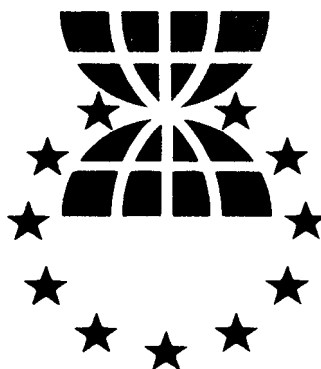


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GENERAL PROGRAMME COMMITMENTS

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0.1.1. Executive Council meetings

Timing and place:

Executive Council Spring meeting, Lisbon, 16 – 17 May 1997.
Executive Council Autumn meeting, Strasbourg, 14 November 1997.

0.1.2. Bureau meetings

Timing and place:

Bureau meeting 97-1: Lisbon, 17 January 1997.
Bureau meeting 97-2: Lisbon, 16 May 1997 (just prior to the Executive Council's Spring meeting).
Bureau meeting 97-3: Vilanova, 5 September 1997.
Bureau meeting 97-4: Strasbourg, 13 November 1997 (just prior to the Executive Council's Autumn meeting).

0.1.3. Meetings of the Committee of Representatives of the Member States

Timing and place:

Committee of Representatives of the Member States 97-1; Lisbon, 16 May 1997.
Committee of Representatives of the Member States 97-2; Strasbourg, 3 October 1997.

0.1.4. Meetings of programme advisory groups

see under each programme.

0.2. PROGRAMME ORIENTATIONS

Please consult the Programme of Activities for 1997.

0.3. CROSS-DIMENSIONAL PROJECTS

0.3.1. Tutorships and placement of trainees (GEN) / [CP*]

Ms. Lurdes Júdice (Portugal) Tutor - Global Education Programme - 1 January / 30 March 1997
Ms. Claudia Wittenburg (France) Trainee - Global Education Programme - 1 January / 30 July 1997
Mr. David Gakunzi (Rwanda) Tutor - Human Rights Programme - 1 February / 30 April 1997
Mr. Mirko Vaupotic (Slovenia) Tutor - Global Education and Youth - 12 May / 11 August 1997
Mr. Liam Wegimont (Ireland) Tutor - Youth Programme - 1-31 July 1997
Ms. Ana Pereira (Portugal) Trainee – Documentation – 1 August / 31 December 1997
Ms. Clara Venema (The Netherlands) –Global Education Programme –1 September / 31 October 1997

0.3.2. National quadrilogue meetings (GEN) / [PP*]

Consultations are taking place to organise quadrilogue meetings in Italy and Japan, and a joint meeting in Central and Eastern Europe.

0.3.3. Preparations for 1998 public awareness campaign (GEN) / [CP*]

In September 1996, Mr Miguel Angel Martinez and 27 other members of the Parliamentary Assembly from five political groups presented a Motion for a Recommendation on the organisation by the Council of Europe of a European Campaign on North-South Interdependence and Solidarity in 1998. In March 1997, the Standing Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly unanimously endorsed the report and draft recommendation presented by the Rapporteur, Mr Terry Davis.

The Committee of Ministers' Deputies has evaluated the results of the 1988 Campaign and in the light of that evaluation discussed the proposal for a new Campaign in more depth at their meeting on 17 September 1997. In the meantime, the Centre's representatives have continued to mobilise support for this initiative among quadrilogue partners.

0.3.4. Preparations for Expo 98 (GEN) / [PP*]

The North-South Centre participation at this event will take place in the context of the wider participation of the Council of Europe at the Expo. The Centre is therefore in close contact with the responsible services in Strasbourg in order to co-ordinate its presence within the Council of Europe pavilion. A competition has been launched in collaboration with the Portuguese Secretary of State for Youth and the "Clube Artes e Ideias" involving young architects who have prepared projects concerning the Council of Europe pavilion at the Expo. The jury has met on 12 September and the Council of Europe was represented by the Director of Communication.

MAIN PROGRAMME 1: PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS

1.1. MEDIA CO-OPERATION

1.1.1. "One World" on the ground (GEN) / [PP*]

Activity: Attendance at 4 plenary sessions and 2-3 project sessions.

Implementation: A meeting took place in Barcelona on 7-8 February to discuss practical preparations for the "Prize of Europe" and several other projects. The General Meetings of the One World Group took place respectively in Berlin on 25-26 April, 1997 and in Dublin on 31 October- 1 November 1997.

1.1.2. Second "Prize of Europe" (GEN) / [PP*]

Activity: Europe-wide television broadcast and award of Prize

Place and date: Vilanova i la Geltrú near Barcelona, 5 September 1997.

Implementation: After a preparatory meeting organised in Barcelona, the event took place satisfactorily. The Generalitat de Catalunya gave financial support to the programme, while TV 3 of Catalonia has acted as host broadcaster. Twelve European broadcasters participated to the contest with the implication of deeply concerned NGOs. A special 'North-South Centre Prize' was awarded by the President of the Executive Council of the NSC to the Hungarian project 'combining anti-racism and human rights values in a global citizenship framework'.

1.1.3. Global citizenship forum (GEN) / [CP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: One meeting.

Place and date: Vilanova i la Geltrú, near Barcelona, 5-6 September, 1997.

Implementation: The meeting took place on 5-6 September with the title 'Brainstorming workshop on Tolerance and Solidarity'. It was attended by about 30 participants, representing media and NGOs and did not entail any financial contribution from the North-South Centre.

1.1.4. World Anti-Racist Day - Mobilising media participation (GEN) / [PP*]

Activity: Day of action, mailing.

Place and date: 21 March 1997, decentralised activity.

Implementation: The Centre mailed campaign material and information about its own publications to some 5000 selected media and NGO addresses all over Europe. The day was widely observed in many European countries. "Listen Without Prejudice", the first joint European radio action against racism and xenophobia, was organised in about a dozen countries. The response to the Centre has been very positive, and a large number of journalists/NGOs have subscribed to our regular publications.

1.1.5. "Terra Viva" Monthly /(GEN) /[PP*]

Activity: Monthly publication.

Implementation: The first issue was published in January, followed by ten other issues. Some actions were taken to have the North-South Centre playing a stronger role in the publication of the newspaper, among which the appointment of two staff members as Co-editor and Deputy editor respectively and the diversification of the information sources.

1.1.6. A Response to Afro-pessimism (AFR) / [PP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Implementation: Due to lack of funding, this project was converted into an involvement of the partners (ENDA, Synergies Africa) in the activities of the North-South Centre.

1.1.7. North-South Media Encounters (GEN) - [PP*]

Activity: Annual festival that aims to encourage North-South relations specifically in the fields of television and films, mainly documentaries, on development issues. Within the festival, the North-South Centre has awarded the South-North Prize since 1995.

Place and date: Geneva, 26 to 29 May 1997.

Implementation: The 13th meeting of the 'Rencontres Médias Nord-Sud' was on 'Cultural and Racial diversity: The Example of the Caribbean'. The South-North Prize was awarded to a film entitled "Ghetto Diaries: Across the Divide" presented by the South African television.

1.1.8. Seminar on information and development (GEN) - [CP] Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Seminar.

Place and date: Lisbon, 24 November 1997.

Implementation: This meeting was co-organised by the North-South Centre, UNDP and the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Portuguese Parliament with the support of the Development Centre of OECD. It gathered around 50 participants, mainly representatives from the Portuguese quadrilogue, to discuss the importance of defining strategies to raise public awareness on international co-operation and to debate on the question of poverty alleviation, following the presentation of the 1997 UNDP Human Development Report.

1.1.9. Media Programme Advisory Committee (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: A meeting held in conjunction with the Press Forum (see point 3.2.2.2.)

Place and date: Marseilles, 1st February.

Implementation: The Committee has met every year since 1994. Proposals for the 1998 programme of activities were drawn up on the basis of its proposals.

1.1.10. Projects in collaboration with other programmes - [CP/PP]

- **Press Forum:** Freedom of the Press in the Mediterranean: Marseilles, 30 January 1997 (see "Transmed" programme, point 3.2.2.2.); **(MED)**

- **Seminar:** Collaboration with the network of Mediterranean press agencies (see "Transmed" programme, see point 3.2.2.1.); **(MED)**

- **The North-South Prize:** Lisbon, 16 May 1997 (see "Human rights in the North-South dialogue" programme, see point 3.1.6.) **(GEN)**

1.1.11. Participation in initiatives of other organisations - (GEN)

Activity: Participation by a staff member at the Seminar of the Baltic Journalists on Development Co-operation, organised by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. There were no travel expenses involved.

Place and date: Helsinki, 25th March 1997.

Section Summary:

Because of the important role the North-South Centre can play in raising European public awareness on themes of global interdependence and solidarity, the Centre has always considered the media and information-makers as key partners for the implementation of its activities.

Since its creation, the North-South Centre has striven to stimulate dialogue and co-operation not only between the press and journalists in both North and South, but also between the media and non-governmental organisations with a view to increasing the

impact of their respective actions. In the meantime, the Centre has forged links with such networks as the 'One World Group of Broadcasters' and 'COPEAM' (Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audio-visual Operators).

In 1997, the Centre has further strengthened its working relations with a large number of organisations and paved the way to future co-operation. Much attention has also been devoted to improve the quality of the publications, which has in turn contributed to increase the visibility of the Centre while allowing at the same time a better targeting of its readership.

1.2. INFORMATION SERVICES OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE - (GEN)

1.2.1. Publications

1.2.1.1 "The Interdependent" [CP*]

Activity: Monthly Newsletter.

Place and date: Monthly publication, world-wide distribution.

Implementation: The Centre will continue to publish the newsletter each month in 1997. An assessment in the form of a questionnaire was carried out in November 1996, the results of which are available at the North-South Centre.

1.2.1.2. Brochure of the North-South Centre - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Publication of a brochure.

Place and date: Available at the North-South Centre.

Implementation: The brochure was published in French (February) and English (April).

1.2.1.3. Conference Reports - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Publication of 6 to 8 reports.

Place and date: Reports to be published following conferences organised by the North-South Centre, and widely distributed to participants and quadrilogue partners.

Implementation: The following reports have been published so far: "Education for Global Citizenship" (English version, February 1997; French version, August 1997); "Migrations et coopération décentralisée: le cas de la Méditerranée occidentale" (French version, April 1997); 'Drugs: Dependence and Interdependence' (French version, May 1997; English version, August 1997); 'Remaking the case for development co-operation' (joint report UNDP-Council of Europe, English version, July 1997; French version, August 1997).

1.2.1.4. Directory on information sources concerning drugs - (GEN) / [CP] – Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Data base.

Place and date: 2nd semester 1997.

Implementation: The data base has been created on the basis of the contacts developed before, during and after the International Conference on Drugs which the Centre organised in March 1996 in Lisbon. It includes contacts in intergovernmental organisations, non-governmental organisations, research institutes, etc. Due to lack of financial resources, this information will not be printed.

1.2.2. Press Service - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Contract for a Press Officer.

Place and date: All year round at the North-South Centre.

Implementation: A Press Officer worked at the Centre in 1996 during which time he considerably increased its visibility. In 1997, the Press Officer, together with the Media co-ordinator, worked on further developing the mailing list of foreign press.

1.2.3. Documentation, network and new information technology - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

1.2.3.1. Acquisitions - (GEN) / [CP]

Activity: Acquisition of books and documents.

Place and date: Lisbon, 1997.

Implementation: Due to lack of funding, the Centre tries to acquire documents on an exchange basis with other organisations. Many organisations have contributed to this exchange policy. The documentation and publication services of the Council of Europe participated actively in the improvement of the Centre's documentation stock.

1.2.3.2. Documentation Centre Data Base - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Purchase of computer software.

Place and date: Lisbon, end of 1997.

Implementation: The Centre had its new computer system installed on 25 April, which allowed the documentation centre to have the means of acquiring an efficient data base software. However, due to financial constraints, the purchase of this software was postponed to 1998.

1.2.3.3. Database on European NGOs active in sustainable development - (GEN) / [PP*]

Activity: Maintenance and up-dating of database.

Place and date: Paris, 6 June of 1997

Implementation: A strategy for up-dating the database is currently being looked at. Internet is viewed as the appropriate solution. In 1997, all data (in a CDS/ISIS data base format) has been converted in order to be able to work with the data base software ACCESS. In 1998, a data update should be done.

1.2.3.4. VTX System - (GEN) / [CP*]

Implementation: With the new computerised system, the Centre will no longer have access to VTX as the North-South Centre is no longer connected to Strasbourg. It is hoped though that a solution will be found to continue receiving the press releases and Reuters coming in from VTX. However, this vacuum will be filled by the Internet, thanks to the "Council of Europe" web site.

1.2.3.5. Human Rights Information Network HURINET - (GEN) / [PP*]

Activity: Subscription to HURINet.

Place and date: Lisbon, 1997.

Implementation: Due to financial constraints, the North-South Centre could not subscribe to this human rights electronic information service.

1.2.3.6. Internet - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Link-up to Internet and use of information network.

Place and date: Lisbon, Strasbourg, 25 April of 1997.

Implementation: The documentation centre was already connected to the Internet when the Centre obtained a server which enabled all staff members to be connected and above all, allow them considerable scope in designing the on-line "North-South Centre" web site. Since November 1997, the draft version of the NSC web site is available to be consulted on the Internet. The final version should be ready in the first half of 1998.

1.2.3.7. Participation in initiatives of other organisations - (GEN)

Activity: Meeting on international co-operation on documentation.

Place and date: Paris, 2 June 1997.

Implementation: The North-South Centre took part in the meeting on international co-operation on documentation organised by the working group on Developing Countries of the ADBS (association of professionals working in the field of information and documentation).

Activity: Seminar on Information exchange without barriers: myth or reality?

Place and date: Paris, 24-26 September 1997.

Implementation: The North-South Centre took part in a conference organised by the working group on Information and Documentation” of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI). This seminar enabled the Centre to establish and develop contacts with numerous information and documentation centres specialised in the field of development.

Section Summary:

The documentation centre of the NSC is primarily a source of information trying to answer the needs of the Centre’s staff and the general public. Due to a very efficient computer system, information is widespread and easily obtainable. The use of new information technologies (Internet, Data Base, CD-ROM, etc.) has become essential for the Centre to carry on playing a more important role in spreading information.

In order to improve the performances and quality of the documentation centre, a budget should be allocated to acquire both documents and documentary data bases.

The participation to information and documentation seminars in 1997 has been very positive as it allowed the Centre to become acquainted and make contacts with many information networks working in the development field.

MAIN PROGRAMME 2: "GLOBAL EDUCATION AND YOUTH"

2.1. GLOBAL EDUCATION

2.1.1. Defining global education

2.1.1.1. Second International Workshop: "Partnerships in Global Education - Global Education in Secondary Schools - (GEN) / [CP*]"

Activity: International workshop.

Place and date: Soesterberg, The Netherlands, 9-12 October 1997.

Implementation: The activity has been carried out as scheduled. In co-operation with the Process Management of Secondary Education of the Dutch Ministry of Education and NOVIB, 70 participants from 15 countries drafted recommendations on how global education should be implemented in the secondary level of the formal curricula. The basis of discussion was provided by the widely supported second draft of the « Global Education Charter » as well as by several case studies on good examples of co-operation of NGOs and governments in this field. A follow-up plan has been drafted, for one part of which the Dutch organisation NCDO has offered the sum of 100.000 NLG as a prize award for best Global Education practices in Europe.

2.1.1.2. "Building international solidarity" (see page 26) - (GEN) / [CP*]"

Activity: See Decentralised Dialogue (project 3.4.1. Global education: the local dimension).

2.1.2. Promoting global education

2.1.2.1. Third preparatory meeting for Worlddidac 1998 - (AFR) / [PP*]"

Activity: One preparatory meeting.

Place and date: Strasbourg, 17-18 January 1997.

Implementation: The meeting fulfilled its aim of consolidating the programme of activities planned for the biennial worldwide educational bookfair "Worlddidac". The North-South Centre, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the association Worlddidac have formed a Project Board under whose responsibility activities (eg. exhibit/seminars/visit programme) will be carried out in a decentralised way by programme facilitators. The Centre is responsible for the project's finance and contents and is managing the budget. The SDC has confirmed its voluntary contribution of 250.000 CHF. The Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is also supporting the project financially.

2.1.2.2. Publications on Global Education - (MED-LUS-GEN) / [PP/CP*]

Activity: 3 publications.

* **"Education for Global Citizenship - Good Practice in the Mediterranean"**

This activity has been postponed to the second semester of 1998 due to financial constraints.

* **"Education for Global Citizenship - Good Practice in the lusophone countries"**

This publication focuses on experiences made in the field of Global Education in the seven lusophone countries members of the CPLP (Community of lusophone countries). Although it has been a very time consuming process due to communication difficulties, the research has generated a great feedback. It will be published during the Global Education week at the Expo'98 (29 August – 4 September).

* **"List of governmental contact persons responsible for global education"**

This list is one of the outcomes of the Intergovernmental Roundtable on Global Information, Education and Communication (Paris, 11-13 October 1996). It was suggested to install a reference data basis on the Internet as soon as such facilities exist at the North-South Centre and will be followed-up in the second semester 1998.

2.1.2.3. Global Education Practice in the CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking countries) - (LUS) / [CP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: One meeting.

Place and date: Lisbon, postponed to 1998.

Implementation: Funding of FF 200 000 has been received from the Portuguese Secretariat of State for Development Co-operation. This amount was used for the research and the publication of "Global Education in the lusophone countries" (2.1.2.2) as well as for a special event during the Expo. This meeting will take place during the Global Education week at the Expo'98.

2.1.3. Institutionalising global education

2.1.3.1. Inter-governmental Roundtable on Raising Public Awareness of International Development - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: International Roundtable.

Place and date: Ljubljana (SLO), 16-17 January 1998.

Implementation: The meeting has been prepared in co-operation with the Slovenian Ministry of Education and Sport. Its aim was to define recommendations to strengthen information, education and communication strategies to be used in the framework of the Council of Europe's campaign on global interdependence and solidarity: Europe against poverty and social exclusion.

2.1.4. Structuring the Global Education Programme

2.1.4.1. Global Education programme Advisory Committee - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: One meeting

Place and date: Luxembourg, 28/29 September (combined with the annual meeting of the Development Education Forum of the EU-NGO Liaison Committee).

Implementation: 14 experts working in the fields of development, environment and human rights education carried out an evaluation of the Global Education Programme, elaborated recommendations for 1998 and commented on the second draft of the Global Education Charter to be introduced in a third version.

2.1.5. Participation in initiatives of other organisations - (GEN)*

Implementation: Participation at one meeting: EDEFY (European Development Education for Youth) Seminar in Dublin, 21/23 February 1997. Start of work on a common concept for harmonising youth work and development education.

Section Summary:

During the second international workshop held in October 1997 in Soesterberg, a considerable step forward was achieved in defining national action plans recommending the implementation of Global Education at the secondary level of formal educational systems. It was also recommended, and underlined by the Global Education Advisory group, to further develop the Global Education Charter beyond a mere pedagogical document, in order that it might eventually serve as a basis for a report and related recommendations at the level of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The planned Inter-governmental roundtable aiming at defining strategies promoting Global Education through broad public awareness activities was postponed in order to take full account of the discussions at the level of the Committee of Ministers regarding a Council of Europe campaign on global interdependence and solidarity. The Roundtable took place in Ljubljana at the beginning of 1998.

During the whole year, particular attention was given to the preparatory process of the book exhibit promoting Global Education issues through European and African pedagogical material, at the Worlddidac fair in Basel, Switzerland. This project included complementary activities to be held during a whole week and involved numerous African and European partners.

In the process of promoting Global Education through its own publications, research was engaged for a brochure focusing on the Portuguese speaking countries. The publication on best practices in the Mediterranean could not yet be implemented due to financial constraints.

2.2. YOUTH PROGRAMME

2.2.1. Training Course on Co-operation with Latin America - (LAT) / [PP*]

Activity: One training course (including preparatory meeting).

Place and Date: Mollina or Strasbourg, postponed to 1998.

Implementation: The Centre has been working to secure the targeted amount of voluntary contributions for this project. Further, contacts have been established with both the Centro Eurolatinoamericano de Juventude (CEULAJ) in Mollina as well as in Santiago de Chile. Both CEULAJ and the Ministry of Youth of Chile have expressed their willingness to host this training seminar. However, despite the work of the Centre's staff, the necessary voluntary contributions to implement this course in 1997 have not been received by the Centre. The European Union has suggested that it may be willing to contribute to its implementation were it to be organised in 1998.

2.2.2. Trans-Mediterranean Youth Programme - (MED) / [PP*]

Activity: Comprehensive programme (specific activities to be determined following consultation).

Place and date: (see below).

Implementation: The North-South Centre, in the framework of the preparations for the Euro-Med Summit in Malta (April 1997) co-operated with the Dutch presidency of the EU and its youth partners in order to have a comprehensive policy related to youth included in the follow-up to Malta, which have led to the establishment of a MedYouth programme by the EU. Moreover from 17 to 18 June 1997 the evaluation meeting of the Symposium on a Euro-Arab Youth Dialogue for Mutual Understanding and Co-operation took place in the EYC in Strasbourg. During this meeting the possibilities for a follow-up to the Tunis Task force (February 1996) were discussed.

2.2.3. North-South Training Manual - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Expert consultancy contract and publication of a Manual.

Place and date: Autumn 1997, for world-wide distribution.

Implementation: The Centre contracted Mr. Liam Wegimont, Director of Development Education for Youth (DEFY), Ireland, to draft the manual on North-South Training and Global Education for Youth Organisations. Mr. Liam Wegimont worked at the Centre for the month of July 1997 to prepare the manual as well as to evaluate both the Youth and Global Education programmes, and help their co-ordinators develop a joint component in their programmes. The training manual has been finalised and funding secured for its publication in the first half of 1998.

2.2.4. Fourth North-South Training Course for Youth Organisations - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Training course.

Place and date: Mollina, 12 to 17 August 1997.

Implementation: The preparatory meeting for trainers took place on 24 and 25 May 1997. As in previous years, a funding request was addressed to the Spanish Government to support this course. The course itself was organised from 12 to 17 August 1997. The course had in total 33 participants from 21 different countries in Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Pacific. The trainers team consisted of trainers from Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Furthermore there were expert inputs from Burma, East-Timor and the Western Sahara. This course received a voluntary contribution from the Spanish Government in the form of the free use of the Centro Eurolatinoamericano de Juventud (CEULAJ) for the duration of this course.

2.2.5. Training Seminar for Trainers - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Training seminar.

Place and date: Mollina or Strasbourg, early 1998.

Implementation: The Centre has been working with the Netherlands-based platform Youth for Development and Co-operation (YDC) to jointly implement this seminar. Pending final voluntary contributions it is proposed to organise this seminar early 1998.

2.2.6. Asian Component in the North-South Centre's Youth Programme - (ASI) / [PP*]

Activity: Study visit; Seminar on Euro/Asian Youth Co-operation.

Place and date: May 1997 - November 1997.

Implementation: The Centre participated as an expert in the Asia-Europe Youth Forum, organised by the Asian Youth Council and the Malaysian government. will take the lead in this process. The Centre's involvement will be discussed at a later stage with its Youth partners.

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2.2.7. Youth Programme Advisory Committee - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: 2 meetings, whenever possible combined with another planned activity.

Place and date: May and August 1997.

Implementation: The Youth Programme Committee met on 4 and 5 May 1997 in Lisbon in order to co-ordinate the implementation of the 1997 Youth programme, and to prepare the proposal to the Executive Council for the Youth Programme in 1998.

2.2.8 European Youth Parliament on Drugs and Development

Activity: Preparatory Meeting

Place and Date: Turin, 29 November 1998

Activity: A meeting was organised to prepare for the European Youth Parliament on Drugs and development to take place in November 1998. Participating in this meeting were the leaders for the National Youth Parliaments on Drugs and Development.

2.2.9. Participation in initiatives of other organisations - (GEN)*

Activity: Participation in the evaluation meeting of the World Youth Forum of the UN and meetings with the International Youth Foundation.

Place and date: New York, 20 and 21 February 1997

Implementation: The North-South Centre participated in the evaluation meeting of the World Youth Forum of the UN. In connection with this meeting, the Centre met with the International Youth Foundation in Baltimore to discuss future co-operation, especially in the Mediterranean Basin.

Activity: Participation Asia-Europe Youth Forum.

Place and date: Kuala Lumpur, 12 to 15 May 1997

Implementation: The North-South Centre made a key note input into this Forum.

Activity: Participation in the preparatory meeting for the second World Youth Forum of the UN (Lisbon 1998).

Place and date: Lisbon, 14 and 15 June 1997 and Lisbon, 21 and 23 September 1997

Implementation: The North-South Centre participated in the preparation meeting of the World Youth Forum of the UN, which will take place in conjunction with the World Conference of Ministers of Youth in August 1998 in Lisbon.

Activity: Participation in the preparatory meeting for the first World Conference of Ministers of Youth (Lisbon 1998).

Place and date: Lisbon, 24 and 25 September 1997

Implementation: The North-South Centre and the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe jointly represented the Council of Europe at this meeting.

Activity: Participation in the conference “Youth Ways out of Conflict” organised by the European Youth Forum

Place and date: Belfast 6 to 9 November 1997

Implementation: The North-South Centre participated in the round table on institutional activities. Furthermore this meeting facilitated the preparations for the project on Youth and Confidence building planned as a joint activity of the Centre’s Human Rights and Youth programmes.

Activity: Participation in the Global Co-ordination and Co-operation Committee of the European Youth Forum.

Place and date: Paris, 30 November and 1 December 1997

Implementation: The North-South Centre participated in the opening session of this meeting which brought together representatives from all regional youth platforms in the South as well as Europe. It also served as a preparation meeting between the Youth Forum’s responsible bureau members and the Centre’s programme staff in order to prepare the youth activities for 1998.

Section Summary:

The implementation of the 1997 Youth Programme was affected by the fact that very few voluntary contributions for this programme were received and that the responsible programme co-ordinator was also given responsibility for installing the new computer network and Internet activities at the Centre.

In reaction to this the Centre conducted both an internal and external evaluation of its Youth and Global Education Programmes which will help the Centre building a clearer focus in both of its programmes, as defined in the proposed 1998 youth programme. It can be seen from the activities which took place in 1997 that the Youth Programme has built up a solid reputation among youth organisations and institutions as a focal point for youth action and participation in Global Interdependence related issues. This position has clearly allowed the Centre to achieve its aim “to encourage and facilitate the creation of comprehensive and coherent policies on youth and global interdependence” (Euro – Mediterranean Summit in Malta, preparations for the First Conference of Ministers of Youth, as well as the preparations for the World Youth Forum and Euro-Asian Youth Forum).

Moreover the success of the Fourth North-South Training Course clearly demonstrated the need for such an activity, as well as the Centre’s role and expertise in this field. The course did not only provide training for 33 youth organisations leaders from North and South, but also facilitated extensive networking between youth organisations from Europe and Asia, Latin-America, the Caribbean, the Pacific, and Africa. As such, the course contributed to the Centre’s aims of both facilitating contacts between youth organisations in the North and South, as well as enhancing the work of youth organisations in the field of Global Interdependence. To the latter, the compilation and publication of the training manual on Global Education in Youth organisations will be an important contribution.

To conclude, it is clear that the Centre’s Youth Programme has built up a solid position in the field of youth and global interdependence, which is strongly based on the needs of the Centre’s partners in this field. However, to fully develop and utilise this key position of the youth programme, it will be necessary to secure and ensure sufficient voluntary contributions and other funding.

MAIN PROGRAMME 3: "DIALOGUE FOR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP"

3.1. "HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE"

3.1.1. Multilateral Inter-Parliamentary Meetings - (AFR) / [PP*]

Activity: Inter-Parliamentary Gathering.

Place and date: Postponed to 1998, in a country of the Great Lakes region to be decided by the organising bodies according to the situation in the region.

Implementation: An inter-parliamentary multilateral meeting between members of the Assemblies of Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire, Uganda and Tanzania is at present being prepared by Parliamentarians for Global Action and the United Nations Development Programme. The North-South Centre proposes to associate members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe with this multilateral meeting.
Project submitted to voluntary contributions

3.1.2. Workshop on Human Rights awareness-raising and setting up Free Legal Aid Centres in Africa (AFR) / [PP*] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Euro-African workshop.

Place and date: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Postponed to 1998.

Implementation: Financial support for this project has been requested from the European Commission and the French Ministry for Co-operation.

3.1.3. Working meeting on the programme of activities of the Special Rapporteur on Extra-judicial, Summary and Arbitrary Executions appointed by the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights - (AFR) / [PP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Meeting.

Place and date: Bern – postponed to 1998

Implementation: Working meetings held between the special Rapporteur and Amnesty International (London) in order to define his functions more closely and the Swiss Development Co-operation Directorate which has already given the project financial backing. This project depends exclusively on the activities realised by the special Rapporteur on extra-judiciary executions.

3.1.4. Annual meeting of the Lisbon Forum "Human rights in North-South Dialogue": "The Great Lakes Region: Towards a New North-South Dialogue" - (GEN) / [PC*]

Activity: Meeting.

Place and date: Lisbon, 15-16 May 1997.

Implementation: The Lisbon Forum was attended by representatives of governments, non-governmental organisations and international organisations, as well as parliamentarians from the North and the South, including the Great Lakes Region. The discussions revolved around three main items: identifying the main confidence-building measures required to achieve peace, identifying the main peace-workers and setting up a new North-South dialogue.

3.1.5. Long-term project : The "Lisbon Forum Newsletter" - (GEN) / [PP]

Activity: Means of communication. One page of Terra Viva monthly will be used by the members of the Lisbon Forum.

Implementation: To be implemented in 1998

3.1.6. The North-South Lisbon Prize - (GEN) / [CP*]

Activity: Prize ceremony and publicity.

Place and date: Lisbon, 16 May 1997.

Implementation: The Prize has been awarded to Mrs Mary Robinson and Mr. Patricio Aylwin at the Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament on 16 May 1997. This ceremony has been organised in conjunction with the Executive Council and the meeting of the Representatives of the Member States. A publication with the speakers' interventions was published by SEDDOC in October 1997.

3.1.7 Second Workshop on Improving regional protection systems of human rights

Activity: Workshop

Date and Place: 17-18 November 1997

Implementation: Workshop grouping members of human rights protection systems from Africa, Europe, Asia, and America in order to compare and analyse the various systems.

3.1.8. Participation in initiatives of other organisations - (GEN)*

27-28 February 1997: "European Conference on conflict prevention in Africa" organised by NCDO (Amsterdam).

3-4 April 1997: "Policies for the prevention of conflicts: the role of the international community", organised by the OECD (Paris).

28 April 1997: "Meeting of national contacts in conflict prevention", NCDO (Soesterberg).

Section Summary:

Two main activities are to be highlighted in 1997: The Annual meeting of the Lisbon Forum and the North-South Lisbon Prize. These are two constant activities of the programme and are evidently successful.

In 1997, The Lisbon Forum has concentrated on the theme: “The Great Lakes Region: Towards a New North-South Dialogue.” This theme is a logical follow-up to the work started in 1994 by the NSC with the International Conference on Rwanda. The Lisbon Forum followed the international events of 1997 very closely, which brought to it an important media coverage. It is important to stress the North-South participation of governments, international and non-governmental organisations, and Parliamentarians. The Council of Europe designated a few Parliamentarians from various Commissions to participate in the Lisbon Forum. The participants were highly appreciative of the Forum’s debate, and of the open and concrete manner in which the themes were discussed. Some participants have notably proposed to set up such a structure at the level of the Great Lakes region.

Because of the public image of the nominated prize recipients, the North South Lisbon Prize of the Council of Europe resulted in important media coverage.

The implementation of the workshop on “Improving regional protection systems of human rights” has proven important. This workshop, the second organised by the NSC, and financed by the Norwegian government, has allowed to complete and broaden the work themes discussed during the first workshop. The participants have judged that it was of great importance to allow the various regional protection systems of human rights to meet in order to compare the respective systems in theory and especially in practice. This approach could contribute to developing bilateral and multilateral working relationships and to learning from the current reforms as well as from the problems encountered by each system. This year, along with representatives of the African, European, and American systems, also some Asian experts were invited who spoke of the setting up of Asian protection systems of human rights. The participants asked that an evaluation be done on how the workshop’s proceedings might have an impact on each system and that a third workshop be organised in 1999.

Two projects submitted for voluntary contributions (3.1.1 and 3.2.1) could not be launched due to financial constraints. The NSC values that the project partners should take the initiative and concretise them. The NSC would offer moral and logistical support. The parliamentarians visit of the Great Lakes region could be undertaken by the Inter parliamentary Union and /or the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The support project to the African Commission of Human and Peoples’ Rights Special Rapporteur on extra-judiciary executions depends exclusively on the activities realised by the Rapporteur.

Thanks to its participation in external meetings in 1997, the Human Rights programme has consolidated its relations at the level of European networks committed to democratic security and conflict prevention.

3.2. TRANS-MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMME

3.2.1. Intercultural dialogue

3.2.1.1. "Intercultural dialogue: a basis for co-operation" - (MED) / [PP*]

Activity: International colloquy.

Place and date: 11-13 April, Malta.

Implementation: This activity was carried out within the framework of the Euromed Civil Forum, preceding "Barcelona II" in Malta. Largely thanks to the North-South Centre's efforts this Civil Forum reserved special importance for the themes related to the third axis of the Barcelona process, that is the human aspect (intercultural dialogue, civil society, human rights, education ...) which is one of the priority areas for the North-South Centre in the Mediterranean context. The Centre could also capitalise on its active involvement in the Euromed Conference in The Hague on "Governance in the Euro-Mediterranean Region" sponsored by the Dutch Presidency of the European Union (March 1997).

3.2.1.2. Workshop: "Migrations and intercultural comprehension" - (MED) / [PP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Workshop.

Place and Date: Malta or Lisbon

Implementation: No funding request has been made, as priority was given to other activities.

3.2.2. Communication - information

3.2.2.1. Seminar: "Co-operation between Press Agencies in the Mediterranean" - (MED) / [PP] -Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only) was replaced by a Seminar on "Press and its management in the Maghreb and Europe" which studied the possibilities of co-operation between the press from the Northern and Southern countries of the Mediterranean.

Activity: Seminar

Place and date: Lisbon, 1-4 October 1997

Implementation: Seminar organised in collaboration with REMFOC in the framework of the European Union programme on media and democracy. The seminar brought together the chief editors of the three Maghreb countries and their European counterparts in order to discuss the role of the media and develop co-operation in this area between the different countries of the North and the South of the Mediterranean

3.2.2.2. Press forum: "Freedom of Press in the Mediterranean" - (MED) / [PP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Meeting.

Place and date: Marseilles (in connection with the COPEAM General Assembly) 30-31/1/1997.

Implementation: This meeting brought together about 20 journalists from the Southern and Northern shores of the Mediterranean. The participants discussed freedom of press in the Mediterranean, and unanimously declared themselves in favour of such gatherings, which foster a better understanding between professionals of the communication world.

3.2.2.3. "Mediterra"

Activity: Publication.

Place and Date: April 97: special issue devoted to "Intercultural Dialogue".

Implementation: Presented at the Colloquy on Intercultural Dialogue held in Malta and distributed to all the participants at the Colloquy and at the Euromed Civil Forum.

3.2.2.4. Transmed Info Centre - (MED) / [CP]

Activity: Clearinghouse and information centre.

Place and date: The Transmed Info Centre is a service component of the North-South Centre's Transmed programme operating from Lisbon.

Implementation: In 1996, the Transmed Info Centre went through its founding phase and it was expected to become fully operational in the course of 1997. However, the implementation of this project was dependent on requested support from the European Union which did not materialise in 1997. Hopefully the future will improve chances to carry on with this important dimension of the Transmed programme.

3.2.2.5. MedGate - (MED) / [PP*]

Activity: Computerised information service on the World Wide Web.

Place and date: MedGate is a specific partnership activity of the Transmed Info Centre, a service component of the North-South Centre's Transmed programme operating from Lisbon, and some twenty other organisations and institutions active on Mediterranean issues and topics. MedGate is Lisbon based. The project depends on European Commission support and reference is made to comments under 3.2.2.4.

Implementation: A funding request was made to the European Commission, DG I. The project will only be further developed if funding is made available.

3.2.3. Migrations

3.2.3.1. Study session: "Women's rights, migrants' rights" - (MED) / [PP*]

Activity: Study session.

Place and Date: Nice, 18 to 21 June 1997.

Implementation: The Seminar brought together about 50 participants – mainly women – from the two sides of the Mediterranean who were representing migrant women organisations, researchers and anthropologists, governments' representatives for migrations issues, and towns. A fruitful and animated debate addressed the problems specific to migrant women. The report of this seminar, which includes its recommendations, is currently under preparation.

3.2.4. Youth and Education

3.2.4.1. Training courses for junior diplomats - (MED) / [CP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Training course.

Place and date: not confirmed.

Implementation: Contacts have been established between the North-South Centre, the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and the Netherlands Institute of International Relations in order to draw up a training programme and choose teachers. However, up to this date, no voluntary contributions have been secured, and the project cannot be implemented.

3.2.4.2. The Portrayal of the "Other" in school textbooks - (MED) / [CP] - Supplementary project (Voluntary contributions only)

Activity: Contract for a consultant and publication of a manual.

Implementation: This publication will be postponed to 1998, and be implemented in partnership with the Global education programme.

3.2.5. Human Rights

3.2.5.1. Forum of Mediterranean women: "Speech without frontiers" - (MED) / [PP*]

Activity: Meeting.

Place and Date: Tunis, 18-21 June 1997.

Implementation: In agreement with our partner, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, this activity was postponed (perhaps cancelled) because the authorities of the host country were perceived to interfere with the intentions of the meeting as defined by the co-organisers. This interference related to the substance of the meeting, as well as the restrictions on participation of certain invited participants (including Israeli women), whilst imposing others who were not considered to be particularly representative of Southern Mediterranean women's fundamental freedom and rights.

3.2.5.2. **Citizenship and human rights in the Mediterranean - (MED) / [PP*]**

Activity: International Conference.

Place and date: Paris, 27-28 February 1998.

Implementation: A preparatory meeting was held with our partner in Paris at the end of May in order to finalise the project. There is currently a search for voluntary contributions in order to reinforce the budget of this conference. The theme of this conference being very important, we have judged useful to organise the conference in 1998 in order to optimise its content, and to find voluntary contributions.

3.2.6. **Handbook on decentralised co-operation in the Mediterranean - (MED) / [CP*]**

Activity: Contract for consultant and publication of a handbook

Place and Date: In the Francophone countries of Europe and Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) and Lebanon. End of 1997.

Implementation: The handbook was published in its French version. It received a positive response from its readership, as well as from the European Commission.

3.2.7. **Trans-Med Programme Advisory Committee - (MED) / [CP*]**

Activity: A meeting held in conjunction with another programme activity; (it should be noted that the participants are not the same for both meetings).

Place and Date: Malta, 13 April 1997

Implementation: An informal meeting with some of the Committee members was held in Malta on 13 April following the Colloquy on "Intercultural Dialogue: a basis for co-operation".

3.2.8. **Participation in initiatives of other organisations - (MED)**

Activity: Participation in half a dozen different activities organised by other organisations

Activity: Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Charter

Place and date: Madrid, 9-11 January 1997

Budget: No travel expenses

Activity: COPEAM General Assembly

Place and date: Marseilles, 31 January - 1 February

Budget: Travel expenses covered by North-South Centre for activity (3.2.2.2.)

Activity: Euromesco meeting: working group on the democratisation process in Euromediterranean societies

Place and date: Lisbon, 24-25 February 1997

Budget: No expenses

Activity: Euromesco General Assembly
Place and date: The Hague, 11-12 March 1997
Budget: No travel expenses

Activity: Conference on "Governance in the Mediterranean Area" organised by the Dutch Ministry of the Interior
Place and date: The Hague, 17-18 March 1997
Budget: No travel and board expenses

Activity: Conference on "The role of civil society and support for international development" co-organised with the OECD Development Centre
Place and Date : 4-5 July, Paris.
Budget : On NSC expenses

Activity: Conference Euro-Med: "The perception of the "Other" in education on the two shores of the Mediterranean" organised by the Luxembourg government. Since June 1997, the NSC was part of the scientific committee which organised the conference.
Place and date: Mondorf, Luxembourg 3-4-5 November 1997
Budget: No travel and board expenses

Activity: Euromed Civil Forum, organised by the Fondazione Laboratorio Mediterraneo, with the support of the European Commission.
Place and date: Naples, 12-13 December 1997
Budget: No travel and board expenses

Section Summary:

The TransMed programme of the NSC has greatly gathered strength. Activities related to major themes concerning Europe and the Mediterranean were put forward. It is in this spirit that in January 1997 the Press Forum on the "Freedom of Press in the Mediterranean" was held in Marseilles. In the framework of the two shores dialogue, we have also organised an important colloquy entitled "Intercultural Dialogue: a Basis for Co-operation". This colloquy was held in April 1997 in Malta, in the framework of the Euromed Civil Forum held before the Euromed Interministerial Conference of the 27 partner countries of the Barcelona process. This colloquy brought together opinion leaders, researchers and NGO representatives from the two shores of the Mediterranean, and was backed by the European Commission.

"Woman's rights, migrants' rights" was the theme of the Nice seminar of June 1997. The participants raised important questions linked to women's rights, but essentially of migrant women.

The NSC Euro-Mediterranean expertise was regularly solicited throughout the year. In March 1997, we have participated to the organisation of a conference entitled: "Governance in the Euro-Mediterranean Region" which took place in the Hague. It was organised by the Dutch government while at the presidency of the European Union.

The NSC has also participated in the preparatory Scientific Committee to the conference "The perception of the "Other" in education on the two shores of the Mediterranean". This conference was organised in November 1997 by the government of Luxembourg when at the presidency of the European Union.

The orientations of the TransMed programme provided a useful complementarity to the context of the Euro-Mediterranean programme of the European Union, but with emphasis on the specific human and cultural components of regional interdependence. The TransMed programme of activities corresponds to both the commitments of the Council of Europe and the Barcelona process, particularly its third basket, essentially dealing with the strengthening of democracy,

human rights protection, cultural dialogue, and civil society participation mainly involving women and youth.

In other areas, the NSC is a member of the executive committee of the COPEAM Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audio-visual Operators) as well as a member of Euromesco (Research oriented Network of Centres and Institutes working on Euro-Mediterranean relations). This network is part of the confidence measures created by the European Commission in its relations with the 12 southern countries of the Mediterranean, and signatories of the Barcelona Declaration.

The TransMed programme tries to raise European awareness of trans-mediterranean interdependence questions, and to create networks of civil society actors from the North and South of the Mediterranean in the hope of calming tensions developing within this Euro-Mediterranean area. The priority areas of the TransMed programme are culture, education, dialogue, human rights protection, and broadening and strengthening democracy.

3.3. INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

3.3.1. Roundtable on Culture and Development - (GEN) / [PP*]

Activity: Roundtable.

Place and Date: Thessaloniki (Greece), 28-29 November 1997.

Implementation: After having established contacts with the proposed partners, (Greek government, City of Thessaloniki, UNESCO), the Centre received a positive answer from the Greek Minister of Culture, who was willing to support this event and granted a voluntary contribution of 120.000 FF to this end. The City of Thessaloniki gave the Centre logistical support. The meeting brought together experts from both sides of the Mediterranean, who debated on the issues of culture and development in the region, on the barriers to intercultural communication and on possible solutions to foster a rapprochement and an inter-cultural understanding between the peoples of the Mediterranean.

3.3.2. Projects in collaboration with other programmes - [PP/CP]

Intercultural Dialogue: a basis for co-operation - see Trans-Mediterranean Programme 3.2.1.1. (MED).

Workshop: "Migrations and intercultural comprehension" - see Trans-Mediterranean Programme 3.2.1.2. (MED).

3.3.3. Lusophone Orchestra - (LUS) / [PP*]

Activity: One trainee and logistical support for project development.

Place and Date: Lisbon, January-July 1997.

Implementation: The Lusophone Association was created in 1996 and has developed a programme of activities which is being discussed with the Portuguese Secretariat of State for Culture and the Secretariat of State for Youth. The specific support of the Centre for this project ended in August 1997.

Section Summary:

One of the most striking apparent paradoxes of these last years is the coexistence of a rapid globalisation - that affects a growing number of sectors in our societies -, with an identity withdrawal which can lead to rejection and intolerance, even xenophobia. The NSC is firmly convinced that the establishment of an inter-cultural dialogue is one of the best means to fight indifference, lack of understanding or non-interest towards questions concerning all the citizens of our planet.

It is particularly important to tackle the stereotypes and prejudice that are obstacles to dialogue and inter-cultural understanding. With this in mind, the NSC intends to follow through on fostering exchanges and on raising public awareness of global interdependence. As early as 1994, a close collaboration was established with the European Capitals of Culture, which enabled the Centre, with help from these Capitals to regularly organise meetings on themes related to the inter-cultural component of contemporary culture. This programme is carried out in close relationship with all other programmes of the Centre, and brings together quadrilogue partners working in this area, as well as other partners from the world of culture and the arts.

3.4. DECENTRALISED DIALOGUE

3.4.1. “Building international solidarity at local level” - (GEN-MED) / [CP*]

Activity: International workshop.

Place and date: 5-7 December 1997, Warsaw.

Implementation: Initial contacts were already made with the identified project partners, and a questionnaire had been circulated among prospective candidate organisations in Central and Eastern Europe with an interest in these issues. The results of the questionnaire were expected to be used in the course of further preparations for the workshop. The workshop will hopefully take place in the future in the context of developing relations with Poland. The delay will be used to strengthen its preparation and content and hopefully find the necessary funds.

3.4.2. 'Your City in the World' campaign - (GEN) / [PP*]

Activity: Various campaign-related activities and publications.

Place and date: Throughout 1997, linked to preparations for the 1998 Europe-wide public awareness-raising campaign.

Implementation: The conceptual groundwork for this project was carried out in the course of 1996. In 1997 and the beginning of 1998, several organisations contacted the Centre to know more about the campaign and the material (manual, posters) that had been used. This allowed the Centre to broaden its basis of contacts for this kind of projects. This initiative is expected to take on a more action-oriented dimension in the context of the 1998 Campaign.

3.4.3. Local self-government and decentralised co-operation- (ASI-LAT) / [PP*]

Activity: Two meetings.

Place and date: Southern Asia, Autumn 1997 (depending upon voluntary contributions)
Santiago de Chile, Autumn 1997 (depending upon voluntary contributions)

Implementation: Contacts have been established with the main partners of the two projects and a detailed programme has been worked out with them. Partner organisations are being requested to seek voluntary contributions in their respective regions. The voluntary contributions needed to achieve these projects might be available only in the second half of 1998.

Section Summary:

The local and regional authorities, essential partners of the NSC, take an increasingly important role in the implementation of its various activities. In the framework of the decentralised dialogue, the Centre wishes to promote the commitment of cities and regions in development co-operation and to international solidarity with their counterparts from the southern countries. This was the aim the Centre pursued in producing the *Guide de la coopération décentralisée en Méditerranée*, where one can find listed multiple projects and co-operation programmes between local and regional authorities and NGOs of the two Mediterranean shores, as well as many contacts within the field.

The Centre is committed to promote international solidarity at local level and hopes to achieve in the near future the organisation of a workshop in Warsaw on this theme. The aim would be to encourage the local and regional authorities and the associative world of eastern and central Europe, to involve themselves in decentralised co-operation with southern countries in developing projects with the regional and local authorities of the other member countries of the Council of Europe. Such projects would also involve citizens in international solidarity actions and inter-cultural activities thanks to the commitment of their municipalities and regions. This objective is at the base of the “Your city in the world: the world in your city” campaign where the Centre is one of the main partners. The experience acquired by the Centre within the structure of this project will be particularly useful in the perspective of the new North-South campaign.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 1997

Date	Programme	Title of activity	Place
30-31 Jan. 1Feb.	Transmed / Media	Press Forum on Freedom of the Press in the Mediterranean (3.2.2.2.) involving representatives of the Press Agencies in the Mediterranean (3.2.2.1) Media Advisory Committee Meeting (1.1.9.)	Marseilles (during COPEAM General Assembly)
16 January	Global Education	Organisational meeting with Messe Basel	Basel
17 January	Statutory	Bureau Meeting (0.1.2.)	Lisbon
12 February	Global Education	Preparatory Meeting – Worlddidac '98	Basel
21 March	Media	World Day Against Racism (1.1.4.)	Decentralised
Spring 97	Decentralised Co-operation	Your City in the World campaign (3.4.2.)	Decentralised
11-13 April	Transmed	Intercultural dialogue as a basis for co-operation (event in the framework of the EuroMed Civil Forum)(3.2.1.1.) (2.2.2.)	Malta
27 April	Global Education	Preparatory meeting for Soesterberg (2.1.1.1.)	Amsterdam
4-5 May	Youth	Youth Programme Advisory Committee (2.2.7.)	Lisbon
15-16 May	Human Rights	Annual Meeting of the Lisbon Forum (3.1.4.)	Lisbon
15-16 May	Statutory	Executive Council (0.1.1.) Bureau (0.1.2.) Member States (0.1.3.)	Lisbon
16 May	Human Rights	North-South Prize (3.1.6.)	Lisbon
26-29 May	Media	Annual Festival on Media Encounters North-South (1.1.7.)	Geneva
6 June	Documentation	Follow-up meeting of Database on European NGOs active in sustainable development (1.2.3.3) with the OECD Dev. Centre	Paris
17-18 June	Youth	Evaluation meeting on Euro-Arab dialogue (2.2.2)	Strasbourg
18-21 June	Transmed	Séminaire "Femmes et migrations" (3.2.3.1)	Nice
20 June	Global Education	Meeting of the Worlddidac Project Board	Bern

4-5 July		“The role of civil society and support for international development” (in collaboration with the OECD Development Centre)	Paris
12-17 August	Youth	Fourth North-South Training Course for Youth Organisations (2.2.4.)	Mollina
4-5 Sept.	Transmed	Transmed Advisory Committee (3.2.7)	Vilanova
5 Sept. 5-6 Sept	Media	Prize of Europe – TV Programme (1.1.2.) Brainstorming Workshop on Tolerance and Solidarity (1.1.3.)	Vilanova Vilanova
5 Sept. 97	Statutory	Bureau (0.1.2.)	Vilanova
24 Sept.	Global Education	Project Board Meeting – Worlddidac ‘98	Bern
29 Sept.	Global Education	NSC Global Education Advisory Group (2.1.4.1.)	Luxembourg
3 Oct.	Statutory	Member States (0.1.3.)	Strasbourg
9-12 Oct.	Global Education	Workshop on "Partnerships in Global Education – Global Education in Secondary Schools (2.1.1.1.)	Soesterberg
21 Oct.	Statutory	Extraordinary Meeting of the Member States (0.1.3.)	Strasbourg
Postponed to 1998.	Human Rights	Working meeting on the prog. of activities of the Special Rapporteur on Extra-judicial, Summary and Arbitrary Executions appointed by the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights (3.1.3.)	Bern
13 Nov.	Global Education	Brainstorming session on raising public awareness of international development and global interdependence (2.1.3.1.)	Strasbourg
13 Nov. 14 Nov.	Statutory	Bureau (0.1.2.) Executive Council (0.1.1.)	Strasbourg
17-18 Nov.	Human Rights	2 nd Workshop on the improvement of Regional Systems (postponed from 1996 Programme of activities)	Strasbourg
24 Nov.	Media	Seminar on information and development (1.1.8.) (voluntary contribution from UNDP)	Lisbon
28-29 Nov.	Intercultural Dialogue / Transmed	3 rd Intercultural Task Force and Round Table on Culture and Development (3.3.1.)	Thessaloniki
5-7 Dec.	Global Education Decentralised co-operation	International Workshop on “Building International Solidarity at Local level” (3.4.1)	Warsaw
15 Dec.	Global Education	Meeting of Project Board of Worlddidac	Bern
During 97	Expo ‘98	Expo ‘98 preparations (0.3.4)	Lisbon

16-17 January '98	Global Education	Intergovernmental Roundtable on global information, education and communication (2.1.3.1.)	Ljubljana
February 1998	Transmed	Conference on Citizenship and Human Rights in the Mediterranean (3.2.5.2.)	Paris
During EXPO '98	Global Education	Global Education Practice in the CPLP (2.1.2.3.) (voluntary contribution received from Portugal)	Lisbon
Postponed to 1998	Youth	Training Seminar for Trainers (2.2.5.)	Mollina or Lisbon
Postponed to 1998	Decentralised Co-operation	Roundtable on good local government and sustainable development, partnership project with Town & Development and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum	Islamabad, Pakistan
Postponed to 1998	Human Rights	Interparliamentary Meetings in the Great Lakes Area (3.1.1. Voluntary contributions only)	Rwanda-Zaire- Burundi

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PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

Date	Programme	Title of activity	Place
9-11 January	Transmed	Carta Mediterranea	Madrid
11 January	Global Education	Inter-cultural teachers training	Ericeira, Portugal
28 January	Transmed	Meeting of the NGOs of the Council of Europe on Mediterranean questions (Liaison Committee of the Council of Europe)	Strasbourg
30-31 Jan 1 February	Transmed	COPEAM General Assembly	Marseilles
1-2 February	Youth	Preparatory Meeting of the Youth Parliament on Drugs	Antwerp
10 February		North-South Sub-Committee meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly	Lisbon
21 February		Euforic co-ordination meeting (ECDPM)	Brussels
20-21 February	Youth	Evaluation meeting of the World Youth Forum & UN meeting with Intl Youth Foundation	New York City
21-23 February	Global Education	EDEFY – European Development Education for Youth Seminar	Dublin
24-25 Feb.	Transmed	Euromesco – working groups	Lisbon
27-28 February	Human Rights	European Conference on Conflict Prevention (NCDO)	Amsterdam
11-12 March	Transmed	Euromesco General Assembly	The Hague
17 -18 March	Transmed	Governance in the Euro-mediterranean region	The Hague
21-22 March		ACP Conference "Illusion, Reality and Perspectives" - ACP Migration, Development and the Year 2001	Brussels
25 March	Public Info. & Media	Seminar of the Baltic journalists on Development and co-operation (1.1.11)	Helsinki
1-4 April	Drugs (Conference follow-up)	Colloquy on ‘‘The drug situation in Sub-Saharan Africa’’, organised by OGD-Observatoire géopolitique des drogues	Paris (UNESCO)
3-4 April	Human rights	Policies for the prevention of conflict (OCDE)	Paris Strasbourg
4 April	Human rights	General Staff Assembly of the Council of Europe	Strasbourg
25-27 April	Youth	Preparatory meeting European Youth Parliament on Drugs	Brussels

28 April	Human Rights Global Education	1 st Meeting of national contacts on Conflict prevention (NCDO)	Soesterberg
12-15 May	Youth	Asia-Europe Youth Forum, organised by the Asian Youth Council and Malaysian government	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
25-31 May	GlobalEduc./ Worlddidac	PanAfrican Children's Book Fair	Nairobi
2 June	Documentation	Meeting on international Co-operation of documentation (1.2.3.7)	Paris
14-15 June	Youth	2 nd preparatory meeting for World Youth Forum	Lisbon
15-18 June	Human Rights Global Education	10 th Annual Conference of the International Association for Conflict Management + 2 nd Meeting of national contacts on conflict prevention (NCDO)	Bonn
27-28 June	Global Education	Promoting a European Dimension of Intercultural Education (Seminar by EFIL)	Lisbon
30 June	Transmed	Seminar on "The Arab Civilisation in Portugal", organised by Culturgest	Lisbon
4-5 July	Transmed	Conference on "The role of civil society and support for international development". OECD.	Paris
11-12 July	Transmed	Meeting of experts on the EuroMed Partnership : Organising committee for the Conference on "The Perception of the "Other" in educational systems on both sides of the Mediterranean"	Luxembourg EU Presidency
4-9 August	Global Educ./ Worlddidac	Zimbabwe International Book Fair	Harare
21-23 Sept.	Youth	3 rd preparatory meeting for World Youth Forum	Lisbon
24-25 Sept.	Youth	Preparatory meeting for World Conference of Ministers of Youth	Lisbon
24-26 Sept.	Documentation	EADI Conference (European association of development research and training institutes) Information and Documentation working group (1.2.3.7)	Paris
24-28 Sept.	Global Education Expo / Campaign	Meeting of the Development Education Group of the Liaison Committee	Luxembourg
29-30 Sept.	Transmed	Euromesco General Assembly	Tunis
2-3 Oct.	Transmed	International Colloquy on "Local and Regional Authorities in the face of Mediterranean immigration : from	Bari

		intolerance to development”	
15-20 Oct.	Global Education Media	Frankfurter Book Fair	Frankfurt
31 Oct. – 1 Nov.	Media	One World General Assembly	Dublin
3-4-5 Nov.	Transmed	Conference on “The Perception of the “Other” in Educational systems on both sides of the Mediterranean“	Luxembourg
6-9 Nov.	Youth/ Human Rights	Conference “Youth ways out of conflicts”	Belfast
14-16 Nov.	Intercultural Dialogue / Transmed	General Assembly of COPEAM combined with a meeting of the follow-up Committee for Euromediterranean Partnership	Thessaloniki
24-30 Nov.	Global Education / Worlddidac	6 th Dakar International Show on Books and Educational Material	Dakar, Senegal
28-29 Nov.	Youth	Preparatory meeting of the Youth Parliamentarians on Drugs and Development	Turin
30 Nov. 1 December	Youth	Global co-ordination and Co-operation Committee	Paris
12-13 December	Transmed	Euromed Civil Forum	Naples