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# ABOUT THE PUBLICATION

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**T**his publication seeks to provide a visual record of the projects supported by the 2013 Seed Funding Programme. The Seed Funding for Africa Europe Youth Co-operation is a grant allocation presented in the framework of the Joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC).

— The compilation is a result of the analysis of various documents including the narrative reports submitted by the organisations following the project implementation.



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# FOREWORD:

## The Importance of Seed Funding

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**T**he Seed Funding is an important feature of the Euro-African dimension of the North-South Centre's Youth Co-operation Programme as it allows to:

- Empower organisations to take the first step in trans-continental co-operation;
- Better understand the reality (priorities, working methodology) and the challenges of youth organisations in both Africa and Europe;
- Improve our knowledge about the youth organisations active in the field of Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation;
- Contribute to the implementation of the Africa-Europe Action Plan 2012-2015, with the mainstream and outreach of the work from international to grassroots' level;
- Identify good practices, through the compilation of the reports/projects and giving visibility to the work developed.

— The high number of applications received proves the importance of this grant scheme. The results of the selection process show the diversity of projects as well as the common will of the youth organisations in fostering the co-operation.

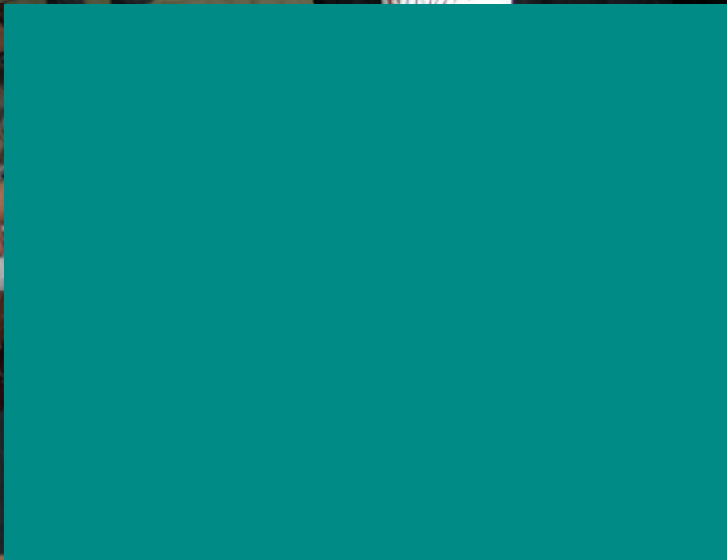
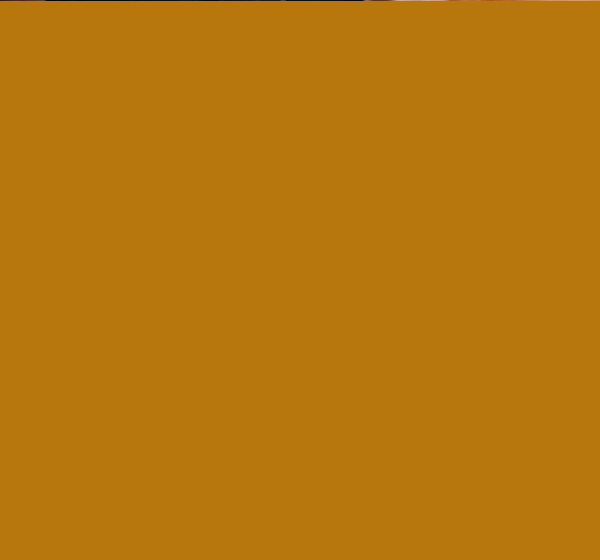
— The applications and their quality posed many challenges in the selection process and the option in this round was to allocate smaller grants to a higher number of projects.

— Seed Funding can make the difference for a project to happen but the merit belongs to the implementing organisations. The commitment and the mobilisation of resources that the granted organisations were able to guarantee to make the projects a success was impressive.

— Thank you all for continuing to promote Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation!

**Andreia Henriques**  
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# The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and the Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation

— The **aim of the North-South Centre's Youth Co-operation Programme** is to raise European awareness of issues of global interdependence and solidarity and to promote co-operation and exchanges between Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and Africa. More specifically, the objective is to provide training and capacity building for young people and youth organisations as well as to facilitate active participation of youth in policy-making, reinforcing the role of youth as a dynamic force in the field of North-South interdependence.

— The **Africa-EU Strategic Partnership**, a framework created by the 2nd EU-Africa Heads of States Summit, and the Africa-Europe Youth Summits, recognise youth as a key actor in development in Africa and Europe. The strengthening of youth organisations and youth movements is critical for human development and in particular for developing youth policies that will allow sustainable co-operation among African and European youth.

— As a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits in 2007 and 2010, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe has been **developing and implementing a programme** in partnership with key governmental and non-governmental actors in Africa and Europe, including the **African Union Commission**, the **European Commission**, the **European Youth Forum (YFJ)**, the **African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe (ADYNE)** and African youth platforms such as the **Pan African Youth Union (PYU)** and the **Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa (NIYOA)**.

— The North-South Centre co-operates with the European Commission (Europe Aid, DG DevCo) in order to secure a sustainable process for collaboration which will provide important



support of various (youth) structures, quality reassurance and funding for Africa-Europe youth work.

— In November 2008, the North-South Centre and the European Commission (EuropeAid) signed a **Joint Management Agreement (JMA)** for a period of three years (2009-2011) aimed at strengthening global education in the new Member States of the European Union and supporting Africa-Europe youth co-operation. In November 2011, this agreement was extended until 2012. A new JMA was signed in September 2012 for the period 2013-2015.<sup>1</sup>



— Apart from the Joint Management Agreement, a series of Africa-Europe training activities have been implemented since 2009 in the framework of the **EU-CoE youth partnership** (DGEAC).

— Moreover, as a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits and in order to answer the priorities of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, this Africa-Europe Youth Programme aims to:

- Promote the **empowerment of European and African youth**<sup>2</sup>;
- Strengthen young people's capacity to disseminate information and to get involved in the **implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Strategy**<sup>3</sup>;
- Facilitate **encounters and exchanges between young Africans and Europeans**<sup>4</sup>;
- Help **map the existing African youth networks**<sup>5</sup>.

— This programme implemented by the North-South Centre includes activities such as:

- **Five sub-regional seminars** on youth policies and the African Youth Charter (finalised in December 2012);

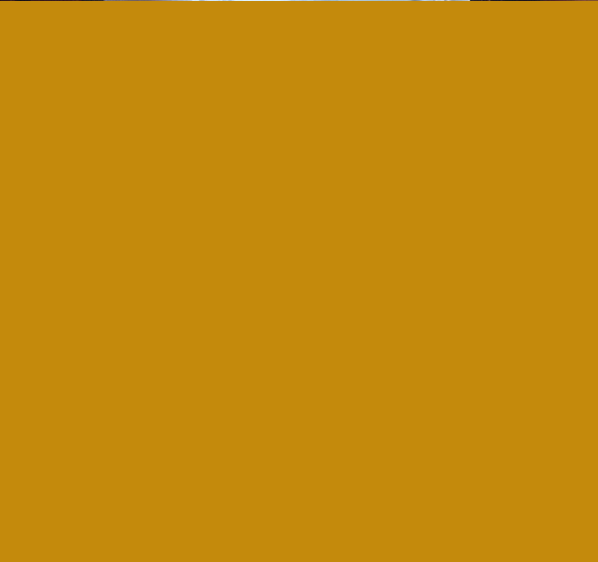
- **Africa-Europe training courses** for youth organisations (9th edition in 2013), and training opportunities for **Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe** (4<sup>th</sup> edition in 2013);

- A mapping exercise of Africa-Europe youth co-operation/work, leading to the creation of an **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Online Resource Centre - AEYCO** (launched in May 2013)<sup>6</sup>;

- Providing **Seed Funding** to pilot youth exchange projects (4<sup>th</sup> round in 2013);

- Establishment of the **Africa-Europe Youth Platform** and institutional follow-up, monitoring and implementation with key youth actors from Africa and Europe, and representatives of implementing agencies and institutions of the Africa-Europe youth strategy (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of AEYP in November 2013, held in Brussels, Belgium);

- The **African University on Youth and Development** (5<sup>th</sup> edition in 2013).





# OVERVIEW

## 1. Framework

— The **Seed Funding** programme is framed under the **JMA**, being financed by the European Commission and administered by the North-South Centre. Having at its core the principles underlined by the **Africa-EU Strategic Partnership** and being an outcome of the **JMA** in its mission of strengthening Africa-Europe youth co-operation, the Seed Funding seeks to promote youth exchanges between Africa and Europe, enabling networking and political participation of non-governmental actors.

### Aim

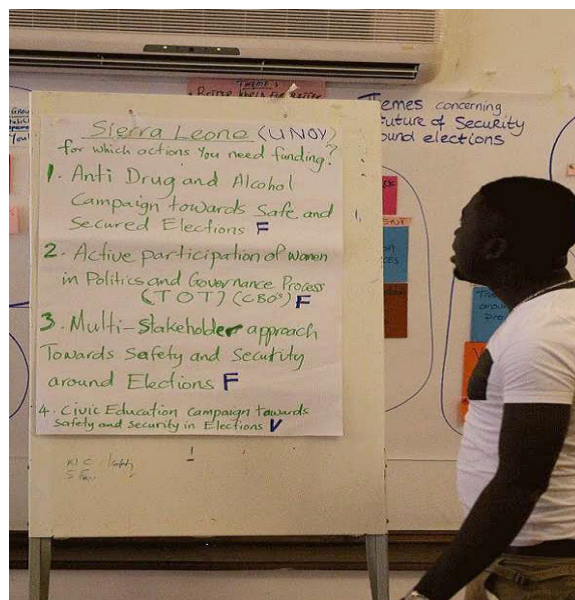
Seed Funding aims to strengthen the role of youth organisations as civil society actors, increasing youth leaders' ability to organise and take action, and to enhance young people's voice and political participation in Africa-Europe Co-operation.

## 2. Grant Provision

— The programme consists in funding of initiatives offering the possibility for youth leaders, experts and trainers to participate in Africa-Europe youth-related activities and projects.

— The grants are of a **maximum 2000 EUR** per project/organisation and they should be allocated towards expenses associated **with international travel, local transportation, accommodation, visa costs and experts fees**.

— The following is a list of the requirements applicant organisations had to follow in order to be eligible for Seed Funding in 2013:



### Eligibility Criteria

- Application should be submitted by a **youth organisation, network or nongovernmental actor** at local, national, (sub)regional or international level that is **active in promoting Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation**;
- Applicant organisations must have a **bank account open in their name**, since payments will be made through bank transfers only;
- **Priority** is given to projects presented by **organisations coming from Africa** and/or from the **African Diaspora Living in Europe** and to organisations/networks whose **projects** will allocate the grant to support the participation of **African youth** and/or **African Diaspora** in the project;
- Participants benefiting from the grant should be under **35 years of age**;
- **Innovative projects** with an experimental approach are encouraged to apply;
- Projects that respond to the **themes "Youth Unemployment" and "MDGs-Beyond 2015"**, identified as working priorities for 2013-2014 in the framework of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform, are highly encouraged.

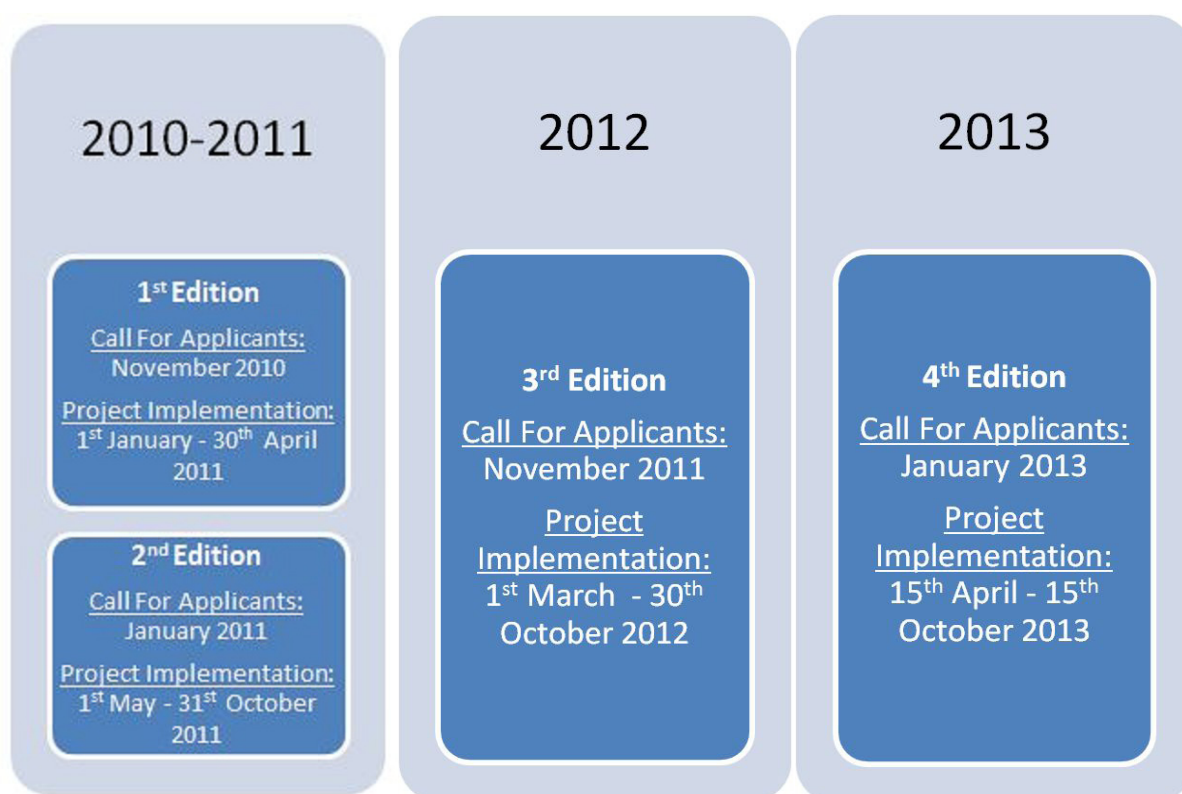


### 3. Trends

— **Seed Funding** was officially launched in **November 2010**, with the announcement of a call for applicants for projects to be implemented between January and April 2011. The initiative was a natural outcome of the capacity-building activities the NSC had been promoting in collaboration with regional youth platforms.

— As illustrated below, from 2010 to 2013, there were four editions of Seed Funding.

— Since its first edition in 2010, there have been **397 applications** from several countries in Africa and Europe. Between 2010 and 2013, the NSC provided grants to **45 different projects** in a total amount of **EUR 58.300**.



| Year      | Call For Applicants                   | Applications | Selected Organizations | Grant Allocated |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 2010-2011 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Call<br>November 2010 | 19           | 11                     | EUR 15.500      |
|           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call<br>January 2011  | 148          | 12                     | EUR 16.000      |
| 2012      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Call<br>November 2011 | 160          | 12                     | EUR 15.800      |
| 2013      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Call<br>January 2013  | 70           | 11                     | EUR 11.000      |
|           | Total                                 | 397          | 45                     | EUR 58.300      |

#### 4. Types of Projects

— Drawing from the analysis of past editions' selected projects, the initiatives that have been developed fall in the following categories:

- Training
- Exchange
- Meeting
- Workshop
- Development project
- Forum/Network creation
- Seminar
- Awareness raising event
- Documentaries

#### 5. Funded Projects 2013

##### Overview

— The call for applicants of the 2013 edition of Seed Funding was announced on January 2013. By the deadline, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013, **70 applications** had been received from 32 countries in Africa and Europe.

| European countries |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Belgium            | 6  |
| Great Britain      | 4  |
| Italy              | 2  |
| Portugal           | 2  |
| Germany            | 2  |
| Netherlands        | 2  |
| Ireland            | 2  |
| Spain              | 2  |
| Sweden             | 1  |
| Czech Republic     | 1  |
| Total              | 24 |

| African Countries |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Kenya             | 10 |
| Cabo Verde        | 4  |
| Uganda            | 4  |
| Nigeria           | 4  |
| Rwanda            | 4  |
| Morocco           | 2  |
| South Africa      | 2  |
| Botswana          | 2  |
| Senegal           | 1  |
| Gambia            | 1  |
| Benin             | 1  |
| Egypt             | 1  |
| Togo              | 1  |
| Zimbabwe          | 1  |
| Ethiopia          | 1  |
| Ghana             | 1  |
| Guinea-Conakry    | 1  |
| Djibouti          | 1  |
| Zambia            | 1  |
| Equatorial Guinea | 1  |
| Benin             | 1  |
| Guinea-Bissau     | 1  |
| Total             | 46 |



### Applications by Country

— Out of the 70 applications, **13 organisations** were selected but only **10 projects** were implemented, between **15<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013**. The funding ranged between EUR 800 and EUR 1300 per initiative.

### Countries of Origin

— For the 2013 funding scheme, the 10 projects were implemented<sup>7</sup> by organisations based on **9 different countries**, of which **5 were European** (The Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Slovenia and England) and **4 were African** (Rwanda, Guinea-Bissau Kenya and Cabo Verde).

### Direct and Indirect Beneficiaries

— In total, from the projects implemented by the 10 organisations, **270 young people** benefited directly from the 2013 funding scheme. As to geographic location, 128 of the funding beneficiaries were from **African countries**, 20 from **European countries** and 122 from **unspecified provenance**. As for gender balance, **49% of the participants were male and 51% were female**. The projects supported by Seed Funding had impact in a large variety of countries, with participants coming from all over the world. While it is difficult to make accurate statistical approximations of how many people benefited indirectly from these projects, the North-South Centre estimates that at least **2327 people from Africa and Europe** benefited indirectly from the 2013 Seed Funding projects.





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# SELECTED PROJECTS

Throughout 2013, 10 projects related to Africa-Europe youth co-operation were carried out with the support of Seed Funding. The following is an analysis of the implemented activities, with a brief description of each organisation

## 1. 1. MEDSAR - Medical Students'

Association of Rwanda in partnership

with IMCC - International Medical

Cooperation Committee (RWANDA/

DENMARK)

**Project Title:** Stop Prostitution Around the Campus Phase II (SPAC II)

**Funding:** 1100 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 13-28 June 2013

**Internet address:** [www.medsar.com](http://www.medsar.com)



**Context and Mission:** MEDSAR is an independent, non-governmental and non-political organ of medical students of Rwanda. It was founded in 1997 and is run for and by medical students on a non-profit basis. Its aims are to unite, defend and represent students in the medical field and to initiate and promote programmes that improve the life standards of Rwandan citizens. In 2007, in partnership with International Medical Cooperation Committee (IMCC)-Denmark and the financial backing of the Danish Youth Council, MEDSAR implemented a project called SPAC I that created a cooperative for handicraft products made by young ex-sex workers to be sold in the Danish market. It was successful in withdrawing 60 young girls from prostitution by providing them

with vocational training and employment.

**Seed Funding Project:** To secure this project's continuation, MEDSAR aims to arrange a series of physical meetings with their IMCC partners in Denmark as well as interviewing new potential clients for their handicrafts. He/she will also hold presentations and handcraft exhibitions for potential retailers and meet the boards and trustees of the IMCC to discuss the future of their partnership. There are also plans for reaching the media in order to increase public's awareness of this partnership as well as marketing their products.

**Participants:** This project will involve volunteers from Rwanda and Denmark, members of the MEDSAR and the IMCC respectively.

**Activities:** During his stay in Denmark, the MEDSAR member had two meetings with the IMCC and organised an exhibition to show handicrafts made by the participants of SPAC I during which he was able to make contact with 4 potential marketing agents.



### Results:

- Strengthening of the partnership between MEDSAR and IMCC
- Creation of a marketing team for SPAC I products as well as establishment of contact with 4 potential marketing agents in Denmark
- Future plans for the signature of an MoU and to start exporting handicrafts starting January 2014

- Providing young ex-sex workers in Rwanda with a potential market for their handicrafts, making their current job in the cooperative more secure and keeping them from returning to prostitution

— **Impact on the organisation/community:** Allowed members of MEDSAR to put into practice their skills in advocacy, marketing, advertising and fundraising that were acquired over the years through training sessions provided by the organization.

— **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:**

- Fostered a stronger cooperation between two youth organisations one based in Africa and another based in Europe
- Fought against youth unemployment and promoted women rights in Rwanda

## 2. United Network of Young

### Peacebuilders (GHANA)

**Project Title:** Third Regional Training Course – West Africa

**Funding:** 900 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 26-31 August 2013

**Internet address:**

<http://www.unoy.org/unoy/?p=8324>



— **Context and Mission:** The UNOY Peacebuilder's training in Ghana was the final of a series of trainings that the organisation has been implementing for the past few years. They are aimed at encouraging future cooperation among African and European organisations and exchange of good practice and experiences between the UNOY's Peacebuilder's African network and the European network on topics related to local and regional challenges.

— **Seed Funding Project:** The training consisted of five days of workshops, seminars and lectures prepared by experts and by participants themselves. Networking sessions, field trips to local organisations and the making of a short documentary were also planned. The main aims were:

1. Promote a methodology called "Future search" among participant organisations that would increase the rate of success of their projects
2. Developing and implementing between 2014-2015 up to five cross-border projects among member organisations related to the topic "Youth and Green Peace"

— **Participants:** 24 direct participants (10 male, 14 female) from 5 different countries (Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Benin) originating from 12 different organisations.

— **Activities:** The 5 days training course focused on two relevant topics chosen by the participants: the prevention of electoral violence in West Africa and the use of social media in Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution.

It was organized around a main training module entitled "Care for a Common Cause, Finding a New Perspective for Youth Engagement" and organized by the UNOY in collaboration with the Human Security Collective and Perspectivity.

The training also functioned as an open platform in which first steps were taken to develop collaborative concept notes between participants of the same country.





The participants also undertook a stakeholder analysis with non-profit organizations, media outlets and political parties. Four of them, from different nationalities, also participated in a live broadcasted Ghanaian radio show where they shared their experience as a youth growing up in West Africa.

#### Results:

- Five concept notes created for collaborative joint programme for the National endowment for Democracy fund
- Two full project proposals created through the cooperation between West African members, UNOY and European experts
- The ideas and needs voiced by all the participants will be used for an upcoming project about social entrepreneurship, in which African and European members of UNOY will work intensively

**Impact on the organisation/community:** This training session allowed participants to experience different pedagogical tools and methodologies and develop their project, management and peacebuilding skills. It also fulfilled the need of West African organizations to improve contact with European youth organisations and made it possible for future collaborations between organisations to emerge.

#### Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:

- Stimulated the interaction between African and European youth and it inspired participants to look how North-South co-operation can be beneficial for themselves and their organisations
- Reinforced ties between youth led organisations and created a relationship of trust and an open environment to exchange ideas and create common projects

### 3. AASE - Association of African Students in Europe (BELGIUM)

**Project Title:** Debate Tournament

**Funding:** 800 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 6-7 July 2013

**Internet address:** <http://aase-network.wix.com/aase>



*Association of African Students in Europe*

**Context and Mission:** This project aimed to set the stage for a bigger project that AASE hopes to organise in the coming years: an annual international debate tournament for all African students across Europe. Studies have shown that African students that return to Africa after the conclusion of their studies are usually the ones to hold top corporate and governmental positions in their countries. Therefore, they will be in a unique position to introduce new ideas and concepts that could generate positive changes in Africa in the near future.

**Seed Funding Project:** This project aimed at building the intellectual capacity of African studies by introducing them to the global debate about Africa and Africans; as well as to promote a culture of reasoned argumentation, tolerance for divergent points of view and rigorous self-examination. It aimed to prepare the participants to cherish and value the principles of open society and to bring those values and these best practices back home after their studies.

**Participants:** 30 young people (14 female, 16 male) participated in this project. 22 of them were from African countries (Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Cameroon, Togo, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Zambia) and 8 of them were European (Belgium, The Netherlands and Slovenia).

**Activities:** Students were invited to discuss some very controversial topics on the African Continent such as LGBT rights or the place of Africa in a globalized world.



#### Results:

- Built a partnership with the Centre for Social and Political Philosophy at the KU Leuven University
- Creation of the annual event named Kofi Annan Intellectual Forum
- Plans to expand the debate society to new African as well as European participants and creation of partnerships with other European universities to debate African issues



**Impact on the organization/community:** The project provided students with the opportunity to understand and appreciate the value of tolerance for diverging views in a pluralistic society. By learning how to debate, these students became able to critically examine the pronouncements of their political representatives and to make informed judgments about crucial issues about Africa.

#### Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:

- Promoted the debate and the exchange of ideas between African and European students, contributing for a better understanding of each other perspective on critical issues related to Africa.

## 4. JISER - Reflexions Méditerranées

### (ALGERIA)

**Project Title:** Trans-cultural dialogues: A Euro-Mena co-working rhizome of young artists and theoreticians (TCD).

**Funding:** 1000 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 22-29 September 2013

**Internet address:** <http://www.jiser.org/fr/arts/projets-expositions/trans-cultural-dialogues-2013?05c087f164c40fc1b371f87c2827b66b=502e9716a588938082e68ec660b47aaf>



**Context and Mission:** TCD was born in 2012 within the Cultural Innovators Network Forum organised by the Goethe Institute (Istanbul, Ankara), establishing a great network of contemporary young cultural innovators (artists, cultural managers, civil society activists, etc) to provide support to civil society initiatives and the involvement of youth in the Euro-Mena region. It aims to promote artistic, cultural and intellectual exchange between cultural professionals and researchers in the area in order to create an active citizenship able to address social topics of local and international importance.

**Seed Funding Project:** The funding is destined at consolidating the preparatory work already made by TCD since its creation in December 2012. It will be used to fund a series of Learning Journeys for young cultural professional and researchers from Algeria and other Mediterranean countries in Algiers and contribute to consolidate and expand the emerging network of cultural, artistic and intellectual exchange that already existed between them.

**Participants:** a gender balanced group of young people from 11 partner countries located in Europe (Greece, FYROM, Serbia, Germany and Spain) and Northern Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and Lebanon). It counted as well with the collaboration of several organisations such as TEDxCashbah, SAYKA, ARTIKAL, Teatro Valle Occupato, 3137 Artist Run Space and Generación Espontánea.

— **Activities:** The project consisted in a series of research workshops, site-specific related visits, public events, press conferences and meetings with local art professionals in Algiers to promote and involve the community in the project. The creative community of Algiers was engaged through collaborative meetings and activities in which they were able to discuss their specific needs and desires with fellow artists and activists. Participants from Europe were also directly involved in a communication and spreading campaign as well as in the promotion of cultural exchanges and mobility programmes by offering local artists and activists platforms to showcase their artistic output.



— **Results:**

- Managed to create an international team and consolidated and expanded the existing TCD network of cultural professionals and researchers
- Done research on the local scene and surveyed other initiatives that are working toward the same goals
- Organised public events such as workshops, panel-discussions and screenings with the enthusiastic participation of the local community
- Developed the programme of the TCD for 2014 and beyond (DJART festival 2014)

— **Impact on the organisation/community:** Reinforced existing and new members' organisational skills and familiarised many of them to the challenges of organising a large-scale mobility project in the Euro-Mena region. It allowed TCD members to grow as a multicultural team and use these new found skills in future projects.

— **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:**

- Promoted cultural, artistic and intellectual exchange with several young people from the Euro-Mena region.
- Created a platform for several youth organisations to network and potentially collaborate in future projects.

**5. CNJ Guiné Bissau - Conselho Nacional da Juventude de Guiné Bissau in collaboration with Rota Jovem (GUINEA-BISSAU)**

— **Project Title:** Nô Djunta Mon<sup>8</sup>

**Funding:** 880 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 22-31 August 2013

**Internet address:** <http://cnjguine.wordpress.com/>



— **Context and Mission:** After participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> African University on Youth and Development that took place in Cabo Verde in 2009, the Guinea-Bissau youth leaders decided to implement a similar project to solve many of the difficulties and necessities in terms of youth development in their country. The "Nô Djunta Mon" project emerged from this need to engage young people with local associations and activities through which they will gain competences that will be highly important for their future professional and personal lives.

— **Seed Funding Project:** The project aimed to implement a training course for local youth leaders and members of youth associations. The training was based on non-formal methodology and its main theme was "social and cultural animation for local development and youth participation".

It aimed to help participants to learn how to evaluate their community's needs, how to develop joint projects with local youngsters as well as learn about youth leadership.

— **Participants:** It counted with the participation of 27 young leaders from different regions in Guinea-Bissau as well as 2 trainers: one male from the Pool of Trainers of CNJ Guinea-Bissau and a female Portuguese trainer from Rota Jovem. It also counted with the participation of 350 youngsters from 12 different schools around the country.

— **Activities:** The six days of the project were divided between several activities that aimed to train young people on sociocultural animation and community intervention through non-formal methodologies. Activities included pedagogical games, theatre, teambuilding activities, workshops on leadership and project implementation and a field trip to a nearby beekeepers association.



— **Results:**

- Individual participants gained more competences in order to make better evaluations of their own communities and act in accordance
- Gained confidence to start developing joint programmes with other participants
- The interaction between an European and a Guinean trainer was also very beneficial since they were able to learn from each other and develop a common approach to this sort of events
- The collaboration between the CNJ Guinea-Bissau and the Rota Jovem was consolidated and other joint projects were planned for the near future

— **Impact on the organization/community:**

Participants gained valuable skills and competences that will be disseminated among national youth organisations and hopefully increase the quality of their work in the field and develop quality sociocultural activities. The European trainer gained valuable experience on the Guinea-Bissau's culture, information that will be useful for working with Guinean immigrants in Portugal.

— **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:**

- Promoted the exchange of knowledge and skills between European and African youth organisations
- Reinforced ties between youth led organisations and created a relationship of trust and an open environment to exchange ideas and create common projects.

## 6. Kenya Girls Guides Association in partnership with the Green Girls of Denmark (KENYA)

— **Project Title:** Intercultural Dialogue to End Violence

**Funding:** 1000 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 31 July and 23 August

**Internet address:** <http://www.kgga.co.ke/>



— **Context and Missions:** In July 2011, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) launched its campaign to "Stop the Violence – Speak out for Girls Rights" which will run until 2020.

As part of the educational programme, a non-formal education curriculum was developed by WAGGGS and UN Women and the Girl Guides of Denmark and the Girl Guides of Kenya participated in piloting the curriculum.



— **Seed Funding Project:** The “Intercultural Dialogue to End Violence” is a project proposed by these two youth organisations under the cover of this initiative. It aimed to organise a workshop and two meetings (one in Denmark, other in Kenya) to promote dialogue with the aim of creating awareness and finding solutions to violence targeted at young women in both countries. The grant would allow them to bring together young women from both organisations as well as two experts in gender or women studies from both countries to discuss, share and draft strategies that could be adopted to solve this problem.

— **Participants:** 13 young women between the ages of 15 and 22 years of age. 10 young women were from Kenya and 3 from Denmark.

— **Activities:** In Kenya, the project coordinator at the Kibera Girl Center shared with the beneficiaries the need to address gender based violence in Kenya and speak against it in the community. She was joined by a young PhD candidate - from Royal Holloway, University of London that helped them to organise the workshop. During this event, the participants drafted strategies and developed ideas that both them and their Danish partners can work on together, with the intention of developing their partnership even further. Afterwards, the Kenyan project coordinator had the opportunity to fly to Denmark where she met key members of the Girl Guides Association and shared with her partners

the ideas and solutions previously discussed in Kenya. A mini-workshop was as well held in during which these topics were further discussed and compared to the reality in Denmark.

#### — **Results:**

- Participants benefited from capacity building opportunities and shared violence prevention strategies such as speaking against it in various platforms.

- Follow-up activities were developed and both organisations vowed to create awareness in their community on violence prevention.

- Plans were established to continue the partnership in the future and to expand it further to other partners in order to get more resources for the project activities.

#### — **Impact on the organization/community:**

Both organisations benefited greatly from this partnership at a professional but also at a personal level, with good friendships being made between the participants of this project. The initiative also demonstrated how young people from different cultural backgrounds can work together to be effective agents of change and how effective Euro-African co-operation can be.

#### — **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:**

- This project demonstrated how young women in Africa and Europe can connect together through various online and offline platforms to achieve a common objective.

- It also demonstrated the importance of building more Euro-African projects of this sort to champion the rights of girls and young women to live a life free of violence anywhere in the world.

## 7. World Peace Initiative Foundation

(UNITED KINGDOM/KENYA)

— **Project Title:** “Africa Inspire”

**Funding:** 800 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 15 April-15 October 2013

**Internet address:** <http://www.peacerevolution.net/>





— **Context and Mission:** This project is the follow-up of meeting and later collaboration between Rose Wachuka, from the Global Young Greens of Kenya, and Aya Chebbi a Peace Agent from the World Peace Initiative Foundation (WPIF) at the 4th African University on Youth and Development in Sao Vicente, Cabo Verde in July 2012. WPIF is an organisation that for the past 4 years has been working on peacebuilding by gathering young people from Europe and Africa in annual intensive peace trainings and fellowships. The fellowships do not only empower youth with peacebuilding skills but give them access to a network of other singled minded young people and by facilitating mutual understanding in the groups that they train. The main aim of this organisation is to promote peace worldwide.

— **Seed Funding Project:** The “Africa Inspire” project is a documentary aimed at promoting peace across Africa and Europe by campaigning for restoring peace in Kenya’s post electoral period of 2007/2008. It is also about the role of African youth in peace-making by giving them a window to show their work, tell their stories and express their aspirations. Lastly, it covered as well aspects of African peace-making process that are not shown by the mainstream media. The main aim of this documentary is to inspire youth from other African and European countries to follow the example set by the Kenyan youth and to stress the role of youth in the making of peace.

— **Participants:** The only direct beneficiary of this grant was the documentary director, Aya Chebbi, from Tunisia who travelled to Kenya to conduct the documentary. Although, there were at least 27 indirect beneficiaries: 10 were female and 17 were male. Three of them came from Western

countries (Italy, United States of America and Canada) and 24 came from African countries (Mali, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kenya).

— **Activities:** The director of the documentary stayed a whole month in Kenya for the shooting and tried to capture different aspects of Kenya’s society: the slums of Kibera, Somali refugee camps, city life, universities, schools religious institutions, etc. The director also organised and conducted interviews with people from diverse backgrounds of Kenyan society, going from government officials to local youth-led organisations. Together with other two people, she also did the editing and the final montage of the documentary.

#### — **Results:**

- Completion and divulgation of the documentary Africa Inspire: Kenya’s Conscious Transformation ;
- Made contact with local and regional youth organisations that helped her in the realization of her project as well as establishing potential contacts for future projects

— **Impact on the organisation/community:** By giving a first-hand portrayal of the political situation in Kenya in 2007/2008, this documentary allowed a better understanding for a non-expert audience of Kenyan politics and the factors involved in the violence lived during that period. It also allowed a greater projection of the work of local youth-led and other organisations in Kenya have done to stabilize the political situation in the country, demonstrating the relevance of such movements in peacebuilding processes.



Lastly it gave to the documentary director invaluable experience and skills to put into good use in future projects.

#### — Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:

- Contributed to a better understanding of the role of youth organisations in peacebuilding processes
- Allowed the creation of stronger connections between this organisation and other local youth-led organisations, contributing to a deepening of Euro-African cooperation and creating the space for more similar projects to arise in the near future.

**The full documentary can be watched here**

<http://www.peacerevolution.net/wall/topic-99991659/seed-funding-for-africa-inspire>

## 8. Cabo Verde Youth Federation

### (CABO VERDE)

— **Project Title:** I Fórum Intercultural sobre Cidadania Democrática e Cultura da Paz (Intercultural Forum About Democratic Citizenship and Culture of Peace)

**Funding:** 1300 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 6 May 2013

**Internet address:** <http://fcj.org.cv/>



— **Context and Mission:** This conference was organised by the Cabo Verde Youth Federation in Mindelo, Cabo Verde, within the context of the 5th African University of Youth and Development as well as of post-2015 Development Agenda events and meetings (Rio+20, The World We Want, My World). It seeks to contribute to the post-

Millennium Development Goals debate by the youth in two main topics: population and youth employment.

— **Seed Funding Project:** The project aimed to bring together youth activist to review the attainment of MDG's in Africa, develop strategies for accelerating the achievement of the MDG's and plan for the post-2015 Development Framework. It aimed as well to strengthen partnerships within youth organisations in the region as well as creating a platform for these organisations to learn and share their best practices.

— **Participants:** Around 91 people participated in this forum: 86 came from Africa countries, 4 from European countries and 1 from South America (Brazil)

— **Activities:** The Forum lasted for two days, structured around a variety of seminars and activities. It was chaired by the President of the Republic of Cabo Verde (Jorge Carlos Fonseca) the Director of Cooperation of the CPLP (Manuel Clarote Lapp) and the Cabo Verdean President of the Youth Federation (Helmer Fortes).

In the first day, there were two panels in the morning: the first one on "Interculturality", with testimonials from young Cabo Verdeans living in the diaspora and foreign residents in Cabo Verde, and the second one about "Culture of Peace", with testimonials from young people from conflict stric-



ken countries. In the afternoon, an “International Fair Projects” was held and in the evening the organisation gave to participants an opportunity to relax and network with an “Intercultural Night”. In the second day, a round table (“World’s Café”) on Democratic Citizenship was held, with the participation of members of the Cabo Verdean government and of the different participating organisations, followed by a debate on Peace with members of the Cabo Verdean security forces.

#### — **Results:**

- Drafting of the “Declaration of San Vicente” where the main conclusions of this forum for the post-2015 Development goals were laid down.

#### — **Impact on the organization/community:**

Participants gained valuable skills and competences that will be disseminated among national youth organisations and hopefully increase the quality of their work in the field. Promoted the exchange of ideas and concepts between youth organisations and high-ranking members of government, opening a possible venue for better policies in the future on the topics of population and youth employment.

#### — **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:**

- The Forum was organised within the context of the 5th African University of Youth and Development and benefited from the participation of other African and European youth led-organisations in the discussion.

## 9. LAJURGES – League of Youth Associations of Ribeira Grande de Santiago (CABO VERDE)

— **Project Title:** UNESCO World Heritage International Youth Work Camp “Cidade Velha - the origins of the Creole Society”

**Funding:** 800 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 6-12 October

**Internet address:** <http://whc.unesco.org/en/whvolunteers/>



— **Context and Mission:** This project was organised by the Ribeira Grande Youth League (LAJURGES) and in partnership with the Cabo Verde Youth Federation with the support of UNESCO under the cover of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) initiative. It aims at promoting the involvement of young people in the conservation of the UNESCO World Heritage sites, by demonstrating how relevant those sites are for their history and culture, and arousing the local community and students' interest in the preservation of such sites.

— **Seed Funding Project:** This one week project was organised in Cidade Velha, Cabo Verde, which is an important historical site to understand the history of European colonialism and slavery's impact on modern Creole society. The whole event was structured around three main activities: an awareness campaign for local schools, an environmental and cleaning campaign on the historical monuments and the organisation of a Popular Forum on Cultural Heritage.

— **Participants:** 28 people directly participated in this event (including organisation members): 8 were female and 20 were male. 25 participants came from African countries (Cabo Verde) and 3 participants were from Europe (Portugal, Germany and Spain).

— **Activities:** For one week, the young volunteers were trained in World Heritage conservation, accordingly to the norms of Global Education and using non-formal methodologies.



This included the use of open-air spaces and other tools such as theatre, role-play, musical messages and Heritage preservation songs. Other non-formal methodologies such as games sports, on-hands work, debates, focus groups and meetings with the local community were also used. The organisation also prepared workshops with professors and students in local education centres on archaeological sites preservation and arranged the collection endemic plants for analysis and exhibition.

#### Results:

- Increased the number of activities on World Heritage conservation promoted by professors in educational centers, with students are more aware and sensitized on heritage conservation.
- A UNESCO World Heritage in Youth Hands manual was successfully disseminated among the educative community
- Increased the number of green spaces and more nature friendly environment. Creation of a collection of endemic plants with explanations for exhibition.
- Raised awareness of the local community to the importance of historical heritage preservation



#### Impact on the organization/community:

The success of the project attracted many stake holders and they expressed interest in joining the WHV. This was very important for LAJURGES as it was a sign of consolidation of its leadership on youth empowerment activities in the Municipality and it acquired more autonomy and visibility in the important role it plays in this area.

#### Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:

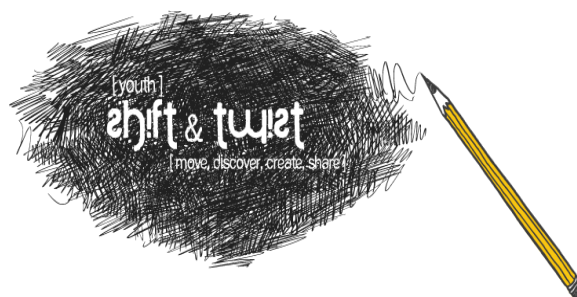
- The programme lacked stringer representation of European participants than initially foreseen. Nevertheless, it allowed participants from Europe and Africa to exchange practices on World Heritage preservation and sustainability.

#### 10. Shift & Twist (BELGIUM/CYPRUS)

**Project Title:** The Spotlight on the Issue of Interests to Youth African Diaspora to a Global Audience: Truly Inclusive Information

**Funding:** 1100 EUR

**Date of Implementation:** 24-30 April 2013



**Context and Mission:** This project is a follow-up of a series of activities and meetings promoted by Shift & Twist around the topic of Democratic Citizenship and Social Inclusion. Created in 2011, it encourages and promotes a joint development between Europe, Africa and the Mediterranean towards African Diaspora Youth. As one of the founding members of ADYNE (African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe), this organisation has experience working with African and Mediterranean youth; focusing in the promotion of the learning of new skills and other information that can be useful for young people from migrant background living in Europe as well as encouraging the exchange of information ideas and opinions.

**Seed Funding Project:** This project aimed to involve representatives of European youth organisations, African youth organisations, other minority groups as well as young people in a difficult economic situation in the creation of a do-

-cumentary that will show their reality to a broader audience. In order to achieve this, Shift and Twist, in collaboration with ADYNE, organised an event where they will discuss the importance of the role of the media can play in the process of inclusion of Africa diaspora youth, citizenship and youth empowerment. Documentary making skills seminars (storytelling, directing, sound recording and design, video and sound editing) will be as well provided to the participants.

— **Participants:** A total of 11 participants took part of this activity: 7 female and 4 male. 9 participants had African origins and 2 of them were European

— **Activities:** The project consisted of a one week seminar for youth activists from across Europe where they discussed the importance the media can play in the process of inclusion of Africa diaspora youth, citizenship and youth empowerment. There was also some work done on methods and concrete initiatives that can help improve the inclusion of young people of migrant background as well as on media strategy and its role on the inclusion of youth. Training on documentary making, storytelling, directing, sound recording and design, video and sound editing was also provided to the participants.

#### — **Results:**

- Creation of a documentary made with the collaboration of two partners
- Preparatory work for the launch of an International Day of African Diaspora in collaboration with ADYNE
- Raised activist awareness to the importance of media for the inclusion of young people with migrant background
- Involved more members of the organisation into European and African level of youth activism and provided new members with new skills to use in future projects.

#### — **Impact on the organization/community:**

Participants gained valuable skills and competences that will be disseminated among youth organisations and hopefully increase their interest for media-based youth activism. Promoted the exchange of ideas and concepts between youth organisations

and created a fertile ground for future collaborative projects.

#### — **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Dimension:**

- Stimulated the interaction between African and European youth and it inspired participants to look how North-South co-operation can be beneficial for themselves and their organisations.
- Reinforced ties between youth led organisations and created a relationship of trust and an open environment to exchange ideas and create common projects
- Reinforced the networking between youth organisations and young people with African background





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# PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Seed Funding has created interest among civil society youth organisations in Africa and Europe. The projects implemented by the organisations with the support of Seed Funding constitute inspirational practices to be shared with other organisations, which is also the ambition of this compilation.

Successful stories aside, Seed Funding has encountered certain difficulties during the years of its implementation that have been evaluated in order to further improve the process, for both the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and future granted projects.

One challenge identified in the overall process of the Seed Funding is the selection process itself. The total amount of funds in each round is just a small contribution for the funding needs of many projects. Moreover, the selection process is a demanding exercise. What needs to be pondered is the existing knowledge about some of the applying organisations, mainly since they derive from processes within NSC's Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation Programme, and at the same time the importance of giving opportunities to unknown organisations/ projects with high potential.

For the majority of projects, the entire process has run smoothly and without complications, from the signing of the contract to the submission of financial and narrative reports on the implementation of the projects. However, from the call for applications to this date, communication with some of the granted organisations was also challenging. In some cases, this can be explained by the profile of the organisation, situated in a remote area with limited Internet access and lack of other communication tools.

Through the different Seed Funding rounds, despite the successful implementation of most projects, the results showed that the obstacles to youth mobility continue to be a serious issue for the implementation of exchanges and projects between young people in Africa and Europe.

A practical example of this is the issuing of visas (that in this round also limited the implementation of one project), which remains problematic even though it was already tackled in the declarations of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits in 2007 and 2010.



Despite these challenges, the Seed Funding has produced several positive outcomes, including:

- (1) Empowering youth organisations to take the first step to a transnational co-operation;
- (2) Creating better understanding on behalf of the NSC of the reality and challenges of youth organisations both in Africa and Europe;
- (3) Mapping of youth organisations active and best practices in the field of Africa-Europe youth co-operation.

The Seed Funding has been supporting projects involving participants from a variety of African and European countries as well as the African Diaspora, thus allowing for regional and inter-regional exchanges between young people to develop joint actions, interactions and recommendations for a common future. Many projects had a multiplying effect, meaning that the results of the project reached large groups of indirect beneficiaries (through the involvement of local communities, schools and use of social media)



## FINAL CONCLUSIONS: *What's next?*

— As a general conclusion, it is possible to say that most of the projects were presented by youth organisations from Africa or with African diaspora background and that capacity-building, training and exchange were the main focus.

— In the next two years, Seed Funding will continue as an important tool to promote Africa-Europe exchange and peer learning and as a unique opportunity to map the needs and priorities of youth organisations working in Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation.

— Moreover, Seed Funding will contribute to the outreach of the work developed at the level of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform and to the achievement of the 2012-2015 Action Plan.

— The 2014 call for applications will follow the thematic priorities defined for the 3rd Africa-Europe Youth Leaders' Summit (Youth Leadership, Youth Entrepreneurship and Youth as Peace Builders) and will serve as a contribution for the active participation of youth organisations in the framework of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership.

**We wish all granted organisations in 2014 success in the implementation of their projects!**



# NOTES

<sup>1</sup> For further information on JMA activities: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/JMA/JMA\\_Intro\\_EN.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/JMA/JMA_Intro_EN.asp)

<sup>2</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and Social Development.

<sup>3</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and Social Development.

<sup>4</sup> As in 108, under civil society + 108. under the heading Monitoring, evaluation and review mechanisms.

<sup>5</sup> As in the action plan of the joint strategy under the heading Making it work: institutional architecture and implementation.

<sup>6</sup> Africa-Europe Online Resource Centre – [www.aeyco.com](http://www.aeyco.com)

<sup>7</sup> Two organisations had unforeseen administrative problems that could not be resolved in due time and the grants allocated to their projects were cancelled. In the third case, the grant was not cancelled but problems related to travel visas made it impossible for the organisation to launch the project.

<sup>8</sup> From the creole of Guinea Bissau meaning in English: "Let us join hands in training young Guineans"

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