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## **2.300 North-South Centre Projects and Partnership Projects**

### ***2.310 Education and Training for Global Citizenship***

(For projects 2.311 and 2.312 see Work Plan 1999)

#### **2.3103 (2.313 bis) NSC Project (GEN / Education) - Eco Global Education Pilot Project**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 45)

Preliminary research, inter alia on the Internet, has been conducted so as to identify partners. The Centre has established contacts with the Council of Europe's Naturopa Information Centre for the purpose of co-producing a compilation of best practices in the area of environmental education. The Foundation for Environmental Education in Europe (FEEE) would also like to be involved in this project. Specific fund-raising information has been produced in order to facilitate the identification of potential sponsors

#### **2.3104 NSC Project – School-Related Activities**

##### **A) Global Education Week**

The Week (13-19 November) has been announced and relevant information has been posted on the Internet. National contacts have been identified in 29 member States of the Council of Europe. A seminar, comprising 70 participants from over 30 countries, was convened in Lisbon between 6-8 April to prepare the Week and generate national and international networking activities. The report of the seminar including the presentation of relevant educational methodologies and suggestions for the Week is available on the Internet. A revised edition of the NSC web page section was posted on the Internet, including a common activity to be performed during the Global Education Week.

##### **B) North-South School Links**

*(See project 2.4105)*

##### **C) World Aware Education Award**

*(See project 2.4101)*

#### **2.3105 NSC Project - Cultural and Artistic Initiatives and the Promotion of Global Education**

The Global Education Programme Co-ordinator has participated in the Womex event (the most important trade-fair for World Music actors). He was spokesperson at a conference and drafted a project proposal to follow up initial contacts on arts and global education with a series of workshops and an international conference. The proposal has been circulated to potential partners who are linking festival and educational activities in various member States. It was then finalised in an application to the EU Culture 2000 programme. Unfortunately the project was turned down by the EU. However, partners are still keen to develop the project and are encouraging the NSC to take the lead in facilitating European networking in this field.

## **2.3106 NSC Project - Internet, Media and “Best Practices” Publications**

Specific fund-raising information has been produced in order to facilitate the identification of potential sponsors.

## **2.3107 NSC Project - Global Education in Partnership with Regional Organisations**

### **1. Publications on Best Practices**

The NSC has collected all available information and interviewed the ten 2000 World Aware Education Award laureates to edit a new publication on best practices. The NSC has also obtained some financial support from KommEnt (Austria) for this publication. A first draft of the publication is now available.

### **2. Global Education in the Portuguese-Speaking Countries**

The book was officially launched on 8 April.

“Global Education in Portuguese-Speaking Countries – Projects and Contacts” focuses on global education projects developed by schools or NGOs in Angola, Brazil, Cape-verde, Guinée-Bissau, Portugal, Mozambique, São-Tomé e Príncipe.

The book was published in Portuguese; the English and French versions are being prepared.

In the context of this publication, contacts with Mr Filipe Zau, Counsellor for Education, Culture and Sports for C.P.L.P. (Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries) were strengthened.

## **2.3108 NSC Project (MED) - Citizenship and Education in the Mediterranean**

*(See project 2.3201)*

## **2.3109 NSC Project (YOUTH) - Sixth North-South Training Course for Youth Organisations**

The Sixth North-South Training Course for Youth Organisations took place between the 24-30 September in the framework of the University on Youth and Development – a joint initiative of the North-South Centre and YDC - Youth for Development and Co-operation. Thanks to the support of the Spanish Government, the course could run again this year in the CEULAJ - Centro Eurolatinoamericano de Juventud. The trainer’s team included a representative from the different youth regional platforms: European Youth Forum; Forum Juvenil; Asian Students Association and African Youth Network.

Taking into account the success of previous years, the organisers tried to ensure a fair balance between participants from northern and southern countries. Nevertheless, the decision from the European Commission not to support financially this project reduced significantly the resources available to finance the travel expenses of participants from the developing countries.

**2.3110 NSC Project (YOUTH) - Second Phase of the Long-Term Training Course on Mediterranean Co-operation**

After a very successful First Phase of the Euro-Mediterranean Training Course for Youth Organisations (19-30 January 2000, see **2.4109** and report in [www.nscentre.org](http://www.nscentre.org)), the North-South Centre, together with the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe, is now preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the Training Course. An application for funding was submitted under the Youth Programme to the European Commission. The application for funding submitted under the Youth Programme to the European Commission was approved and the second phase should take place in February 2001 in Barcelona.

**2.4101 (2.411 bis) Partnership Project (GEN / Campaign / Education) – World Aware Education Award for Global Education**

This is a partnership project of the Dutch Committee for Sustainable Development Education (NCDO) and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (1999-2001 PoA, page 56).

Thirty-six project applications were submitted to the North-South Centre, which is more than the number of projects received for the 1999 Award. Some of the projects come from countries that did not submit projects for the 1999 Award and from central and eastern Europe. All projects were screened by the jury by mid-January 2000 and the ten laureates were officially announced on 7 April during the international seminar held in Lisbon to prepare the 2000 Global Education Week. Relevant information has been posted on the Centre's web page and will also be circulated as a best practices publication.

An application was presented to NCDO to fund the 2001 World Aware Education Award.

**2.4101/2 Partnership Project - Tales in the Mediterranean**

The CIES project is a two-year project (October 1999 - May 2001) sponsored by the European Commission DGX and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, focusing on children's tales in the Mediterranean. It will result in a series of radio and TV programmes involving NGOs and children from Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt and Palestine.

The North-South Centre has been invited, as a partner, to identify Portuguese NGOs to animate children's workshops on Mediterranean fairy tales and myths. The NSC should receive a contribution for the whole project to be invested in the Portuguese activities (contract with trainers and educational centres to be involved, documentation and co-ordination).

*Sons da Lusofonia* implemented the project in Portugal (with a very comprehensive programme of activities to be implemented in the region of Litoral Alentejano) on behalf of the NSC participated in the two co-ordination meetings held in Sestri (Genoa) and Rome.

*(For Partnership Project 2.412 see Work Plan 1999)*

**2.4103 (2.413 bis) Partnership Project (MED / Education) - Euro-Maghreb Co-operation**

Euro-Maghreb Co-operation for the Strengthening of Democracy, Education and Culture (1999-2001 PoA, page 63)

This project is associated with the Parliamentary Assembly's decision to organise a discussion in the Council of Europe between European parliamentarians and representatives of the Moroccan government, Moroccan parliamentarians and prominent figures in civil society. The North-South Centre's contribution concerns the workshop's content and programme. The North-South Centre is waiting for a decision from the Parliamentary Assembly. The project was discussed during the Rabat Conference in October and several days later at the Symposium on Cultural Co-operation in the Mediterranean region in Palma de Mallorca, organised by the Committee for Education and Culture of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

**2.4104 (2.414 bis) Partnership Project (GEN / Education)**

Joint meeting of the Development Education Forum of the Liaison Committee of Development NGOs (CLONG) to the European Union and the Global Education Advisory Group (1999-2001 PoA, page 63)

The Development Education Forum has been approached to explore co-operation in the preparation of the Summer School (NSC participation in the Steering Committee) and in the Edinburgh Development Education Forum. The offer for co-operation on the side of the NSC has been renewed after the Forum and resulted in the participation of the co-ordinator of the NSC GE programme as facilitator of one of the working groups during the CLONG Development Education Summer School (Austria, July 2000).

**2.4105/1 (2.415/1 bis) Partnership Project (GEN / Education) - Special Show on Global Education**

"Special Show on Global Education" at Interschul/Didacta '99 (Sonderschau Globales Lernen) (1999-2001 PoA, page 64)

This project, initially scheduled for Stuttgart in March 1999, was postponed until February 2000 and took place during the Interschul/Didacta 2000 Fair in Cologne. The North-South Centre offered its co-operation in promoting selected materials and contacts, but was not able to participate in the event.

**2.4105/2 (2.415/2 bis) Partnership Project (GEN / Education) - Global Education and the Impact of School Links**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 65)

The Centre has included a specific School Links focus in the framework of the 2000 Global Education Week. Two meetings, bringing together LSO (NL), Central Bureau, DEA (UK), CIDAC (Portugal) and the Centre, took place in Lisbon (October 1999) and Amsterdam (February 2000) to plan activities for 2000. The main result was the organisation of an international seminar, held in the Soesterberg (NL), 5-7 May 2000, with the support of DG VIII of the European Commission. The Directorate General of Education, Culture, Youth, Sport and Environment of the Council of Europe was contacted and briefed about the planning. The Centre contributed 15.000 Dutch Guilders to secure the participation of southern partners and was represented in the seminar by the GE programme co-ordinator.

**2.4106 (2.416 bis) Partnership Project (GEN) - North-South Media Encounters: South-North Prize**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 66)

The North-South Media Encounters took place in Geneva from 10 to 15 April 2000. The South-North Prize, offered by the North-South Centre for the best work by the South on the theme of development, interdependence and solidarity, was awarded to a project from Chad on consciousness-raising, elimination of illiteracy and using education as a tool for development, especially when women and young girls are concerned.

**2.4107 Partnership Project (MED) - Pilot Project for Mediterranean School Linking**

Project "Schools in the Mediterranean region" to be elaborated in collaboration with the Global Education Programme. The project will be implemented in conjunction with the Europe wide Global Education Programme. Formal contacts will be made with Ministries of Education in the South Bank of the Mediterranean in that context.

**2.4108 Partnership Project (MED) - Education for Peace and Intercultural Understanding in South East Europe**

This project is to be elaborated in close collaboration with the Directorate General of Political Affairs and the Directorate of Education and Culture of the Council of Europe, through their experiences with South East Europe. This activity is still under review.

**2.4109 (2.421 bis) Partnership Project (MED / Youth) - Training Course for Youth Organisations on Mediterranean Co-operation**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 67)

This Training Course was run in co-operation with the Directorate of Youth and Sport, with the financial support of the European Commission.

The Course focused on the development of concrete projects by the participants and intercultural learning through tackling a variety of relevant subjects to develop a deeper understanding of each other's perceptions, values and social realities. It allowed the participants to acquire the competencies, understanding and confidence necessary to be actively involved in this field of youth work.

The international training team of the Course was composed of 3 trainers with relevant experience in youth work and Euro-Mediterranean co-operation and a trainer from both the Directorate of Youth and Sport and the North-South Centre.

One hundred and thirty-three applications were received. Twenty-five participants were invited and confirmed their participation. Of those, nineteen participants (including a trainee at the EYC Strasbourg) took part in the training course.

The Course was very successful and the evaluation made by the participants and the trainers' team is very positive. A number of instruments were established enabling the trainers' team, the North-South Centre and the Directorate of Youth and Sport to follow the participants' projects. A second phase of the Course is under preparation.



## **2.4110 (2.422 bis) Partnership Project (MED / Youth) - Peace Cruise II**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 68)

The Peace Cruise I project was organised in 1999 by the World Scout Organisation in co-operation with the North-South Centre, the European Youth Forum, UNESCO and the European Commission DGXXII. The project was very successful and attracted considerable attention from the media. The "peace sailors" took part in a very intense political and training programme. A number of Peace Events were organised at the different stops of the Cruise. The yacht reached its final destination in Greece on 22 September. A number of follow-up events are foreseen for 2000. A meeting of Committee of Partners will take place in Marseille in November, during several Euromed activities implemented by the French Presidency, in order to discuss the organisation of Peace Cruise II.

## ***2.320 Policy Dialogue for Human Dignity and Democracy***

### **2.3201 (2.331 bis) NSC Project (MED / Human Rights) - Citizenship in the Mediterranean**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 47)

The Colloquy on Citizenship and Human Rights in the Mediterranean, which was scheduled to take place in Madrid in mid-November 1999, was linked to the Lisbon Forum, it seemed logical to merge the project "Citizenship and Human Rights in the Mediterranean" with the 1999 Lisbon Forum. This seemed logical in terms of both the items on the agenda and the participants. The theme was also dealt with at the Rabat Conference in October 2000.

### **2.3202 (2.332 bis) NSC Project (MED / Human Rights) - Contact Group: Reconciliation and Reconstruction in the Middle East**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 49)

The Middle East Contact Group meeting took place in Strasbourg on 10 and 11 February 2000. This meeting was attended by Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians and Europeans. Members of the Group were asked to draft projects related to intercultural dialogue, youth and education. The projects will be carried out jointly by Israelis and Palestinians with the support of Europeans and will form part of a "people to people" programme, subject to the conditions in the region.

### **2.3203 (2.333 bis) NSC Project (GEN / Youth) Second International Roundtable on Youth Policy and Global Interdependence**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 50)

Implementation postponed for further consideration by the Youth Partnership Committee.

### **2.3204 NSC Project - Youth Partnership Committee**

The next meeting of the Youth Partnership Committee took place in June in Hanover on the occasion of the Expo Hanover 2000. The meeting was hosted by the German Youth Council (DNK) and was in the framework of the Global Co-operation Co-ordination Committee of the European Youth Forum. The aim of this meeting was to consult with and receive input from the

youth partners (coming from the different regional youth platforms) on the Work Plan of the North-South Centre for 2001, as well as to evaluate the implementation of the Centre's activities.

**2.3205 NSC Project - Programme Development, Institutional Co-operation and Participation in Activities Organised by Other Organisations**

Representatives of the Centre participated in activities organised by other organisations on a regular basis. Details are available on request.

**2.3206 NSC Project - Research on Youth Policies and Development Policies**

This is an ongoing feature of the Centre's Youth Programme.

**2.3207 (2.334 bis) NSC Project (GEN / Human Rights) - Lisbon Forum**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 51)

This project, to be carried out in November, is under preparation. The theme this year will be "Human Rights: Universality and Indivisibility".

**2.3208 NSC Project (MED) - Inter-Religious Dialogue**

Due to the very nature of this project and to some international events organised mid-2000 on the same topic, it is proposed to implement this activity during the first half of 2001, so as to benefit from the experience gained so far. Applications for funding are already under way with different organisations in order to be able to implement this idea.

**2.3209 (2.341 bis) NSC Project (GEN / Human Rights) - Lisbon North-South Prize**

(1999-2001 PoA, page 53)

The Ceremony will take place on November 24, 2000.

**2.3210 NSC Project - Strengthening the Centre's Media Co-operation Programme**

*(see COPEAM Partnership)*

**2.3211 NSC Project - Global Forum for Poverty Eradication/Dignity International**

**Civil/Global Fora for Poverty Eradication (14-16 October 1999)**

The **Global Forum for Poverty Eradication** (15-16 October 1999), preceded by a **Civil Forum**, was organised at the Council of Europe headquarters in Strasbourg with the support of the governments of the Netherlands and Norway, and the Risho Kosei Kai Fund for Peace of Japan.

**Civil Forum on “Social Rights are Human Rights: People’s Priorities for the Social Summit Review”, 15 January 2000**

The Directorate General for Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe, in collaboration with the Irish Government, who chaired the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, organised the European Conference on Social Development in Dublin from 17-18 January 2000. The aim of this conference was to consider the Council of Europe’s official input to the forthcoming review of the World Summit on Social Development (hereafter WSSD) that took place during a special session of the UN General Assembly in Geneva from 26-30 June 2000.

The Civil Forum was organised prior to the intergovernmental conference. The Civil Forum was organised jointly by the European Anti-Poverty Network (Ireland), the Global Solidarity Campaign and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe as part of the follow-up activities of the Global Forum and as an input to the World Summit on Social Development five-year review process. The Irish authorities generously provided interpretation and funding for this event, as well as the prestigious venue (Dublin Castle).

**“Dignity International” Planning Meeting (25 June)**

In order to define the follow-up to the Global Forum, a meeting was convened in Geneva on 25 June 2000 with various key partner organisations to consider possibilities for several regional initiatives and workshops in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and North America. This planning meeting benefited from the presence of many partner organisations at the “Geneva 2000” activities (Copenhagen + 5). Participants proposed to adopt the overall working title of ‘Dignity International’ for the envisaged workshops and related networking efforts in the year 2001.

It was stressed that “Dignity International” should be part of a **comprehensive human rights framework** to include ALL HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL. Participants recognised the special role of the Council of Europe and its experience in promoting social and economic rights (besides civil and political rights). Participants welcomed the role of the North-South Centre and requested the Centre to continue its co-ordinating role in this project. A full report on this meeting and the draft Terms of Reference for the regional workshops are available from the NSC Secretariat. A further coalition-building meeting is also planned in Torino mid-November 2000 in close collaboration with Italian partners.

The Dignity International Planning meeting followed the closing event of the Council of Europe’s Global Solidarity Campaign, an international conference co-organised by the Centre. The theme of the conference was “Dual Challenges of Globalisation and Transition: The Role of Civil Society in Fostering Social Cohesion in Central and Eastern Europe”.

**2.3212 NSC Project (YOUTH) - North-South Training Course on Youth and Confidence-Building**

This project was postponed due to lack of earmarked funding.

**2.4201 Partnership Project (AFR/Human Rights) - Euro-African Civil Society Forum**

**“CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM FOR EURO-AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP ”**  
**Towards the Euro-African Summit 2000**

The holding of the Euro-African Summit in Cairo constituted an occasion not to be missed to convene an **Africa-Europe Civil Society Forum** which allowed representatives from the African and European civil society to express their main concerns and to address recommendations to the Heads of State and Government during the Summit.

Four Preparatory Workshops - three for Africa and one for Europe - and a Meeting of Youth Organisations took place within the Forum project. The main objective of these Workshops was to provide regional platforms in order to prepare the Forum and to discuss its themes.

The Civil Society Forum took place in Lisbon from 31 March to 1 April with the participation of 100 participants from Europe and Africa.

A delegation of six African and European civil society representatives were appointed to present the final Declaration adopted at the end of the Forum to the Euro-Africa Summit in Cairo. This final Declaration was endorsed by H.E Bouteflika, President of Algeria, and Mr Guterres, Prime Minister of Portugal and was distributed to the Euro-Africa Summit.

Four themes were proposed:

- Poverty Eradication and Welfare;
- Creating a stable and democratic environment and promoting citizenship and national and international transparency;
- Towards a culture of human rights in Europe and Africa: learning without paternalism;
- How to strengthen national and regional capacities for welfare and citizenship?

### ***Calendar***

Regional Workshop in Algiers (North-Africa)	9-11 March
Regional Workshop in Praia (West Africa and Central Africa)	17-19 March
Euro-Africa Youth Meeting	24-26 March
Regional Workshop in Johannesburg (Eastern and Southern Africa)	24-25 March
Regional Workshop for European NGOs (Lisbon)	30 March
Civil Society Forum (Lisbon)	31 March-2 April
Meeting of Delegation of the Civil Society Forum with the Representatives of the Summit (Cairo)	3-4 April
Meeting of the Follow-up Group (Lisbon)	25-26 November

### **2.4202 Partnership Project - Second Conference on Governance in the Euro-Med Area**

This event is a follow-up to the Conference “Governance in the Euro-Med Area”, organised during the Dutch Presidency of the European Union in The Hague. This Conference was prepared by the North-South Centre in close partnership with the Moroccan Ministry for Human Rights. A preparatory meeting attended by the Minister of Human Rights Mr Aujjar, took place on 22 June in Lisbon.

The Conference itself, entitled “ Human Rights, Cultural Identities and Social Cohesion in the Mediterranean region” took place in Rabat on 20 and 21 October 2000. Follow-up proposals are included in the Workplan 2001.

### **2.4203 Partnership Project (AFR) - International Organisations on Human Rights**

This project could be implemented, at a later stage, in the framework of the activities related to the follow-up to the Civil Society Forum.

#### **2.4204 Partnership Project (AFR) - Interparliamentary Meeting on Human Rights in Africa**

This project could be implemented, at a later stage, in the framework of the activities related to the follow-up to the Civil Society Forum.

#### **2.4205 Partnership Project - ASIA/EUROPE Youth Meeting**

The Asia-Europe Youth Forum took place in Brussels from 18 to 21 May. The North-South Centre's partners in this project are Asia-Europe Foundation, the European Youth Forum, the Asian Youth Council and the Asian Student Association. This meeting brought together 20 Asian and 20 European participants representing National Youth Councils and other National and International Youth and Student Organisations. The Programme has been designed with particular emphasis on its input to the Asia Europe Meeting of Head of States that will take place in October 2000 in Seoul, Korea. The project was implemented as planned and inputs from youth organisations were made at ASEM 3 in October 2000. Several projects, including a Euro-Asia Youth Training project with NSC involvement, were discussed. A full report of the meeting will soon be available.

#### **2.4206 Partnership Project - Fourth Euro-Latin American Youth Forum**

Project to be carried out in November 2000 by the Spanish Government (INJUVE).

#### **2.4207 Partnership Project (MED/Various Partnerships)**

Partnership activity with the Euromesco network takes place on a regular basis and has two essential themes: xenophobia and education. The North-South Centre participated at the General Assembly of the Network which was held in Ramallah (Palestine) from 23 to 25 January 2000

**Partnership with COPEAM:** the Centre still holds the Vice Presidency of the COPEAM. The General Assembly took place in Casablanca on 25 to 29 April 2000. The North-South Centre was re-elected as Member of the Bureau.

### **2.500 Publications and Information Activities**

#### **Publication 2.501 bis (GEN)**

The Interdependent (1999-2001 PoA, page 70)

The Interdependent, the North-South Centre's monthly newsletter, is published every month. Its distribution is of about 10,000 copies. An electronic version is available on the Centre's web site.

#### **Publication 2.502 bis (AFR, ASI, LAT, GEN)**

Terra Viva monthly (1999-2001 PoA, page 70)

Terra Viva monthly has been published every month since the beginning of the year. Its distribution is of about 3.000 copies. The North-South Centre and its partner, IPS, concluded the work carried out for the implementation of an electronic version.

**Publication 2.503 bis (GEN)**

North-South Centre information material (1999-2001 PoA, page 71)

The English brochure of the North-South Centre has been re-edited.

**Publication 2.504 bis (GEN)**

Activity reports, conference reports and follow-up to activities  
(1999-2001 PoA, page 71)

No conference reports have been published since the beginning of the year.

**Publication 2.505 bis (MED / Education)**

Publication: "Education for Global Citizenship in the Mediterranean"  
(1999-2001 PoA, page 71)

The project outlines have been prepared in detail and will be sent to potential donors for partial voluntary contributions.

**Publication 2.506 bis (GEN / Education)**

Publication: "The Portrayal of the "Other" in school textbooks"  
(1999 - 2001 PoA, page 72)

This project will be converted into the "Best Practices Manual on Global Education" for the year 2000.

**Publication 2.507 bis (GEN / Human Rights)**

Publication on best practices for confidence-building among young people in former and current conflict areas (1999-2001 PoA, page 73)

This publication is linked with the conclusions of NSC Project 2.322.bis

**Publication 2.508 bis (GEN)/Information Project**

The North-South Centre on-line (1999-2001 PoA, page 74)

After existing for two years, the North-South Centre's web site is in an evaluation and up-dating phase, aimed at continuously proposing quality information. A selection of sites specialising in the same working areas as the North-South Centre is also in preparation. In addition to these up-dating actions, a log file was installed in the Centre's server, allowing the Centre to have precise information on the consultation of its web pages.

**Publication 2.509 bis (Human Rights) New to PoA 1999-2001**

"The Present State of Human Rights in Africa", 1998 Lisbon Forum meeting

## **2.600 Documentation and Databases**

### **Project 2.601/1 bis (GEN)**

The database of the Documentation Centre (1999-2001 PoA, page 75)

With the aim of improving the management of documents available in the Documentation Centre, the North-South Centre foresees the purchase of a documentary database during the second half of the year 2000. The purchase of this software log file depends on the funds available.

Database on NGOs involved in sustainable development.

(1999-2001 PoA, page 76)

#### **Website:**

During recent months, numerous changes have been made to the North-South Centre's website: update of the menu of the news' page (e.g.: online form for the North-South Prize), The Interdependent and the 2000 Work Plan are now available in PDF format: priorities and activities together with the Programme of Activities 1999-2001, creation of a new page presenting the Centre's activities, update and a new presentation of the site map and of a new page with useful links (on construction), some of our publications are available in PDF format (downloading file).

### **Project 2.601/2 bis (GEN)**

EUFORIC, in collaboration with the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), the OECD Development Centre, the Liaison Committee of Development NGOs to the European Union, One World Europe, the International Co-operation for Development and Solidarity and the North-South Centre, has launched a pilot project to create an on-line service on the Centre's web site providing information on the main actors in the field of international co-operation in Europe. All partners are invited to contribute to the development of this communal database.

### **Project 2.602 bis (GEN)**

Acquisitions of the Documentation Centre (1999-2001 PoA, page 76)

It is still with the aim of helping programme co-ordinators develop their activities that reference documents should be purchased. The Documentation Centre has already purchased, in 1999, many publications in order to respond to these precise needs.

## **2.700 Tutorship and Placement of Trainees**

Isabel Ferreira: 1 February 2000 to 30 April 2000

Antonio Costa: 1 January 2000 to 30 September 2000 (part time)

Aline Venancio: 6 March 2000 to 31 May 2000

## **2.800 Statutory Meetings and Activities**

### ***2.810 Executive Council Meetings***

Spring meeting: 19 May, The Hague.

Autumn meeting: 24 November, Lisbon. In conjunction with the Lisbon Forum and the North-South Prize.

### ***2.820 Bureau Meetings***

Spring meeting: 10 February, Strasbourg.

Autumn meeting: 5 October, Strasbourg.

### ***2.830 Meetings of the Committee of Representatives of the member States***

Spring meeting: 18 May, The Hague.

Autumn meeting: 9 October, Strasbourg.