN



On the 3 March in Brussels, Belgium, the North-South Centre participated in **Conference “Joint Action: women empowerment in the mena region”**, organised by the Womenpreneur Initiative and MC Academy for International legal Studies. During its presentation on “the role of female entrepreneurship and the status of women in Southern Mediterranean countries”, the North-South Centre focused on entrepreneurship as a growth lever to respond to the current economic challenges and to contribute to the reinforcement of democratic and peace processes in the region. The North-South Centre stressed the relevance of female entrepreneurship in enhancing women’s rights and gender equality in the current context.

The Chair of the Executive Committee participated in a **symposium on “Women from both shores of the Mediterranean facing extremism,”** organised by the Association of Arab Women of Press and Communication and the International Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO), which took place on the 26 April in Paris, France.



Flagship events

XXII AWARD CEREMONY OF NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Awarded each year since 1995 to two candidates, one for the North and another from the South, who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting human rights, democracy and North-South solidarity, the **North-South Prize** 2016 distinguished Ms Giuseppina Nicolini, Mayor of the Italian municipality of Lampedusa and Linosa, and Ms Mbarka Brahmi, Tunisian Member of Parliament.



Ms Nicolini was awarded for her commitment to the reception of migrants and to the defence of refugees’ rights. Ms Brahmi, founder of the ‘Centre Brahmi pour la paix et la solidarité’, was awarded for her direct engagement in the Tunisian democratic process and in the fight for social justice.

The Award Ceremony took place in Lisbon on the 31 May 2017, at the Senate Chamber of the Portuguese Parliament, and gathered over 170 guests, among which Prof. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Portuguese Republic, Mr Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the

Council of Europe, Ms Ana Catarina Mendes, Head of the Portuguese Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Mr Jean-Marie Heydt, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre.

XXIII EDITION OF THE LISBON FORUM



The **23rd edition of the Lisbon Forum**, "Interconnecting People - Managing migration, avoiding populism, building inclusive societies and reinforcing North-South dialogue" took place on 1 and 2 June at the Ismaili Centre of the Aga Kahn Development Network. The event was opened by Mr Augusto Santos Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Portugal and Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and counted with the participation of more than 130 *quadrilogue* representatives from both shores of the Mediterranean.

In addressing the theme reference was made to the key priorities of the Council of Europe and the UN SDGs of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as guidelines to implement the North-South Centre's work. The strengthening of the role of the *quadrilogue* was stressed and, perhaps most important, the concerns regarding the situation of the migrants and refugees in different perspectives. Four different panels addressed how these can contribute to promote interdependence, create partnerships and foster solidarity between the North and the South.


The 23rd Lisbon Forum was held once again, in the framework of the South Programme II: "Strengthening democratic reform in the Southern Neighbourhood," an EU-funded initiative, carried out by the Council of Europe.

FACTS AND FIGURES

All the relevant information regarding the Lisbon Forum and the North-South Prize are in the **North-South Centre website**. The **Lisbon Forum 2017** was featured in printed and broadcast media outlets in Europe and in the Southern Mediterranean region.

9 days (28 May - 5 June 2017)



- 24 articles in online, TV and print media
- 9 media outlets
- 3 countries
- 3 languages

Lisbon Forum on Facebook	Lisbon Forum on Twitter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 13 posts ➤ 12 432 page views ➤ 956 views per post 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 31 tweets ➤ 97 tweets with mentions ➤ 341 likes ➤ 266 retweets ➤ 13 new followers 

The **North-South Prize 2016** was featured in printed and broadcast media outlets in Europe, Southern Mediterranean region and Asia

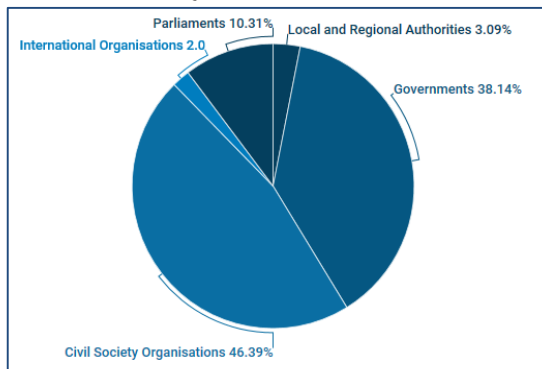
9 days (24 May - 1 June 2017)*

- 39 articles in online, TV and radio media
- 28 media outlets
- 8 countries
- 6 languages

North-South Prize on Facebook	North-South Prize on Twitter
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NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE

QUADRILOGUE

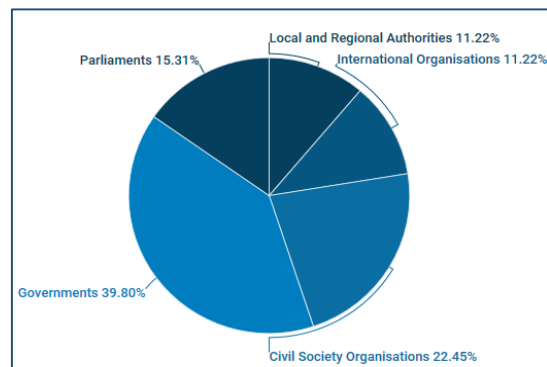


GENDER

Not relevant for the North-South Prize award ceremony

LISBON FORUM

QUADRILOGUE



GENDER



Global Education

The **Global Education (GE) programme** is transversal to the work of the North-South Centre. It aims to foster comprehensive and equitable quality education to promote peaceful and inclusive societies through intercultural dialogue. This programme promotes the inclusion of global development education in school curricula, enabling teachers and youth workers to educate on knowledge and skills to understand, participate in, interact critically with our global societies, and broaden awareness on global development education.

REGIONAL SEMINARS ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

The Global Education Programme organises each year regional seminars on global education, Baltic, Balkan, South East Europe/Mediterranean and Visegrad regions, to discuss the local implementation of global education and define lines of action for the year ahead. These seminars, supported by the iLegend project, bring together global education stakeholders from new EU member states and from EU candidate countries, in order to exchange and jointly discuss existing perspectives on the concept and practice of global development education. The global education regional seminars take into account the recommendations of the Zagreb GE Congress, which took place in November 2015, the conclusions of Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers of Education and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4.7, concerning global citizenship education.

In 2017 two regional seminars and two follow-up meetings took place:

The **Visegrad Regional Seminar on GDE**, on the 7 and 8 June in Prague, Czech Republic, gathered 55 participants.

The **Balkan Regional Seminar on GDE**, on the 30 and 31 October in Belgrade, Serbia, gathered 66 participants.

Both seminars were an opportunity for participants to jointly discuss existing perspectives and further developments on the concept and practice of GDE in terms of policy making, curricula development, pedagogical support and advocacy and in accordance with UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN SDG 4, 4.7.

The **Baltic regional seminar follow-up meeting on GDE**, on the 30 May in Vilnius, Lithuania, counted with 25 participants.

The **South-East Europe and Mediterranean (SEE-Med) regional seminar follow-up meeting on GDE**, on the 16 November in Bucharest, Romania, counted with 26 participants.

Participants presented GDE challenges, opportunities and potential areas of cooperation in their countries, through sessions which tackled an overview of the context of GDE in these countries since the regional seminars took place; the GDE state of the art, challenges and opportunities in the regions in the field of policy making, curricula development, professional development of educators and quality support, awareness raising and pedagogical tools.

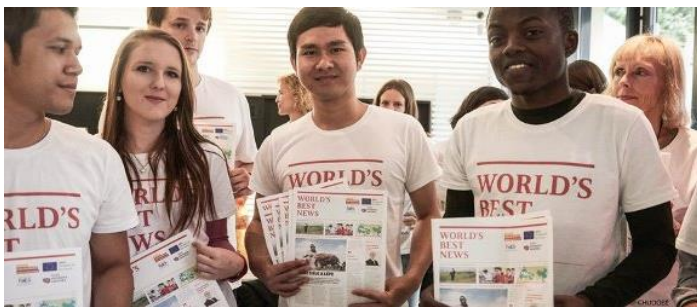
ONLINE TRAINING COURSES ON GLOBAL EDUCATION

The North-South Centre offers each year, since 2009, **online training courses**, which cover three different dimensions of global education: human rights (HR), intercultural dialogue (ICD) and democratic citizenship (DC). In 2017 five online training courses took place. 100 participants, out of a total of 218, were certified (ICD: 42, DC: 31, HR: 27). This training is designed for educators from both formal and non-formal systems, policymakers and media professionals.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK NETWORK

The GEW Network encompasses key national level stakeholders from 40 countries and two organisations who share global education strategies and practices. It liaises and interacts with the North-South Centre Global Education Programme all-year round for the promotion of global education across Europe and beyond. The meeting took place on the 28 and 29 November in Lisbon, Portugal and gathered 26 **national coordinators of the Global Education Week (GEW)** to assess the 2017 edition, share good practices, pedagogical tools as well as networking and advocacy strategies and agree on the theme of the 2018 edition: “The World is Changing–What About Us?”.

GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK 2017



30 countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” , Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Kingdom of Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, United Kingdom, Ukraine) were involved in the **2017 edition, “My world depends on us”**.

During the week, schools and education institutions across Europe, organised activities spanning from debates, training sessions, competitions, surveys, campaigns and so on tackling topics such as the UN SDGs, sustainable lifestyles, migration and inclusion, interfaith dialogue or environmental issues.

GLOBAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES DRAFTING TEAM MEETING

The first technical meeting, coordinated by Mr Miguel Silva, GE Programme Manager, took place on the 27 and 29 November in Lisbon, Portugal. The purpose of the meeting, which gathered the three members of the drafting team, Ms Alicia Cabezudo (Argentina/Italy), Ms Federica Cicala (Italy) and Ms Luisa Black (Portugal), was to agree on the project outline and calendar for the revision of the GEG. The team agreed on the concept note, timeline and distribution of tasks for the revision process.

MEDIA LITERACY TASK FORCE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

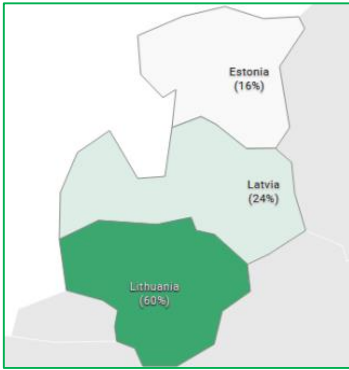


The first meeting of the newly established North-South Centre Media Literacy Task Force for GDE took place from 27 to 29 November in Lisbon, Portugal, in the framework of the GEW Network annual meeting and together with the GEG revision drafting team meeting. The task force is composed of six experts coming from non-member states (Finland, Slovenia) and member states of the North-South Centre (Algeria, Serbia, Portugal and Romania).

The objective of the meeting was to set a common ground among experts about the core contents, values and definitions related to media literacy for GDE, networking and sharing different perspectives and experiences with relevant stakeholders and partners involved in the activity of the task force and lastly to define the task force strategy, including a timeline, definition of responsibilities and details of the deliverables. With this new project, the North-South Centre will develop competences and foster values such as multi-perspective, critical thinking and global citizenship in order to empower citizens with skills and knowledge to act as responsible and ethical “citizen journalists”.

BALTIC REGIONAL SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION, VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

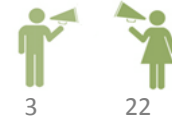
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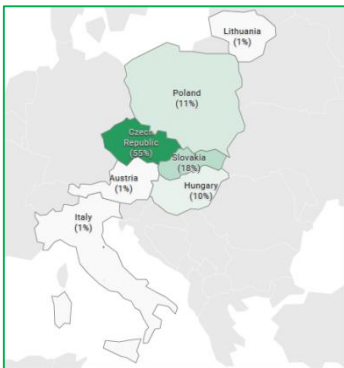


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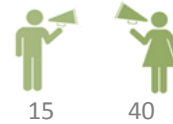
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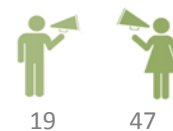
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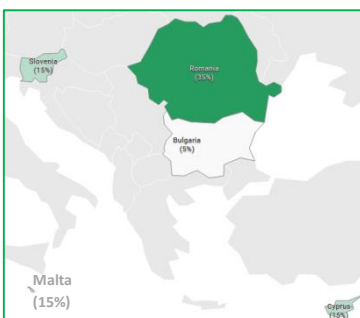


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SOUTH EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

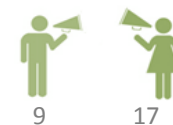
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The **Youth Cooperation programme** promotes youth participation through training and capacity building. These empowering activities, aimed at young people and youth organisations, facilitate their participation in decision and policy making processes at all levels of governance.

NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

The Network of Universities is one of the main components of the Youth Cooperation programme and consists of a platform that gathers youth partners from all over the world in an effort to develop a coordinated system of capacity building activities that contribute to strengthen the interregional and global youth cooperation. For 17 years the different universities have offered a space where young people and youth workers come together as part of a global youth movement working against exclusion and discrimination and for inclusion and diversity.

The 2017 theme “Developing Global Identities”, allowed participants and political representatives to reflect on how youth organisations and youth work can empower young people as global citizens. Celebrating their diverse identities and facing their vulnerabilities, participants unleashed their potential to contribute to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

PARTNERS MEETING 18TH EDITION OF THE UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The partners meeting for the 18th edition of the University on Youth and Development (UYD) took place on the 6 April in Madrid, Spain. The partners of the UYD met to prepare the next edition of the University, which then took place in Mollina, Spain, 17 to 23 September, on the topic "Developing Global Identities".

5TH EDITION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



The **5th edition of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship (MedUni)**, in Hammamet, Tunisia from the 3 to 9 July, where 154 youth representatives participated in five capacity building activities organised by the North-South Centre and its partners: 1) 6th Global Education Training Course for Youth Multipliers; 2) 4th Training Course on Structured Participation in Democratic Processes; 3) Mediterranean Youth Together!, 4) No Hate Makers - Taking actions against Hate Speech through Counter; 5) Alternatives Narratives in EuroMed Youth for the achievement of the SDGs - 2030).

Participants acquired tools and methods to act as youth multipliers, were offered the opportunity to network and develop multilateral cooperation projects.

18TH EDITION OF UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT



The 18th edition of University on Youth and Development (UYD) took place in Mollina, Spain from the 18 to 23 September where 230 youth representatives participated in ten activities organised by the North-South Centre and its partners: 1) 7th Global Education Training course for Youth Multipliers; 2) Seminar on Diaspora Youth as agents for inclusive societies; 3) Training course: Preventing Radicalization, Hate Speech and Building Alternative Narratives; 4) Campaign 70 Já – Promoting young people’s rights; 5) Training course: Building capacities from global to local, not to leave anyone behind; 6) Training course: Building Bridges: a Mediterranean partnership for youth participation and active citizenship at the local level; 7) Seminar on Seeds for Integration; 8) Feminist Working Group on Gender and LGBT working groups; 9) Working Group on Together, Moving Forward; 10) Empowering Diverse Identities.

THE NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES MEETING

The meeting took place on the 4 December in Lisbon, Portugal. Government representatives from the Spanish Institute for Youth (INJUVE) and the Tunisian National Youth Observatory (ONJ) and youth platforms such as the European Youth Forum (YFJ), Pan African Youth Union (PYU), Network of International Youth Organizations in Africa (NIYOA), Latin American and Caribbean Youth Forum (FLACJ), as well as the Council of Europe' Joint Council on Youth were present. Partners reaffirmed their commitment towards the Network of Universities, acknowledged the added value of the North-South Centre, namely its coordination role and its strategic position to cooperate with other regions and to facilitate contacts among the *quadrilogue*. Partners also set the common ground/priorities for the next three years in the framework of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN SDGs and lastly set the basis for a roadmap in 2018.

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MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (MEDUNI), HAMMAMET, TUNISIA

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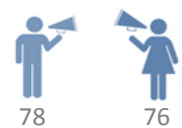
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Italy	

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- 24 Government representatives
- 118 Civil Society Organisations
- 6 International Organisations
- 5 Local and Regional Authorities
- 1 Parliamentary representative

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UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT (UYD), MOLINA, SPAIN

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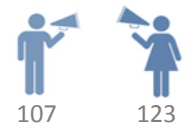
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Iceland	Ukraine
Ireland	United Kingdom
Italy	

QUADRILOGUE



- 13 Government representatives
- 190 Civil Society Organisations
- 2 International Organisations
- 25 Local and Regional Authorities

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Empowerment of Women

The **Empowerment of Women programme** leads capacity building, networking and awareness raising activities to reinforce women's participation in public and political life. The aim of the Empowerment of Women Programme is to reinforce the multilateral and multilevel cooperation between the relevant stakeholders through the sharing of tools, methodologies and best practices in order to develop a context that facilitates the empowerment of women and girls in the Southern Mediterranean.

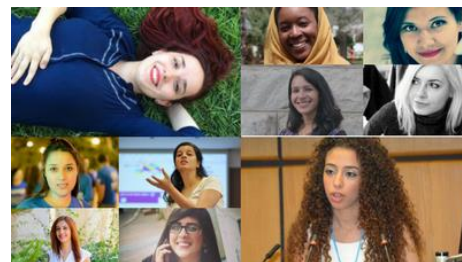
EURO-MED WOMEN NETWORK

The **Euro-Med Women Network (EMWN)**, gathers representatives of the *quadrilogue* (governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society) from the European and Southern Mediterranean regions and contributes to the

empowerment of women by providing its members with a platform to facilitate the exchange of best practices, to identify common challenges and to share experiences, as well as to develop projects and partnerships.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CAMPAIGN

On the occasion of the International Women's Day 2017, the North-South Centre launched its campaign "8 March, 8 Days to celebrate Inspirational Women". The campaign highlighted role-model women from the EMWN and gave voice to their commitment in the promotion of a non-stereotyped image of women. It also raised awareness on gender equality and the need of preventing and eradicating sexism and gender discrimination.



TRAINING OF EXPERTS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH IN COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



From the 12 to 14 July, in Tunis, Tunisia, the North-South Centre organised a training session on the Council of Europe tools and methodologies, gathering 15 participants from the Southern Mediterranean countries. Participants discussed the use of these tools on preventing and combating violence against women, in their respective contexts and the benefits of the participatory approach promoted by the North-South Centre.

Additionally, they defined the current challenges and needs of the implementation of the UN SDG 5 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. This training constitutes the first steps to the establishment of a pool of experts responsible for assessing the needs and identifying the common challenges.

SESSION ON POLITICAL IDENTITY OF WOMEN AND THE NEW CHALLENGES IN MEDITERRANEAN



Under the theme of "Developing Global Identities", two experts in women rights issues, Ms Soumeya Lerari - Women's Earth, Climate Action Network International and Mediterranean Youth Climate Network - and Ms Jennifer Philippa Eggert - from Warwick University - addressed young participants of the UYD about the "Gender equality perspective in (re-) defining global identities".

This workshop for breaking stereotypes and raise awareness on the role of women in the global challenges promoted a reflection on women political identity, based on best practices and role models, both in European and Middle Eastern regions and on the international instruments.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES OF WOMEN ORGANISATIONS

This workshop, which took place on the 24 and 25 October in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, counted with 112 participants, including experts on women's rights and gender equality from the Southern Mediterranean region. Organised in partnership with Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD), with the institutional support of the Jordanian National Commission for Women and with the financing of the Government of Portugal, it aimed at exchanging knowledge and practices between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, European and Southern Mediterranean countries on the subject of empowerment of women and the promotion of women's rights.

The participants discussed the state of play of the Jordanian strategy for women and identified proposals for prospective cooperation between Jordan, the North-South Centre and Council of Europe, in this field.










#16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

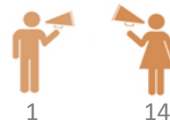
On the occasion of the Human Rights International Day, last day of the Campaign: UN 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, the North-South Centre reaffirmed its commitment to end violence against women through a **video** against gender based violence, whose production counted with youth artists from Algeria and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, illustrating a testimony inspired by real stories, thoughts, and declarations of survivors of sexual violence: Houss Ine, member of the project SKIMI Radio in Algeria created the soundtrack and the filmmaker Maysoon, creator of the Falak.

FACTS & FIGURES













TRAINING OF EXPERTS: HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH IN COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, TUNIS, TUNISIA

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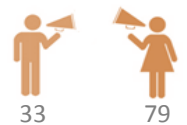
NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES OF WOMEN ORGANISATIONS, AMMAN, THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

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	Turkey

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28TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE



The North-South Centre celebrated its 28th Anniversary on the 16 November. The occasion was marked with a reception in Lisbon, that gathered 70 members of the *quadrilogue*, in particular government representatives and civil society organisations. The activities of the North-South Centre were presented and promoted, enabling better knowledge about the work of the North-South Centre.

Photo: Ambassadors of Bulgaria and Ukraine with Ambassador A. Gamito, Executive Director of the NSC

NEW WEBSITE

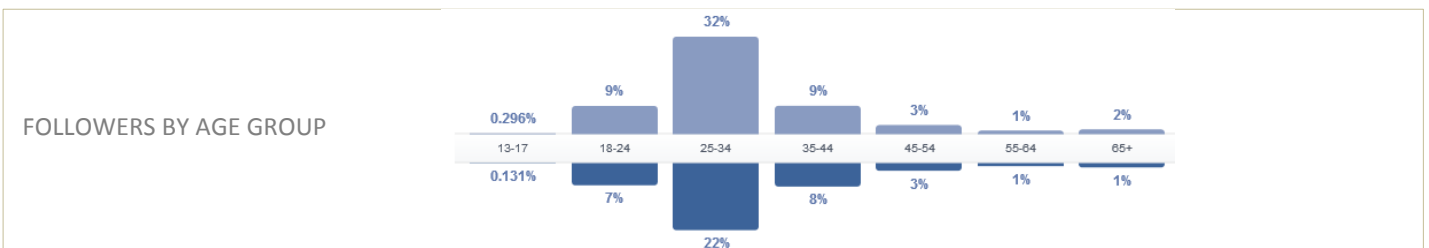
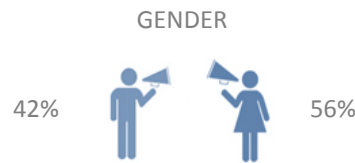
Throughout the year, the North-South Centre assured its online presence. All relevant information regarding the programmes and activities was publicised in the North-South Centre website: www.nscentre.org.

Formerly composed of three websites, www.nscentre.org, www.nscgloaleducation.org and www.euromedwomennetwork.org, the online presence of the North-South Centre was refocused and integrated in a single website which encompasses now the four main dimensions of the organisation. Launched in early 2017 and successfully concluded by the end of the first semester, the migration of the website harmonised the online presence of the North-South Centre, aligning it with the new Council of Europe graphic and style guidelines. The modernised look and feel of the website and the array of interactive tools it features, improves the experience of all visitors - donors, beneficiaries and other stakeholders - making it easier to understand the work of the North-South Centre, benefiting its corporate image and reputation.

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

From January until December, the total number of fans of the North-South Centre **Facebook page** reached a total of 6 127 users, an increase of 27%. The number of followers in this period reached a total of 6 082 by the end of December, an increase of 28%.

Country	Followers	Fans
Portugal	626	627
Italy	359	360
Tunisia	353	349
Egypt	258	257
France	240	246

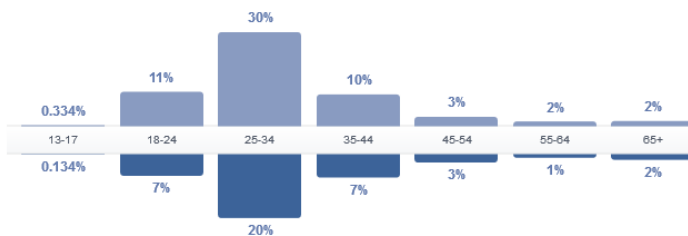


The Global Education network was reinforced through its **Facebook page** with a total of 2 990 followers, an increase of 14% and 2 991 fans, an increase of 14%.

Country	Followers	Fans
Portugal	230	229
Tunisia	175	174
Egypt	105	105
Romania	104	104
The Kingdom of Morocco	103	105



FOLLOWERS BY AGE GROUP



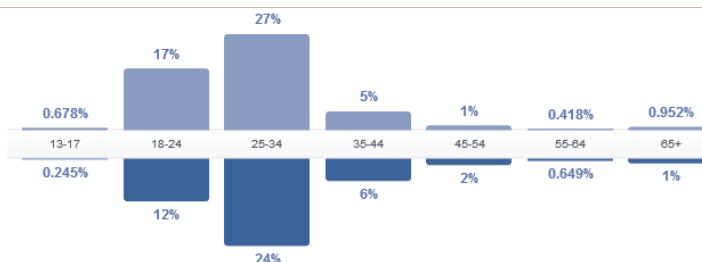
The **Facebook page** of the Youth Cooperation Programme has reached a high of 6 917 followers, an increase 39% and 6 902 fans, an increase of 38%.

Country	Followers	Fans
Tunisia	588	583
Egypt	427	427
Spain	393	393
Turkey	318	318
Portugal	297	300

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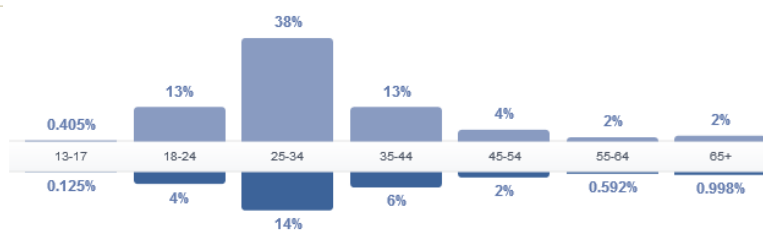
The EuroMed Women Network is supported by a **Facebook page** which has 3 202 followers, an increase of 34% and 3 192 fans, an increase of 33%.

Country	Followers	Fans
Tunisia	432	435
Italy	226	225
Egypt	185	185
Portugal	183	182
The Kingdom of Morocco	178	176

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FOLLOWERS BY AGE GROUP



Further information: Fan: a user who likes a particular Facebook page and receives updates from that page's administrator.

Followers: a user whose newsfeed will display the followed page posts.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (January-December 2017)

	Article	Source	Amount
Receipts	9999000	Contrib Member States	417 800,00
	9999005	Voluntary contributions (Member States and other)	150 000,00
	9999011	European Union	467 800,00
	9999021	Contrib New Accessions	37 298,92
	9999030	Financial Products	3 000,00
	9999200	South Programme II dotation	72 800,00
		Total	1 148 698,92

	Article	Type of Expenditure	Budget	Spent / Committed	Unspent
Expenditure	0000001	CDI Staff	87 400,00	86 841,96	558,04
	0000003	Temporary Staff	163 440,00	162 539,81	900,19
	0000013	Secondements	860,00	494,10	365,90
	0000263	Activities financed by VCs and EU funds	690 600,00	293 829,07	396 770,93
	0000378	Contributions to Council of Europe OB	24 200,00	24 200,00	0,00
	0000379	Contributions to Pensions	12 700,00	12 700,00	0,00
	6511001	Running Costs	89 098,92	54 130,66	34 968,26
	6511002	Programme Expenditure	80 400,00	70 449,30	9 950,70
		Total	1 148 698,92	705 184,90	443 514,02

Group of Expenditure	Budget	Spent / Committed	%
Staff Costs	264 400,00	262 575,87	37,24%
Programme implementation	771 000,00	364 278,37	51,66%
Running Costs	113 298,92	78 330,66	11,11%
Total	1 148 698,92	705 184,90	100,00%

Notes:

1) Expenditure figures are still subject to variation after final closing of Purchase Orders that were still open at the date of production of the financial statement.

2) The figures presented for activities financed by EU funds correspond to the total expenditure since the start of the project on the 27 July 2016.



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