



Euro-Med Women Network
North-South Process for the Empowerment of Women

North-South Centre of the Council of Europe Empowerment of Women

History and Background

North-South Centre's work on women's rights and gender equality

1994 - 2005 - 2012 - 2015

Trans Mediterranean Programme - Intercultural Dialogue - **North-South Process for the Empowerment of Women**

Milestone: International Conference of Rome, 24-25 October 2011

“Women as agents of change in the Southern Mediterranean Region”

205 quadrilogue actors from **31 countries** of Europe and Southern Mediterranean



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3rd International Conference in Rabat

Recommendations

- The need of a **network** that facilitates the exchanges, good practices and strategies
- The need to develop **capacity-building activities** among young women and young men
- The need to promote a culture of **gender equality in the media**

Policy towards neighbouring regions

- Neighbourhood Partnership with Jordan 2015-2017
- Neighbourhood Partnership with Morocco 2015-2017
- Neighbourhood Partnership with Tunisia 2015-2017

Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017



NSPEW 2015 - 2017



Sustainable Development Goals


Objectives:

- Contribute to the empowerment of women by fostering women's participation in political life and improve representation in the media;
- Strengthen awareness-raising concerning women's rights and combat violence against women by promoting preventative and protective measures;
- Encourage and support North-South and South-South cooperation between stakeholders in the empowerment of women.

Achieving Balanced Participation of Women and Men in Political and Public Decision-Making



20-27 September 2015, Mollina (Spain)

 11 nationalities

7
from Europe

10
from Southern
Mediterranean



5



12

Serbia
United Kingdom
France
Spain
Poland
Italy
Romania

Egypt
Libya
Morocco
Palestinian
National
Authority
Tunisia

Training of Trainers: Structured Participation of Young Women in Democratic Processes

217 applications received in 20 days

17 selected participants

11 nationalities

Outputs

WORKSHOPS

Non-formal Education

Istanbul Convention

Social marketing

Advocacy tools

Campaigning

Outcomes

13 follow-up projects /activities*

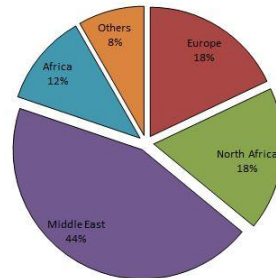
. 7 completed

. 3 ongoing

. 3 planned

*of which 4 multilateral projects

Origin of applications



Achieving Balanced Participation of Women and Men in Political and Public Decision-Making

An annual event that brings together high-level participants from Europe, neighbouring regions and international organisations to discuss topics related to the core CoE priorities.

Specific side events or roundtables to **raise awareness on the importance of women participation in decision-making processes**



Lisbon fora



Roundtables

2012 "The Arab season: from change to challenges" - **Centrality of Women's Rights in the Transition to Democracy;**

2013 "Valuing civil society as actor of governance: Perspectives for the South Mediterranean" - **Face to face on political Islam and democracy**

2014 "Electoral processes and democratic consolidation in the countries of the southern Mediterranean" - **Women's Participation in Electoral Processes**

Recommendations

2015 "How to combat radicalisation and terrorism: Prevention Tools and Shared Knowledge in the Mediterranean and European space":

- **Empowering women to prevent and combat radicalisation. Women have, in fact, an essential role to play in promoting peace and conflict management;**
- **Building inclusive societies through intercultural and interfaith dialogue.**

2016 "Migration and human rights. How to structure effective collective action?":

To Include women in the decision-making processes in order to increase effectiveness and efficiency of implementation of gender policies, which should be reinforced by providing effective access to education, language classes and labour market, in order to enable women to have equal work possibilities and benefits.

Combating Gender Stereotypes and Sexism

Capacity-building activities for youth multipliers



1-8 May 2016, Hammamet (Tunisia)

 12 nationalities

8
from
Europe

10
from Southern
Mediterranean



9



10

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Serbia
Lithuania
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Portugal
Sweden
Greece

Algeria
Jordan
Tunisia
Egypt
Morocco
Palestinian National Authority



Training course: Challenging Stereotypes and Identities to promote Gender Equality

19 participants

Youth activists, educators and journalists

10 females and 9 males

13 nationalities

Outputs

Fruitful exchanges and debates: on the themes

Gendered Media
Gender Stereotypes and Sexism
Multiple discrimination
Violence Against women

4 campaigns launched
posters and videos

#EqualPay: equality in job payments

#SpeakOut: sexual harassment against men

#Equality starts now: perceived gender roles since childhood

Don't hide it, let it out: gender roles

Outcomes

13 follow-up projects*

- . 9 completed
- . 2 ongoing
- . 2 planned

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Follow-up Activity



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Combating Gender Stereotypes and Sexism

Capacity-building activities for youth multipliers

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Focus Group

"Connecting Women, Challenging Stereotypes"

20-25 September 2016, Mollina (Spain)



Overall objectives

This follow-up activity aimed to **deepen** the understanding of deconstructing gender stereotypes targeting women from **the South and the North of the Mediterranean** and to enable participants to **implement projects** with an **inter and intra-regional cooperation** dimension.



4 Regional Projects in progress

"Raising voices" against Gender based violence through trainings, theatre plays, public events and a campaign.
One Click Away aims to challenge stereotypes in local communities and media through an online campaign.
Young leaders bridges (YLB) aims to equipped youth with tools and methods to promote a positive non stereotyped image of women.
Empower women aims to promote gender equality on rural areas through a training course and a booklet.

Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women

Promotion of the Istanbul Convention

4 experts

Libya, Tunisia,
France, Italy

20 participants

14 members of the
Euromed Rights Gender
Working group
6 representatives of
Moroccan Civil Society



Tunisia, Morocco, Turkey, France, Denmark,
Sweden, Algeria, Cyprus, Jordan, Palestinian
National Authority, Syria

Training course “the Istanbul Convention for the Mediterranean civil society” 1st april 2016, Rabat (Morocco)



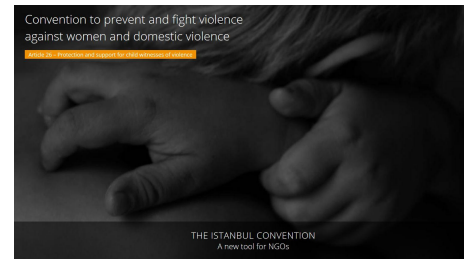
Overall Objective

To provide representatives of civil society, activists in the domain of women's rights and/or gender equality in the Mediterranean region with **tools that will enable them to fight violence**, as presented in the **Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence** (in particular, **articles 11 and 12**) through sharing experiences and good practices.



Results

A online **raising awareness campaign** launched promoting the Istanbul Convention as a tool for NGO



Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women

Raising Awareness about migrant and refugee women

8 experts



Quadrilogue actors

- 1 Government
- 1 Parliament
- 1 International Organisation
- 5 Civil Society



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Republic of
Macedonia"
Spain - CoE

Jordan
Iraq
Lebanon

Roundtable "Women Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean"

25 November 2016, Lisbon (Portugal)



Overall objective

The overall objective was to raise awareness among the **quadrilogue actors** of the **Lisbon Forum 2016** on the **gender-sensitive measures to ensure the safety of women** seeking asylum and on the issues and situations faced specifically by **refugee and migrant women and women asylum seekers** in Europe and in the Southern Mediterranean.

7 recommendations

that quadrilogue actors should implement.

1. Promote the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.
2. Implement comprehensive policies and specific measures to ensure that women and girls refugees, migrants and asylum seekers are protected and facilitated access to the services needed, in particular legal support and access to justice in relevant languages.
3. Raise awareness about violence against women refugees, migrants and asylum seekers through data collection and information shared between all relevant non-governmental and governmental agencies, and international organisations.
4. Ensure effective implementation of gender policies, legislation and international standards aiming at to respond immediately to the specific needs of women and girls refugees migrants and asylum seekers.
5. Include women in the decision-making processes in order to increase effectiveness and efficiency of implementation of gender policies, which should be reinforced by providing effective access to education, language classes and labour market, in order to enable women to have equal work possibilities and benefits.
6. Eliminate discriminatory laws such as child marriage and unregistered temporary marriage.
7. Provide specialised training and sharing of good practices in order to increase the capacity and expertise of humanitarian actors and the number of gender-sensitive trained personnel.



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Overall objective

To contribute to the **empowerment of women** by providing its members with an online platform, which facilitates the **exchange of good practices**, the identification of **common challenges**, the sharing of experiences and the **identification of projects and partnerships**.

Good Practices Database

The Database aims to **give visibility** to the **work of the EMWN members** through **videos, photos** and **articles** shared on the online platform.



Statistics

2003 members of the EMWN
2 743 followers on the EMWN Facebook Page
From 45 different countries

In 2016 **658 New Followers**
510 New Subscriptions
3900 Likes

EMWN Campaigns



No Sexist Hate Speech

Combating Sexist Hate Speech

The NSC promoted the No hate Speech movement in the Southern Mediterranean Countries on the occasion of the International Day of Women.



#16Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

25 November -10 December 2016



Impact of the Campaign
More than 2000 likes , 130 shares, almost 30.000 people reached and 120 new followers !



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International Women's Day
8 March 2017
"8 March, 8 Days to celebrate
Inspirational Women"

On this occasion, the North-South Centre gave visibility to role-model women from the EMWN and to their words and commitment in order to promote a non-stereotyped image of women and to raise awareness on equality between women and men and on the need of preventing and eradicating sexism and gender discrimination.



"My jihad is to stay the woman who lies in the grass, who sleeps in the beach, who craves for love of the life – no matter what they tell her.
I am muslim, I am Bosnian, I am married woman. I am free, I am me, I am outside the box – no matter how hard they try to convince me to stay inside, because I am a WOMAN."



 **Jasmila Talić-Kujundžić**  



IMPACT

 1695 likes  121 shares

 42.255 people reached  199 new followers reached

Sharing of NSC's know-how and expertise



Workshop "Forming Responsible Citizens: The school as a key element to prevent violence and promote the values of gender equality"

20 October, Tunis, Tunisia

Ideaborn,

Moroccan Center for Civic Education,
Tunisian Social Development and
Empowerment Center



Seminar on
"Views on violence within the
family context"
17-18 March 2016, Matosinhos,
Portugal
Municipality of Matosinhos,
European Forum for Urban Security

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Future Activities

Programme of Activities 2017

- “Training of experts: Preventing and Combating Violence against Women”, Tunis, Tunisia
- Session on Political Identity of Women and the New Challenges in Mediterranean, Mollina, Spain
- National workshop on Strengthening Capacities of Women Organisations, Amman, Jordan
- International Conference on Migrant and Refugee Women, Berlin, Germany



2018 - 2019

NSPEW will aim to reinforce multilateral and multilevel co-operation between the relevant stakeholders through the sharing of relevant tools, methodologies and best practices in order to develop a context that facilitates the empowerment of women and girls in Southern Mediterranean.

Focus on

Gender Stereotypes, Sexism and Multiple Discrimination

Refugee, migrant and asylum-seeking women

Access to rights through entrepreneurship

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Thank You !

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