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1. SUMMARY

i) Institutional Framework

For the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, 2006 was a year of transition in which the centre not only worked on completing its internal administrative and financial reforms but also on consolidating its relations with its partners and headquarters.

In this context, one of the major milestones was the decision taken by the Secretary General to transfer the administrative responsibility of the North-South Centre from the Directorate General of Political Affairs to the Directorate General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe (DGIV), as of 15 May 2006. This was marked by a joint working visit to the Centre by the two Directors General. This change in administrative responsibility is enabling the Centre to reinforce the dimension of “intercultural dialogue” and “education and youth” in its activities.

Collaboration with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) under the Cooperation Agreement signed in 2005 developed considerably, with the implementation of joint activities and calls for the centre’s expertise in the PACE’s work.

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities adopted Recommendation 183 (2006)¹ «The North-South Centre: contribution of local and regional authorities to promote the efficiency of the work of the Centre» and invited the Chairman of the Executive Council and the Executive Director to speak at its spring session in March 2006. In its reply to this recommendation, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe drew attention to the importance that it attaches to the work of the North-South Centre, to the local and regional dimension of its activities and to its efforts in the field of intercultural dialogue².

The Executive Director of the North-South Centre also held an exchange of views with the Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment of the Ministers’ Deputies in May 2006.

ii) Lines of action

Line of action 1 : Raising European awareness of issues of global interdependence and solidarity through education and youth

Programme « Strategies and capacity for global education »

In 2006, the Strategies and Capacity Building for GE Programme was going through a transitional phase in its development as its priorities were being redefined, in line with those established for the Council of Europe in general and DGIV in particular.

In May, the Centre launched the national report on Global Education in Austria and initiated the process of consultation in Germany. The Swiss partners cancelled their participation in the peer review project, instead giving priority to other global education projects such as the UN Decade for Sustainable Development Education.

The 11th round table of the Global Education Network Europe (GENE) on the project for networking and supporting national structures took place in Strasbourg in March. The Centre also participated in the 12th GENE Round Table in Vienna in May. It funded the participation of representatives from the Visegrad

¹ Debated and adopted by the Standing Committee of the Congress on 16 March 2006

² Reply adopted by the CM on 29 November 2006 at the 981st meeting of the Ministers’Deputies

countries (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia) in these meetings and in the 13th Round Table (Amsterdam, November), following the GE reinforcement project undertaken with these countries in 2004-2005.

An international seminar was organised in April in preparation for Global Education Week, which had the important support of the Centre's Romanian partners. The Global Education Week took place in November under the theme "Acting together for a Just World". It was coordinated by the national contacts from the GE Education Week and was featured in the GE e-newsletter and a special website offering useful information on the week and its contents. A project for a global education guide was launched as a direct follow-up of this seminar. A working group held a meeting in Lisbon in September to draw up a plan of action and define the contents of the project.

The Centre also participated, in Sinaia, in March, at the Evaluation Conference of the 2005 European Year of Citizenship through Education organised by the Council of Europe. Close contacts were developed with the DGIV, notably with the Division for Citizenship and Human Rights Education, for the preparation of the 2007 programme of activities as well as for the participation of the Centre in activities and meetings of the Division (notably the Ad hoc advisory group on the follow up of the Education for Citizenship Year 2005 and Human Rights Education).

In March, the Centre became a member of the working group on development education, set up by the European Commission which organised the Helsinki Conference on Development Education under the Finnish Presidency of the European Union (July 2006). The final recommendations of the Conference mentioned the development of a strategic framework on development education to support existing mechanisms and networks such as the Global Education Week of the North-South Centre.

The World Aware Education Award process was launched during the Youth Symposium on Diversity (Budapest, October) to tie in with the Council of Europe campaign, *All Different, All Equal: Diversity, Human Rights and Participation*. The award will be presented in 2007.

Programme for training and capacity building of young people and youth organisations

In 2006, the Training and Capacity Building for Young People and Youth Organisations Programme devoted its activities to the spirit of continuity, organising the 4th Euro-African Training Course for Youth Organisations in Portugal in July. The course resulted in a declaration on poverty eradication appealing for an Africa-Europe youth summit. The project of the Summit was launched during the European Development Days organised by the European Commission in November 2006 and will be implemented in 2007 during the Europe-Africa Summit to be held under the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union

The Centre held the 7th University on Youth and Development which brought together nearly 300 participants in Mollina in October. The theme was "All Different, All Equal - Diversity, Human Rights and Participation", the Council of Europe's Youth Campaign.

The Centre was able in this period to reinforce its collaboration with the DGIV, especially the Directorate of Youth and Sport.

The Euro-Med partnership on youth training between the Council of Europe and the European Union organised a training course on human rights education in Alexandria, and in May and in November, in Cairo, a round table on research and development of a youth policy in the framework of Euro-Med cooperation. The sectoral group meeting of the partnership in March and September took stock of the partnership and the activities notably those taking place during the last part of 2006, and elaborated the draft programme of activities for 2007. The final seminar of training for trainers was held in November in Morocco.

The Centre has also launched, with the support of EuroMeSCo³, a survey on "The role of youth as actors of political reform in the Southern Mediterranean" together with the Lebanise Centre for Policy Studies.

The participation of the Centre was requested in two national courses on human rights education and the use of the COMPASS⁴ of the Council of Europe as well as in the 10th national encounter of Portuguese Youth organised by the Portuguese National Youth Council and in the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum .

Finally, the candidacy of the youth programme was submitted by the Centre's partners for the 2006-2007 King Baudouin International Development Prize.

Line of action 2 "Promoting North-South solidarity policies in conformity with the goals and principles of the Council of Europe through dialogue between Europe, the southern Mediterranean countries and Africa"

Programme on Intercultural Dialogue

The Intercultural Dialogue programme focused on the media and participated in the organisation and implementation of the Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators (COPEAM) conference in April in Palermo. During the General Assembly, the Centre was re-elected to the Vice-Presidency of COPEAM (Member of the Steering Committee and of the Bureau)

The role of the North-South Centre in the promotion of intercultural and inter-religious dialogue was recognised in 2005 by the Action Plan of the 3rd Council of Europe Summit and the Faro Declaration on the Council of Europe's strategy for the development of intercultural dialogue. It was also referred to by the Portuguese government which mentioned "the support to the North-South Centre" on the dialogue between civilisations in the Cooperation Agreement signed between its government and the Aga Khan Foundation. At the government's request, the Centre submitted a project "Intercultural Dialogue, Democracy and Human Rights between Europe and the Arab World: foundations for social cohesion, peace and stability", for consideration by the Portuguese government and the Foundation.

This role was mentioned in the Council of Ministers' reply to Recommendation 183 (2006) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. In May, the President of the Ministers' Deputies asked the Centre to contribute to the White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue.

This role was also mentioned by the United Nations in its Resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe⁵ : the United Nations "encourage the continuation of such cooperation (in the promotion of intercultural dialogue) in particular through the European Centre for global interdependence and solidarity".

³ Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission

⁴ Manual of the Council of Europe on Human Rights education with young people

⁵ adopted at the 52nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (13 November 2006)

In the framework of the Co-operation Agreement signed by the Council of Europe and ALECSO⁶, the Centre paid a working visit to the Secretariat of this organisation in September in Tunis in order to establish a working framework. Two joint activities were proposed and will be part of the 2007 programme of activities.

The Centre also participated in the hearing “Freedom of Expression and Respect for Religious Beliefs” organised by the PACE Committee on Culture, Education and Science in Paris (Senate) in May.

Programme on Human Rights, Democratic Governance and Development

At the level of the **transmediterranean region**, the Centre organised the seminar on “Women’s Rights in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: women as agents of change” in Lisbon in June with the financial support of Istituto Studi Mediterranei of Lugano (Switzerland) and the collaboration of the Luso-American Foundation. The Seminar brought together more than fifty participants from the northern and southern part of the Mediterranean, representatives of governments, parliaments, international institutions and civil society.

The PACE Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, which participated in the seminar, has decided to organise a parliamentary seminar on the respect for the principle of equality between women and men in the family code (October, Strasbourg), in collaboration with the North-South Centre following PACE Resolution 1478 (2006)⁷ on the integration of immigrant women in Europe. The North-South Centre is deeply involved in the preparation of this seminar.

The European Union decreed at the latest Barcelona Summit that women’s rights should be given a more important place in Euro-Mediterranean relations and the Barcelona 2 commitments. The Centre was involved in the Rabat Conference in June 2006, organised by the European Commission in the framework of the Barcelona process with the objective of preparing the Euro-med Ministerial Conference that will be organised at the end of this year by the European Commission.

The Centre also participated in the Congress “North-South Dialogue in the Mediterranean” organised by the International European Movement in Algiers, in the conference “Peace, Security and Prosperity in the Mediterranean - 10 years of Euro-Mediterranean partnership: outcome and prospects” organised in Rhodes in June by the European Parliament and the government of Greece and in the conference “Common values and principles as basis for mediterranean dialogue in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership” organised in Madrid in December by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

In sub-Saharan Africa, the programme continued to strengthen the Euro-African dialogue process initiated in Cape Town in 2003 by holding in May the Cape Town Forum entitled “Towards a Euro-African pact for Africa’s development: the Role of Parliamentarians”. The Forum was organised in collaboration with AWEPA⁸ and the Austrian parliament in the context of the Austrian presidency of the European Union. The 140 participants included parliamentarians from Europe (including PACE) and Africa, as well as the European Commission. A declaration on the follow-up to the implementation of development policies was adopted which call for the holding of the Euro-African Summit.

The Centre participated in July in Bissau at the training sessions and debates of NGOs, organised by the NGOs platform, in the framework of the Head of States Summit of the Portuguese Speaking Countries as well as in several meetings as the National Forum on Co-development organised in Paris in December by

⁶ Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization

⁷ Text adopted by the Assembly on 24 January 2006

⁸ European Parliamentarians for Africa

the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the annual conference of ACEVO (Association of chief executives of voluntary organisations), organised in October in London.

The **Lisbon Forum** on Constitutionalism – The Key to Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law was jointly organised by the North-South Centre and the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe under the patronage of the San Marino Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It brought together around 100 participants from north and south, members of constitutional and similar courts, parliaments, non-governmental organisations and the media.

Programme on Migrations and Co-development

The 5th workshop on “Co-development and Democracy: the socio-political role of migrants” and the workshop on “Migration policies, the media and the image of migrants” were organised in May and in December in Lisbon. These workshops are part of the North-South dialogue process on migration initiated by the Centre and the Directorate General of Social Cohesion in 2004. Were part of the process in 2006 the Committee on Migrations, Refugees and Population of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Portuguese parliament, the Gulbenkian Foundation and the Panos Institute.

The Workshop is also in line with the PACE Recommendation 1737 (2006)⁹ – New trends and challenges for Euro-Mediterranean migration policies, which considers that “the Council of Europe and particularly its European Committee on Migration (CDMG) and the North-South Centre are useful forums for intergovernmental reflection and discussion on new Euro-Mediterranean migratory policies”.

In its reply¹⁰ to Recommendation 1737 (2006), the Committee of Ministers welcomed the recognition by the Parliamentary Assembly of the work of the European Committee on Migration and the North-South Centre and mentioned the new serie of workshops for 2006/2007.

The reply by the Committee of Ministers¹¹ to Recommendation 1718 (2005)¹² of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe also refers to the work of the North-South Centre in the field of migrations and co-development.

In the follow-up to the collaboration with DGIII, the Centre participated in August in a meeting of experts of the European Committee on Migration with the objective of preparing a draft recommendation on co-development and migrants working for the development of their country of origin. This collaboration was continued when the Centre, DGIII and PACE, organised in November, in Strasbourg, the 6th session of the political platform of the Council of Europe on migration dedicated to “the reinforcement of cooperation between host countries and countries of origin”.

Within the framework of this programme, the North-South Centre also facilitated a meeting in February between the Panos Institute and representatives of civil society and the Portuguese media to discuss the possibility of extending the Panos Media of Diversities programme (Médiam’ Rad) to Portugal. The Centre was interviewed on the subject by the RFI in March for a live broadcast on the brain drain.

The Centre continued to develop its expertise on migration and co-development by publishing a case-study (“Portugal and the Netherlands: Social Remittances of the African Diaspora in Europe”).

The Centre was also invited to take part to one Conference on Migration organised by Unesco in October in Paris.

⁹ Text adopted by the Standing Committee acting on behalf of the Assembly on 17 March 2006

¹⁰ Adopted 13 September 2006 at the 973 meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies

¹¹ Adopted at the 961st meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies (5 April 2006).

¹² Text adopted by the Assembly on 3 October 2005

iii) Programming and communication sector

At the level of the **programming and communication sector**, the focus was on the programming for 2006 and the preparation of the 2007 programme. The sector focused on the implementation of tools to facilitate the coordination and exchange of information, as well as replying to the different requests for information from partners or Council of Europe Directorates and structures.

In terms of communication, the Centre organised the media coverage of events organised in Lisbon by the North-South Centre and focused on a systematic distribution of publications. Following the decision taken by the Bureau in January, only an electronic version of the Interdependent newsletter is now sent out. The Centre is currently reflecting on the launching of new information tools in 2007.

The call for nominees for the **Council of Europe's North-South Prize 2006** went out in March. Following this, the Jury of the North-South Prize decided at its meeting of 12 June 2006 to award the 2006 North-South Prize to Mrs Mukhtaran Bibi (Pakistan), known for her determination on fighting for the promotion of human rights and to Father Francisco Van Der Hoff (The Netherlands) founder of the Max Havelaar Association responsible for the creation of the fair trade label. The 12th North-South Prize Award Ceremony which was due to take place at the Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament in Lisbon, on 27 November 2006, was postponed to March 2007 in order to allow the participation of the highest representatives of the Portuguese authorities and the Council of Europe.

iv) Management

At the level of management, the Centre continued its restructuring. The position of coordinator of the Global Education and Youth programme was made permanent and filled on 15 June 2006. The temporary post of administrative assistant for the Dialogue Unit was filled on 1st June with a staff member coming from headquarters. For the first time since August 2005, the staff of the Centre is complete. The position of fixed term receptionist was also created and is pending, subject to the financial situation of the Centre in 2007.

The situation of the Centre's temporary staff, although still unsatisfactory, was stabilised from a financial and contractual point of view for 2006. In addition, the Centre received five trainees.

The Centre focused on looking for partners for involvement and strong participation in the organisation of activities and make financial contributions or open the doors to future collaboration (e.g. Gulbenkian Foundation, participation of the European Commission, ALECSO, OECD, AWEPA in some activities).

The Centre was visited by the external Council of Europe's auditors in March 2006. The conclusions of the audit showed that the Centre has made substantial progress to improve its financial management.

The question of **new members** was once again a priority for the centre. In early 2006, the Austrian government announced its intention to join the North-South Centre but in September 2006, the authorities said that, following the elections, the question had been postponed. Contacts have been undertaken with other countries, such as Monaco, Belgium, United Kingdom and Romania.

In this context, PACE Recommendation 1737 suggests that the Committee of Ministers invites the North-South Centre to extend its member States to all the other Mediterranean countries, whether or not they are Council of Europe members. Recommendation 183 (2006) of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities also "invites countries that have not yet joined the North-South Centre to do so as soon as possible". In its reply to this recommendation, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe supported this appeal.

The announcement in July of Italy's withdrawal from the partial agreement as of 1 January 2007 goes against this trend and will impact considerably on the Centre's ability to fulfil its mission properly. Budget cuts will affect the Centre's programmes and their expected results.

Finally, it is interesting to note that the Parliamentary Assembly, referring to the external relations of the Council of Europe¹³, “welcomes the steps already taken to promote the Council of Europe’s values by its various bodies and institutions, in particular the Committee of Ministers, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the Commissioner for Human Rights, the Venice Commission and the North-South Centre. However, it considers that to achieve maximum effectiveness, these activities should be intensified, be based on appropriate instruments and form part of a coherent and co-ordinated strategy”. The collaboration of the Centre with the Venice Commission for the organisation of the Lisbon Forum 2006 is in line with the Assembly’s document. The Centre is already working to reinforce its collaboration with the institutions mentioned above.

¹³ Doc. 10956 12 June 2006 «External relations of the Council of Europe”

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Line of action 1: Raising European awareness of issues of global interdependence and solidarity through education and youth

PROGRAMME « STRATEGIES AND CAPACITY FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION »

Project Networking and support for national structures

	<p>GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK EUROPE (GENE)</p>
	<p>General objectives</p> <p>The GENE network works to strengthen the effectiveness of support, funding and co-ordination of global education at national and European level.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The GENE network was established following the 1999 evaluation of the North-South Centre, which recommended networking and the creation of processes and structures to increase the effectiveness of global education.</p> <p>Since its creation in 2001, the GENE network has grown steadily.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Cidac (Almícar Cabral Portuguese Centre for Information and Documentation) and IPAD (Portuguese Institute for Aid and Development), DEA (U.K.), Ireland Aid (former NCDE), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Educational Council (Finland), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and INWent (Germany), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Belgium), Institute of International Relations (Czech Republic), ADA (Austria), Rorg (Norway), National Committee for Sustainable Development - NCDO (Netherlands), The Swiss Foundation for Education and Development, UNDP/slovak Aid (Slovakia), and other national structures for Global Education.</p>
10-12 March	<p>11th GENE Round Table on multilateral networking of national structures for the support, funding and coordination of Global Education</p> <p>Strasbourg (France)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>GENE round tables brought together members of the network to update the situation in each country and discuss progress in the network's work. The 11th round table was hosted by the North-South Centre.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The network members discussed national reports on development education and progress of the network's studies (comparative analysis: national structures for the organisation, support and funding of development education / responsibilities of GE / identification of a space for GE in the national curriculum). They also discussed the follow-up of the peer evaluation process, support for the V-4 countries, the 2005 Brussels Conference and the progress of development education in European institutions.</p>
5-9 April	<p>GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK 2006</p> <p>International seminar « Strategies for increasing and improving global education » in preparation for Global Education Week 2006</p> <p>Sinaia (Romania)</p>

18-20 November	Global Education Week "Acting Together for a Just World"
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The seminar provided a meeting space for national Global Education Week co-ordinators from participating countries. Participants prepared the 2006 Global Education Week (18-24 November 2006) on the basis of the evaluation of the 2005 Global Education Week.</p> <p>The main objective of the Global Education Week is to encourage professionals and all those concerned by Global Education to raise awareness on this issue, through the exchange of good practices at national and european level thanks to informatic tools.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>In a number of member States of the Council of Europe, theme-based weeks have been developed to draw attention to national global education initiatives, and to co-ordinate these initiatives. Since 1999, the North South Centre, with the involvement of national structures, has facilitated multilateral networking between these national structures.</p> <p>Global Education Week began as a pilot initiative in 1999 with 12 member states, and has increased steadily to now include 36 member States and 4 international networks of GE and Youth.</p> <p>Partners of the Seminar</p> <p>The Romanian Minister of Education (Bureau of Extra-curricular activities) Association of Romanian Magistrates</p> <p>Results of the Seminar</p> <p>Representatives from Ministries of Education, structures, NGOs, universities, youth organisations and teachers' trade unions participated.</p> <p>Over the three days, the participants assessed the progress of GE Week, reflected on a more inclusive approach to GE results, particularly taking into account the point of view of partners from the south and exploring the theme of the 2006 week in the context of Millennium Goal 8, "Partnership for development". Two working groups were set up, one to develop pedagogical tools for promoting GE (1) and the other on interculturality (2).</p> <p>The seminar also focused on strategies for improving and developing GE Week, concentrating on a coordinated approach between experts, political decision makers and civil society.</p> <p>Results of the week</p> <p>All schools and youth organisations and other partners belonging to the Member States of the Council of Europe were invited to participate in the week.</p> <p>All the activities were put on the week's website to encourage networking. The website acts as a source of reference that facilitates and encourages the sharing of experiences throughout the year. It provides schools and classes with suggestions for activities, access to national Global Education Week coordinators and useful links on GE (education networks, teaching resources, newsletters, etc).</p> <p>The activities carried out and shared by the network during the week were published twice weekly in the NSC GE Newsletter.</p>
21-24 September	Meeting of the working group on Global Education guideline project Lisbon (Portugal)
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To prepare a reference document/manual/guideline on line about Global Education; - To create a model for training courses on Global Education. <p>Context</p> <p>At the end of the Sinaia Seminar, participants set up a working group for developing pedagogical tools for promoting Global Education. The meeting of the working group in Lisbon represents a direct</p>

	<p>follow-up to the Seminar.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Global Education Week Network</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The working group defined the content and plan of action for the elaboration of a Global Education guideline focusing on Global Education definitions and context, general methodology and content, resources / tools (good practices / examples / strategies for strengthening Global Education.), recommended bibliography and list of experts from diverse countries on Global education.</p>
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	WORLD AWARE EDUCATION AWARD
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To recognise and encourage projects which promote the sustainable integration of global education into education systems, formal and non-formal and show excellence in networking, partnership and co-ordination for increased and improved global education.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The World Aware Education Award exists since 1999.</p> <p>Members of the jury</p> <p>A representative of Irish Aid, a representative of the GE network, a representative of a youth organisation, and a representative of the North-South Centre</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The call for nominees for the World Aware Education Award went out during the Youth Symposium on Diversity (Budapest, October) and tied in with the Council of Europe campaign <i>All Different, All Equal: Diversity, Human Rights and Participation</i>.</p> <p>The 25 nominations will be submitted to the jury. The Award will be presented in 2007 during the University on Youth and Development.</p>

Peer Review of national policies

GLOBAL EDUCATION PEER REVIEW	
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To develop a programme of peer review and evaluation on global education in Council of Europe member States.</p> <p>It is intended that national reports, and the peer review processes leading to them, act as a tool for national actors to enhance quality and impact nationally, and as a mechanism for international learning, comparative analysis, benchmarking, policymaking and improvement.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The Global Education Peer Review process was proposed at the Maastricht Congress in 2002. Following a feasibility study in 2003, the process was fully launched in 2004 with Peer Reviews and National Reports on Cyprus, Finland and the Netherlands.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and InWent of Germany, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Committee for Sustainable Development (NCDO), the Netherlands, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, National Board of Education, Finland, Development Co-operation, Ireland, Austrian Development Agency, Austria.</p>
30 May	<p>Launching of the report on Global Education in Austria</p> <p>Vienna (Austria)</p>
	<p>Results</p> <p>The national report on global education in Austria was officially launched at the 12th round Table of the GENE network.</p> <p>It followed two visits to Austria in 2005 during which meetings were held with the Ministries of Education, Foreign Affairs and Environment, trade unions, development NGOs and education institutes.</p> <p>The Austrian Development Agency, the national GE strategy group in Austria, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and civil society organisations helped in the organisation of the visits.</p> <p>The report provides an overview of the current state of Global Education in Austria and provides perspectives on future prospects for increased and improved global education.</p> <p>It outlines key observations and recommendations for the future of global education in Austria.</p>
27 September	<p>Preparatory meeting for « The report on Global Education in Germany »</p> <p>Berlin (Germany)</p>

Partners

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
InWEnt - Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung (Capacity Building International, Germany)
Global Education Network Europe – GENE
Civil society organisations

Results

The visit had several objectives which were successfully met :

- 1) Preparatory meeting with the main stakeholders (BMZ, GENE, NSC) for the preparation, launching and implementation of the German peer review process ;
- 2) Meeting with the Advisory Board for development education of the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development to start a consultation process on the German peer review on global education ;
- 3) Presentation of the work of the North-South Centre and exploration of the possibilities of reinforcing the collaboration with German authorities and civil society actors (NGDO's in Germany).

PROGRAMME « TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS »

Global Youth partnership for sustainable development

	COVENANT ON EURO-MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH TRAINING
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop and further sustain the training of young workers and youth leaders, with a view to increasing the quality and quantity of Euro-Med intercultural youth projects and develop their skills and abilities to deal with issues of common concern, such as human rights, citizenship and democracy, women's rights and minority rights, environmental protection, etc; • To foster the development of intercultural learning projects based on participation and citizenship of young people; • To provide educational tools and support for youth workers and leaders of youth groups in Euro-Med youth work; • To create synergies and seek complementarities between the experiences of the Council of Europe and the European Commission - and their governmental and non-governmental partners in Euro-Med issues; • To provide possibilities for dialogue, based on intercultural learning, of issues of major concern for young people in the Mediterranean area; • To develop a common offer of training in co-operation with SALTO-Euro-Med. <p>Context</p> <p>The Council of Europe and the European Commission have agreed to develop a common project on Euro-Mediterranean youth training (1st phase: 2003-April 2005/2nd phase : May 2005-end 2006). The aim of this partnership is to provide further quality training and learning opportunities for youth workers and youth leaders active in Euro-Mediterranean youth projects.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe North-South Centre of the Council of Europe Youth Unit, Directorate-General Education and Culture, European Commission</p>
<p>20-21 March</p> <p>18-19 September</p>	<p>Partnership sectorial group on Euro-Med, Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue</p> <p>Brussels (Belgium)</p> <p>Lisbon (Portugal)</p>
	<p>Context</p> <p>The partnership sectorial group meetings were set up in the context of the new Euro-Med Partnership Agreement in order to give update information on the Euro-Med Youth programme and on the Youth Partnership.</p> <p>Partners: (members of the Group)</p> <p>European Youth Centre Budapest, Council of Europe North-South Centre, Council of Europe European Commission - Directorate General for Education and Culture European Youth Forum Euro-Mediterranean Youth Platform European Network of Youth Researchers and Salto-Youth Euromed Resource Centre</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The partners held an exchange of information on project developments and on the implementation of activities (training courses on human rights education, round-table on youth policy cooperation, training active trainers in Euro-Med work, seminar on diversity, human rights and participation, seminar on youth research, T-Kit on Euro-Med youth work and web-site).</p>

	The September meeting examined the draft programme for 2007 which will focus on "Euro-Med, Human Rights Education and Intercultural dialogue".
1-9 April	Arab-Euro Training Course on Human Rights Education with youth Alexandria (Egypt)
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To develop the skills of Arabic-speaking trainers in human rights education at a national and regional level and allow them to act as trainers and multipliers of this education using the <i>Compass</i> manual.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The Council of Europe produced <i>Compass</i>, a human rights education manual for young people. It describes the essential concepts of this education, practical activities and formal and informal methods. A number of trainer and national training have been organised in this context. The manual currently exists in 12 languages. The idea of the training course is to increase the number of trainers involved and introduced the manual to educators, young workers and youth leaders.</p> <p>The course was organised by the Euro-Med partners and the Alexandria Swedish Institute.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The participants reviewed the progress of human rights and the existing challenges in their countries of origin, familiarised themselves with the approach and structure of the manual, shared their experiences and challenges in the development human rights education and planned follow-up activities and projects to sustain human rights education.</p>
30 May	Round table "Research and development of a youth policy in the framework of Euro-Med cooperation" Cairo (Egypt)
27-29 November	and Seminar "Research in the Field of Youth and Development of a Youth Policy" Alexandria (Egypt)
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To exchange views on existing projects and programmes for the research and development of a youth policy within the framework of Euro-Med co-operation; - To draw up proposals and ideas for organising a high-level conference on the development of a youth policy in 2008; - To develop a strategy for youth research in the Euro-Med region; - To prepare the follow-up seminar on the research and development of a youth policy in the framework of Euro-Med cooperation, 20-24 November, Alexandria. <p>Results</p> <p>A round table on the subject was held before the preparation of the seminar. The discussions included ALECSO, UNICEF, OHDIR, the EU, the Council of Europe, the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Swedish Institute, the Swedish Youth Agency, the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Platform, NGOs and other partners. The round table offered an excellent opportunity for testing the validity of the project and providing follow-up elements for the high-level conference planned for 2008.</p>
5-14 November	Euro-Med training course for trainers- final seminar Essaouira (Morocco)

	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Training of Euro-Mediterranean youth trainers began in November 2004. This course is the backbone of the partnership programme as it brings together the 30 most active and experienced trainers in the Euro-Med projects to develop their skills and consolidate the pool of existing trainers.</p> <p>The first seminar took place in Budapest from 21 November to 2 December 2004 and the second in Marly le Roi (France) from 19 September to 1 October 2005.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The final seminar assessed the project and the skills developed by the participants in areas specific to Euro-Med youth work and the participants' projects, such as non-formal education, human rights education and conflict management.</p>
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22-29 July	<p>4th EURO-AFRICAN TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS "Youth Participation in Poverty Eradication"</p> <p>Almada (Portugal)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To strengthen the role of youth organisations as civil society actors; - To consolidate strategies and partnerships concerning issues such as poverty eradication, youth action and Europe-Africa relations; - To contribute to the harmonious integration of youth in national and international decision-making processes. <p>Context</p> <p>Encouraged by the success of the previous Africa-Europe Training Courses for youth organisations "Youth participation on poverty eradication" (2002- Cape Vert ; 2004 - Spain and 2005 – Portugal), the North- South Centre ran this programme for the 4th time in Almada (Portugal) from 22 to 29 July 2006.</p> <p>Partner</p> <p>European Youth Exchange</p> <p>Results</p> <p>30 participants from 30 African and European countries adopted a final declaration which was sent to the main partners of the North-South Centre.</p> <p>The declaration focused on youth participation in the decision-making processes with the proposal of creating a platform for African and European youth organisations. The issues of unemployment and HIV/AIDS were pointed out as affecting youth in the first place. On the issue of HIV/Aids, participants proposed the establishment of a common forum where youth from Africa and Europe could meet and share knowledge and experiences. They called for greater emphasis on fostering co-operation in formal and non-formal education in Euro-African relations and launched proposals to improve intercultural dialogue. Finally, they committed themselves to a continued and increasing dialogue on poverty eradication. Representatives from the Portuguese Secretary of State for Youth and Sport, the European Youth Forum and the National Portuguese Youth Council attended the closing session.</p> <p>During the training course, a debate on European citizenship was organised in collaboration with European Youth Exchange and the participation of a representative of the Portuguese Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation.</p>

2-8 October	<p>7th UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Mollina(Spain)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create spaces for debate for young people and youth organisations from north and south, enabling them to discuss their experiences and learn from the experience of others and reinforce

	<p>their role as actors in local, national, regional and international development;</p> <p>- To encourage and lead the discussion and analysis of the role of youth in global development and to facilitate the preparation and implementation of development projects in the youth sector.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The University on Youth and Development, which was held for the first time in 1999, is a meeting place for players from different movements and institutions and civil society working with young people on issues of global development. It represents a key moment in the reinforcement of the capacities of youth multipliers and of action focussing on youth and development policy.</p> <p>The general theme of the 7th University was the Council of Europe Youth Campaign <i>All Different, All Equal: Diversity, Human Rights and Participation</i>. Priority was given to the Euro-Mediterranean region.</p> <p>The partners' preparatory meetings took place in March and May 2006.</p> <p>The University on Youth and Development was held from 2 to 8 October 2006 in Mollina (Spain). The North-South Centre acts as a facilitator in terms of preparation, the programme and administrative and logistical matters.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE) Spanish Youth Council (CEJ) European Youth Forum (EYF) Latin-American Youth Forum (FLAJ) Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Youth Action for Peace (YAP) Youth Express Network (YEN) Youth for Understanding (EEE-YFU) Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU) European Peer Training Organisation (EPTO)</p> <p>Results</p> <p>With the Council of Europe Youth Campaign as a backdrop, the 300 participants who met in Mollina were able to take part in the following activities: trainer training, steering committee for the preparation of the Africa-Europe Youth Summit (2 meetings directly organised by the North-South Centre), training courses on conflict management through intercultural learning, on peer and anti-racism education and on human rights education in the Euro-Med region, a meeting of the pool of GE trainers, a seminar on diversity, human rights and participation in the Euro-Med region, a Euro - Latin-American youth forum, a meeting of the Asia-Europe trainer pool and joint social activities such as theatre, painting and solidarity evenings.</p>
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<p>15-16 November</p>	<p>INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PREPARATION OF THE EUROPE-AFRICA YOUTH SUMMIT</p> <p>Brussels (Belgium)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>- To stimulate the preparation of the Europe-Africa Youth Summit</p> <p>Context</p> <p>Following the Europe-Africa training course's appeal for reflection on the Euro-African youth summit, the North-South Centre organised an information session on the project during the European Development Days. The first edition of these days is part of the follow-up on the new Consensus for Development adopted by the European Commission, which focuses on the importance of raising people's awareness of development cooperation.</p> <p>Partner</p> <p>European Youth Forum</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The European Development Days brought together more than 2,000 participants from EU Member</p>

	<p>States, institutions, the World Bank and governments and parliaments in the south. This enabled the information session to reach a wide, varied audience. An interactive presentation of the project was followed by debates and a press conference.</p>
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Line of action 2 : Promoting North-South solidarity policies in conformity with the goals and principles of the Council of Europe through dialogue between Europe, the Southern Mediterranean countries and Africa

PROGRAMME « INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE »

Reinforcement of strategies and mechanisms for intercultural dialogue

<p>29-30 April</p>	<p>PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF MEDITERRANEAN AUDIOVISUAL OPERATORS (COPEAM) 13th annual Conference of COPEAM «Objectives 2010 : the Mediterranean, a privileged area for the free circulation of people, ideas and audiovisual works”</p> <p>Palermo (Italy)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Copeam’s purpose is to strengthen co-operation and partnerships between the countries on the two sides of the Mediterranean (Europe/Maghreb/Mashrek/South-East Europe). It also serves as a tool in this co-operation through exchanges and partnerships between different audiovisual organisations, the media and civil society.</p> <p>The purpose of the 13th conference was to discuss the main challenges for 2010, including the real opening of borders, not only in terms of the circulation of goods and know-how, but also of professionals, the main vectors of knowledge and cultural rapprochement.</p> <p>The role of public television stations and the media as central channels for intercultural dialogue in the Mediterranean is essential and should be extended. This is how the Centre is involved. The Centre is an institution that complements audiovisual organisations and brings them guidance and content, while favouring the reinforcement of dialogue between the countries on the two sides of the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>Copeam was set up in 1994 and was strengthened by the European Commission after the implementation of the Barcelona Process. The North-South Centre is a founding member of COPEAM and has been its Vice-President for eight years.</p> <p>The preparatory meeting for the annual conference took place in Cairo on 21-22 January.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Copeam, RAI-Radiotelevisione Italiana, Palermo</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The North-South Centre was a partner in the organisation of the 13th conference, mainly regarding the first round table (content, choice of participants and moderation).</p> <p>The conference brought together more than 280 participants from European and south-Mediterranean countries, who discussed the following two main subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mediterranean, a historical area for dialogue or mobility or new frontiers of culture? - The circulation of audiovisual products: from the north to the south, the new routes for the Mediterranean <p>The organisation’s elective assembly met on the fringe of the conference. The North-South Centre was re-elected to the Managing Committee and to the Vice-Presidency. The North-South Centre is the only international institution belonging to Copeam to have been re-elected to the Managing Committee and to the Vice-Presidency alongside major audiovisual operators like France TV, RAI and Spanish, Jordanian, Egyptian and Algerian TV.</p>

PROGRAMME “HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT”

Transmed Platform on Human Rights, Democratic Governance and Development

30 June-1st July	SEMINAR “WOMEN’S RIGHTS IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGION, WOMEN: AGENTS OF CHANGE” Lisbon (Portugal)
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To give priority to the role of agents of change that women in the Maghreb and Mashrek countries must play; - To analyse different situations, and to develop mechanisms to strengthen their political, social and economic role in Euro-Mediterranean societies; - To reflect on the promotion of women’s rights, as religious rules and traditions often encroach on laws and reinforce de facto discrimination; - To define women’s place as players in the challenges of democratic change faced by the southern Mediterranean countries. <p>Context</p> <p>The regional context of increased religious extremism often has a negative impact on women’s rights. On the other hand, democratic transitions in the Maghreb and Mashrek countries mean a stronger position for women as first-class citizens.</p> <p>The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) considers the question of women’s rights in Arab countries to be crucial, as it has an impact on immigrant women of Muslim origin. The European Union decided at the last Barcelona Summit that a more important place should be afforded to women’s rights in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and Barcelona 2 commitments.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Instituto Studi Mediterranei, Lugano (Switzerland) Luso-American Foundation (Portugal)</p> <p>Results</p> <p>More than 50 representatives of parliaments, governments, civil society from the Euro-Mediterranean countries reviewed the situation of women in some countries of the region.</p> <p>The participants called for a better knowledge between the people of the Mediterranean region and the building of a real dialogue between cultures, based on mutual reciprocity, exchange and respect. Countries were asked to assure the legal protection of women by adopting, unreservedly, new family codes. The participants called for, among other things, for the creation of synergies in the action being taken by different actors (governments, parliaments, local authorities, NGOs) in order to reinforce the achievements already reached in relation to the promotion of women.</p> <p>The emphasis was placed on the reinforcement of partnership relations between women’s organisations in arab and european countries.</p> <p>As a direct follow-up to the Seminar, participants asked the North-South Centre to co-ordinate the setting-up of a Solidarity Network of Euro-Mediterranean Women in order to continue to work together in the process developed during the Seminar.</p> <p>The recommendations made by this Seminar also served as input at the Seminar organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the North-South Centre on respect for the equality between women and men in family codes (October 2006), and at the Ministerial Conference that the European Commission was preparing in late 2006.</p> <p>The opening session, chaired by Mr Claude Frey, Chairman of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre, was attended by Jorge Lacão, Portuguese Secretary of State for the Council of Ministers Presidency, Princess Wijdan Ali from Jordan, Gulsun Bilgehan, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe.</p>

<p>20 October</p>	<p>PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR ON THE RESPECT FOR EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN IN FAMILY CODE.</p> <p>Strasbourg (France)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue the work of the Parliamentary Assembly on the integration of immigrant women in Europe following the adoption of Resolution 1478 (2006) in January 2006; - To contribute to the preparation of the PACE report on upholding the principle of equality under civil law in Europe. <p>Context</p> <p>The PACE Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men participated in the seminar on women as agents of change in the Euro-Med region (Lisbon, June-July) and decided to organise, in collaboration with the North-South Centre, a parliamentary seminar on upholding the principle of equality between women and men, including in family codes (October, Strasbourg), following PACE Resolution 1478 (2006) on the integration of immigrant women in Europe.</p> <p>The North-South Centre was deeply involved in the preparation of the seminar, ensuring the participation of parliamentarians from the southern Mediterranean.</p> <p>Partner</p> <p>PACE Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The seminar was based on lessons learned from the situation in Portugal, Turkey, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. Marriage, divorce, custody of children and the transfer of assets were among the subjects addressed by parliamentarians from Council of Europe member States, North Africa, legal experts and religious leaders.</p>

Euro-African Platform on Human Rights, Democratic Governance and Development

25-26 May	CAPE TOWN FORUM "TOWARDS A EURO-AFRICAN PACT FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS" Cape Town (South Africa)
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To facilitate the setting-up of a platform for dialogue and partnership between African parliamentarians and their European counterparts ; - To promote parliamentarians' awareness and mobilisation for development cooperation. <p>Context</p> <p>Monitoring political and structural developments in Africa very closely, since 2003 the North-South Centre has been organising a series of Europe-Africa meetings in order to create spaces for dialogue between the two continents on matters of mutual interest. These annual meetings focus on the role of civil society and parliamentarians in these issues.</p> <p>The Cape Town Forum is part of these dynamics.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>AWEPA Austrian presidency of the European Union The Austrian parliament</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The Forum brought together around 140 European and African parliamentarians.</p> <p>Three main issues were addressed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The actual changes in the African continent on democratisation, peace promotion and regional integration (setting up the African Union and NEPAD); - The new European strategy towards development in Africa; - The necessity to ensure a parliamentary follow-up to the development policies. <p>At the end of the Forum, participants adopted a final declaration with oriented-actions resolutions. One of these resolutions calls for the setting-up of a parliamentary follow-up mechanism to development policies notably on aid efficiency and use.</p> <p>The meeting was attended by two members of the Bureau of the North-South Centre's Executive Council: Mr Peter Schieder and Professor Ben Turok.</p>

28-29 November	LISBON FORUM ON CONSTITUTIONALISM – THE KEY TO DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW Lisbon (Portugal)
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To debate issues related to the nature and evolution of constitutional systems in the north and south in the context of globalisation ; - To analyse the role of the different players in strengthening constitutional democracies, preserving the balance of power, protecting freedoms and promoting democratic values. <p>Context</p> <p>The Lisbon Forum 2006 was jointly organised by the North-South Centre and the Venice Commission of</p>

the Council of Europe under the patronage of the San Marino Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It took place on 28-29 November 2006 at the Portuguese Parliament in Lisbon.

The forum on *Constitutionalism – The Key to Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law* brought together around 100 participants from north and south, members of constitutional and similar courts, parliaments, non-governmental organisations and the media.

Partners

Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe

Results

The participants addressed the different challenges associated with democratic processes, drawing attention to the importance of a constitution as the fundamental framework for strengthening democracy and social change. The importance of the role of parliaments, political parties and civil society organisations was also underscored. The participants in the forum also pointed out the need to pursue and reinforce the dialogue between constitutional courts in the north and south, to support initiatives promoting education in democratic values and to associate civil society organisations and the media with education in democratic values.

The Forum was opened by Mr Peter Schieder, Chairperson of the Forum, Mr Mota Amaral, Vice-President of the Portuguese Delegation to PACE, Mr Claude Frey, President of the Executive Council, Mrs Gabriella Battaini, Director General of the DGIV and Mr Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission.

PROGRAMME “ MIGRATION AND CO-DEVELOPMENT”

Management of migration and co-development

<p>18-19 May</p>	<p>DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION AND CO-DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Workshop : “North-South Dialogue on Migration : co-development and democracy”</p> <p>Lisbon (Portugal)</p>
<p>15-16 December</p>	<p>Workshop : « Migration policies, the media and the image of migrants”</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support the Council of Europe’s political platform on migration ; - To follow-up on the Lisbon Forum on migration (2003) and the four workshops on migration and development (2004-2005). <p>Context</p> <p>At their seventh conference (16-17 September 2002, Helsinki), the European Ministers of the Council of Europe’s member States in charge of migration issues recommended that the Committee of Ministers should implement an action plan to set up regular co-operation and dialogue on migrations between countries of origin, transit and destination. As a result, the Committee of Ministers set up the Council of Europe political platform on migrations.</p> <p>In order to provide it with support and encourage cooperation with governments, parliamentarians, local authorities and NGOs of the many African countries that have close migratory relations with Europe, the Directorate General of Social Cohesion (DG III) and the North-South Centre organised a series of pilot workshops in 2004 and 2005 with the general theme of North-South dialogue on migrations and co-development, focusing on the multiple challenges associated with co-development and the role of the different players.</p> <p>The workshops organised in 2006 completed this dialogue process. They also represented a response to Recommendation 1718 (2005) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on co-development policy as a positive measure for regulating migratory flows, which recommends that the Committee of Ministers encourages the North-South Centre to make migrations and co-development one of the main branches of its programme.</p> <p>Partners of the Workshop on North-South Dialogue on Migration</p> <p>Directorate General of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe Committee on Migrations, Refugees and Population of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe The Assembly of the Portuguese Republic The Gulbenkian Foundation</p> <p>Partners of the Workshop on “Migration policies, the media and the image of migrants”</p> <p>Directorate General of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe Panos Institute</p> <p>Results of the Workshop on North-South Dialogue on Migration</p> <p>More than 100 experts and high personalities from Europe, the North and the South of the Mediterranean and Africa attended the workshop. The three issues addressed were co-development and democracy, co-development and diasporas and co-development and refugees.</p> <p>At the end of the discussions the participants drew up proposals and new paths were mapped out. The Centre launched a draft atlas of African migrations that will come out in late 2006.</p> <p>The meeting took place at the Senate Room of the Assembly of the Portuguese Republic and was opened by the President of the Portuguese Assembly.</p> <p>Results of the Workshop on “Migration policies, the media and the image of migrants”</p> <p>The workshop was structured around the following themes – the media and the image of migrants in host countries, the image of migrants in their countries of origin and migrants’ communication tools.</p>

	These issues were addressed by 25 migration experts and journalists from the north and south of the Mediterranean.
6-7 November	<p>Political platform to increase cooperation between countries of origin and countries of destination</p> <p>Strasbourg (France)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To begin dialogue and study ways of improving cooperation at different levels on the basis of issues being discussed by the governments and ministers, parliamentary assemblies, local authorities and non-governmental organisations of the participating countries - To identify the challenges of migration and explore appropriate courses of action and follow-up - To study the possibilities of follow-up by the CDMG or other Council of Europe structures <p>Context</p> <p>The Council of Europe's political platform on migration is a formal structure aimed at establishing regular regional dialogue on migration issues, as recommended by the 7th Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Migration Affairs (Helsinki, 2002). It was attended by Council of Europe member States and countries from Africa and Asia to foster dialogue and partnerships between countries of origin, transit and destination.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>It was organised by the European Migration Committee in collaboration with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population of the Parliamentary Assembly and the North-South Centre.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The 6th session of the political platform was devoted to cooperation between countries of origin and host countries and focused on two main issues: (1) challenges for the countries of origin and (2) regional cooperation – a special look at the Euro-Mediterranean region and West Africa.</p> <p>At the first session, the political platform examined different aspects of international cooperation on migration. The second session was devoted to regional cooperation in the Mediterranean and West Africa. The political platform recommended the launch of a series of activities to follow up on the debates organised in this framework.</p>
September	<p>Launching of a case study on "Social remittances of the Africa diaspora in Europe : the case in Portugal and in the Netherlands"</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To generate information on social remittances from African diasporas in Europe to their countries of origin ; - To develop the social capital of migrants ; - To raise the awareness of public authorities of the social remittances from diasporas living in Europe. <p>Context</p> <p>The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe has decided in 2006 to launch a series of case studies and conferences on one aspect of the various dimensions of migration which is largely overlooked despite its critical significance: social remittances of Diaspora to their home countries. The final draft of the report was presented and discussed at the 5th workshop "Co-development and democracy: the socio-political role of migrants" (May, Lisbon).</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The report was launched in September 2006. The six sections present (1) the concept and methodology of the case-studies (2) an assessment of existing social remittances, (3) the examination of patterns and a range of modalities of remittances, (4) an identification of challenges and constraints that the African diaspora is confronted with, (5) and of policy mechanisms in place in the two countries that facilitate or constrain the transfer of the social remittances, (6) a list of strategic actors and practical steps that could be initiated to facilitate this process. The final part draws a number of options for policy recommendations and proposals for a follow-up project.</p>

Programming and Communication sector

This year, the focus was on the programming for 2006 and the preparation of the 2007 programme of activities as well as the implementation of internal and external tools to facilitate the coordination and exchange of information, and replying to the different requests for information from partners or Council of Europe Directorates and structures.

The communication sector, in 2006, in close collaboration with the relevant departments of the Council of Europe, focused on:

1. Publications (see attached list)

- Newsletters: by decision of the Bureau of the North-South Centre, The Interdependent ceased to be printed as of January 2006 and is sent in electronic version only ;
- Publications related to activities ;
- General publications ;
- Working documents ;
- CD-ROMs ;
- DVD on activities organised by the North-South Centre.

Reorganisation of the mailing list for North-South Centre publications : systematic distribution of the publications produced to all partners of the North-South Centre.

2. Multimedia

Website

- Migration of the restricted part of the website “quadrilogue”: the server on which the restricted sites of the Council of Europe are located is timeworn, so these sites have had to be migrated ;
- Preparation of the migration to “web 2005” ;
- Regular updates ;
- Systematic despatch of North-South Centre information to the Council of Europe for publication on its website ;
- Retransmission online of videos of work conferences organised by the North-South Centre in Lisbon (e.g. the Migrations and Co-development Workshop/Seminar on Women as agents of change/Lisbon Forum)

Electronic Forum

- Launch of a discussion forum stemming from the debate at the workshop on “Co-development and Democracy: the socio-political role of migrants”, where participants share information and documents.

Videoconference

- Launch of a pilot videoconference project with Strasbourg and, in a long-term, with outside partners. Sound and image tests were carried out between Lisbon and Strasbourg to assess this new project.

3. Documentation Centre

- Monitoring documents ;
- Reorganising the Documentation Centre with the donation of several outdated works or works on general themes to national organisations and universities ;
- Creating a homepage with direct access to the Documentation Centre's online catalogue so that bibliographical searches can be conducted on the internet ;
- Continuing the cataloguing and indexing the Documentation Centre's collection in the Council of Europe's Workflow document database; only the oldest documents are not in the database (231 users in 2006) ;
- Welcoming visitors or providing electronic responses to partners' requests for documentation.

4. Press

- In partnership with the press unit in Strasbourg preparing notes to editors and press releases on activities organised by the centre ;
- Contract with a press agency for coverage of the Migration and Co-development Workshop/Seminar on Women as agents of change and the Euro-African course for youth organisations/Lisbon Forum ;
- Compilation of press files for 2006 activities.

5. Information technology and material

- Provision of material by the Department of Information Technology of the Council of Europe (DIT) ;
- New material was acquired for the Centre ;
- Training given to the NSC Computer correspondent by the DIT.

6. North-South Prize of the Council of Europe 2006

Preparation of the award ceremony for the Council of Europe's 2006 North-South Prize (12th edition).

The call for candidates went out in March 2006 and the deadline was 31 May. The call was posted on many websites, including African ones.

A file was prepared for each candidate and put online for the attention of the members of the jury who met in Lisbon on 12 June. The Jury of the Council of Europe's North-South Prize decided to award the 2006 North-South Prize to Mrs **Mukhtaran Bibi** (Pakistan), known for her determination on fighting for the respect of human rights and to Father **Francisco Van Der Hoff** (the Netherlands) founder of the Max Havelaar Association responsible for the creation of the fair trade label.

The 12th Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe due to take place on 27 November 2006 in the Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament was postponed to March 2007 in order to allow the participation of the highest representatives of the Portuguese authorities and the Council of Europe.

3. FINANCIAL SITUATION

3.1 Receipts

Receipts

Obligatory Contribution from member states (full year)	1 108 900,00
Voluntary contributions	94 727,13
Voluntary contribution - Portugal (full year)	151 433,32
Bank interests	22 702,62
Total	1 377 763,07

Breakdown of voluntary contributions

1. Received Voluntary Contributions

Organisation / Entity	Amount	Programme / Project / Activity
DGIII - COE	23 000,00	Workshop on Migrations and Development
Fundação Gulbenkian	1 000,00	Workshop on Migrations and Development
Irish Aid	7 000,00	World Aware Education Awards
Spanish Government	15 000,00	Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue
Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs	12 000,00	Africa-Europe Training Course
USI - Istituto mediterraneo/Lugano	12 490,00	Seminar on Women Rights
Fees collected during Africa-Europe TC	963,42	Global Education Youth Programme
DGIII - COE	23 273,71	Workshop on Migrations and Development
Sub-Total	94 727,13	

2. In-kind support or direct co-funding

Organisation / Entity	Amount	Programme / Project / Activity
DGIII -COE	3 137,00	Workshop on Migrations and Development
Portuguese Parliament	17 218,00	Workshop on Migrations and Development
Fundação Luso-Americana	9 414,00	Seminar on Women Rights
INJUVE - Spanish Gov	200 000,00	7th University on Youth and Development
Intercâmbio E de Jovens	2 500,00	Africa-Europe Training Course
Almada Municipal Council	800,00	Africa-Europe Training Course
AWEPA	180 000,00	Cape Town Forum
Sub-Total	413 069,00	

Total 1 + 2	507 796,13
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3.2 Financial Execution

3.2.1 For the totality of the budget

CCM	Article	Description	Budget €	Dépenses Réelles €
Budget Head : 6507 BL- Education à la citoyenneté mondiale et à la jeunesse				
00400	000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	76 505,00	76 301,40
	000002	Indemnités du personnel permanent	4 815,00	4 770,81
	000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	32 150,00	32 116,58
	000012	Provision ajustement remuneration du personnel	2 300,00	,00
	000056	Telecommunications	7 300,00	4 522,97
	000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	6 100,00	5 776,47
	000059	Loyer - bureaux	49 972,86	49 972,86
	0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	4 900,00	3 626,76
	0000263	Activites financees cont. vol.	28 272,39	28 272,39
	0000264	Depenses de programme	147 900,00	144 418,80
	0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	11 000,00	11 000,00
	0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	10 300,00	9 439,47
Total Budget Head : 6507			381 515,25	370 218,51
Budget Head : 6508 BL- Dialogue avec l'Afrique et les pays transmediterranéens				
	000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	96 400,00	96 326,82
	000012	Provision ajustement remuneration du personnel	1 900,00	,00
	000056	Telecommunications	4 600,00	3 094,23
	000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	4 100,00	3 406,04
	000059	Loyer - bureaux	37 858,36	37 858,36
	0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	3 800,00	2 038,49
	0000263	Activites financees cont. vol.	74 763,71	74 763,71
	0000264	Depenses de programme	185 300,00	148 969,13
	0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	7 800,00	7 800,00
	0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	14 348,00	13 676,72
Total Budget Head : 6508			430 870,07	387 933,50
Budget Head : 6509 BL- Politique de communication				
	000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	115 000,00	114 944,55
	000012	Provision ajustement remuneration du personnel	2 300,00	,00
	000056	Telecommunications	2 000,00	1 309,10
	000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	2 900,00	2 516,71
	000059	Loyer - bureaux	25 743,74	25 743,74
	0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	2 000,00	1 980,74
	0000264	Depenses de programme	38 100,00	20 275,01
	0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	15 000,00	15 000,00
	0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	16 152,00	16 147,27
Total Budget Head : 6509			219 195,74	197 917,12
Budget Head : 6510 BL- Encadrement / Direction				
	000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	172 100,00	172 048,75
	000002	Indemnités du personnel permanent	3 080,00	3 078,10
	000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	18 850,00	15 487,01
	000012	Provision ajustement remuneration du personnel	3 600,00	,00
	000056	Telecommunications	3 370,00	2 975,24
	000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	6 630,00	5 892,74
	000059	Loyer - bureaux	37 858,36	37 858,36
	000080	Frais de Mission	17 300,00	16 898,94
	000083	Frais de voy/sej delegations reunions stat.	8 900,00	8 620,22
	000084	Frais de voy/sej et de representation du President ou de son representant	9 000,00	7 952,95
	0000115	Interpretation	6 400,00	1 750,10
	0000116	Traduction	2 300,00	2 288,85
	0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	7 700,00	6 244,98
	0000167	Frais de representation	1 500,00	701,52
	0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	24 700,00	24 700,00
	0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	23 200,00	23 182,60
	0000392	Depenses diverses	1 200,00	912,00
Total Budget Head : 6510			347 688,36	330 592,36
Total CCM : 00400			1 379 269,42	1 286 661,49
Total Budget : 5001			1 379 269,42	1 286 661,49
Total for Plan 06			1 379 269,42	1 286 661,49

3.2.1 Programme expenditure BL
 (articles 000264 of Subheads 6507, 6508 and 6509)

3.2.1.1 Subhead 6507 : Raising European awareness of issues of global interdependence and solidarity through education and youth

Cost €

Line of action 1 (Programmes 1.1 and 1.2)	1.1.1 NETWORKING AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL STRUCTURES	
	TOTAL PROJECT 1.1.1	46 429,58
	1.1.2 PEER REVIEW OF NATIONAL POLICIES	
	TOTAL PROJECT 1.1.2	19 552,21
	TOTAL PROGRAMME 1.1	65 981,79
	1.2.1 GLOBAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	
	TOTAL PROJECT 1.2.1	41 374,10
	1.2.2 GLOBAL AND INTER-REGIONAL YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME	
	TOTAL PROJECT 1.2.2	37 062,91
	TOTAL PROGRAMME 1.2	78 437,01
TOTAL LINE OF ACTION 1		144 418,80

3.2.1.2 Subhead 6508: Promoting North-South solidarity policies in conformity with the goals and principles of the Council of Europe through dialogue between Europe, the southern Mediterranean countries and Africa

(Programmes 2.1, Line of action 2 2.2, 2.3)	2.1.1. REINFORCEMENT OF STRATEGIES AND MECHANISMS FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE	
	TOTAL PROJECT 2.1.1	66 446,07
	TOTAL PROGRAMME 2.1 66 446,07	
	2.2.1 TRANSMED PLATFORM ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT	
	TOTAL PROJECT 2.2.1	37 536,64
	2.2.2 EURO-AFRICAN PLATFORM ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT	
	TOTAL PROJECT 2.2.2	27 950,87
	TOTAL PROGRAMME 2.2 65 487,51	
	2.3.1 MANAGEMENT OF MIGRATION AND CO-DEVELOPMENT	
	TOTAL PROJECT 2.3.1	17 035,55
TOTAL PROGRAMME 2.3 17 035,55		
TOTAL LINE OF ACTION 2 148 969,13		

3.2.1.3 Subhead 6509 : Communication

Communication	3.1 COMMUNICATION		
	NSC Leaflet	1PUBCOM	3 836,21
	Interdependent	2PUBCOM	1 142,06
	Publications	3PUBCOM	1 404,03
	Translations	4PUBCOM	1 134,30
	3.2 North-South Prize	PNS06	6 267,79
	3.3 MULTIMEDIA	OMM	606,23
3.4 PRESS	PRESSE	4 260,00	
3.5 MISSIONS	COMissions06	1 624,39	
3.6 TRAINEES	COtrainees06		

COMMUNICATION	20 275,01
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TOTAL LINE OF ACTION 1, 2 AND COMMUNICATION	313 662,94
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GENERAL REMARKS:

In general terms, there was a good performance in the 2006 budget execution: 93,2% (1 286 661,49€) of available receipts in 2006 ;

Total of voluntary contributions (financial and in-kind support): 507 796,13€ (slightly higher than the amount estimated for 2006 which was 433 599,00 € ;

For **line of action 1**(subhead 6507), 98% of the allocated funds (176 172,39 €) were totally used ;

Concerning **line of action 2** (subhead 6508), the mobilisation of resources was lower: 86% of the amount available for the full year mainly due to the cancelation of the Conference « Europe and Islam » ;

In the **Communication** sector, the total expenditure amounted to 20 275,01 €, corresponding to expenditure of 53 %, the lowest of the three sectors, due to the postponement of the North-South Prize Ceremony from November 2006 to March 2007;

Overall, for the three programme lines, the percentage of financial spending was 88% (416 698,00 €).

4. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2006¹⁴

DATE	PLACE	PROGRAMME	ACTIVITY
20 January	Strasbourg (France)	Management	Bureau meeting
<i>21-22 January</i>	<i>Cairo (Egypt)</i>	<i>Intercultural Dialogue</i>	<i>Meeting of the Bureau, Steering Committee of COPEAM and preparatory Conference for the COPEAM Conference</i>
<i>1-5 March</i>	<i>Montevideo (Urugua)</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Preparatory meeting for the University on Youth and Development</i>
10-12 March	Strasbourg (France)	Global Education	11 th GENE Round Table
13 March	Strasbourg (France)	Management	Bureau meeting 35th meeting of the Executive Council
20-21 March	Brussels (Belgium)	Youth	Partnership Sectorial Group on Euro-med, Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue
1-9 April	Alexandria (Egypt)	Youth	Regional Training Course on Human Rights Education and Citizenship
5-9 April	Sinaia (Romania)	Global Education	Global Education Seminar for national G.E Week Co-ordinators
6 April	Strasbourg (France)	Management	45th Meeting of the representatives of the Member States of the NSC
29-30 April	Palermo (Italy)	Intercultural Dialogue	COPEAM Conference : « Objectives 2010 : the Mediterranean, a privileged area for the free circulation of people, ideas and audiovisual works”
<i>8-9 May</i>	<i>Lisbon (Portugal)</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Preparatory meeting for the University on Youth and Development and for the Euro-African Training Course</i>
18-19 May	Lisbon (Portugal)	Migration and Co-development	Workshop on « Migration and co-development »
25-26 May	Cape Town (South Africa)	Human Rights, Democratic governance and development (Europe-Africa)	Cape Town Forum “Towards an Euro-African pact for accelerating Africa’s development: the role of parliamentarians: the role of parliaments »
30 May 31 May-1 June	Cairo (Egypt)	Youth	Round-table on research and youth policy development in the Euro-Med cooperation framework <i>Preparatory meeting for the seminar on “Youth research and youth policy development”</i>
30 May	Vienna (Austria)	Global Education	Launching of the national report on global education in Austria.
12 June	Lisbon (Portugal)	Management	Bureau meeting Meeting of the jury of the 2006 North-South Prize
30 June-1 st July	Lisbon (Portugal)	Human Rights, Democratic governance and development (Transmed)	Seminar « The role of women as agents of change»
22-29 July	Almada (Portugal)	Youth	Euro-African Training course for youth organisations.
18-19 September	Lisbon (Portugal)	Youth	Partnership sectorial meeting on HR education, intercultural dialogue and euro-med.
21-24	Lisbon	Global Education	Meeting of the working group on GE guideline

¹⁴ in italic, preparatory meetings/ in bold, statutory meetings

September	(Portugal)		project
27 September	Berlin (Germany)	Global Education	Preparatory meeting : peer review in Germany
2-8 October	Mollina (Spain)	Youth	University on Youth and Development
20 October	Strasbourg (France)	Human Rights, Democratic governance and development (Transmed)	Parliamentary Seminar on the respect for equality between women and men in family code.
24 October	Strasbourg (France)	Management	46th meeting of the representatives of the Member States of the NSC
5-14 November	Morocco	Youth	Training for Trainers- final seminar
7-8 November	Strasbourg (France)	Migration and Co- development	Meeting of the Political Platform on migration of the Council of Europe
<i>7 November</i>	<i>Vilnius (Lithuania)</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Evaluation meeting of the University on Youth and Development</i>
15-16 November	Brussels (Belgium)	Youth	Information session on the preparation of the Euro-African Youth Summit
18-26 November		Global Education	Global Education Week
26 November 27 November	Lisbon (Portugal)	Management	Bureau 36th Meeting of the Executive Council
27-30 November	Alexandria (Egypt)	Youth	Seminar on youth research and youth policy development
28-29 November	Lisbon (Portugal)	Human Rights, Democratic governance and development (Europe-Africa)	Lisbon Forum 2006 "Constitutionalism : the key to democracy, human rights and the rule of law"
15-16 December	Lisbon (Portugal)	Migration and Co- development	Workshop on "Migration policies, the media and the image of migrants"

APPENDICES

2006 DOCUMENTS

INFORMATION NEWSLETTERS

The Interdependent n° 126 – October-December 2006

4 pages
Format A4
English-French
Electronic version

The Interdependent n° 125 – July-September 2006

4 pages
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The Interdependent n° 124 – April-June 2006

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The Interdependent n° 123 – January-March 2006

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Global Education Newsletter – monthly

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Newsletter Dialogue – bi-monthly (January-February)

English
Electronic version

PUBLICATIONS

Publication “Women’s rights in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: women as agents of change”

November 2006
104 pages
A4 Format
250 copies in French

Publication « Social remittances of the African diasporas in Europe »

August 2006
56 pages
A4 Format
500 copies in English

Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe 2005

July 2006

42 pages

A5 Format

500 copies

Presentation folders of the North-South Centre

May 2006

235x318 mm

500 copies in french/500 copies in english

Publication «Global Education in Austria»

May 2006

84 pages

A4 Format

700 copies in english

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University on Youth and Development, 7th edition

November 2006

A4 Format

Euro-African Training Course for youth organisations “Youth Participation in Poverty Eradication”

November 2006

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Final declaration of the Euro-African Course for youth organisations « Youth participation in poverty eradication »

August 2006

A4 Format

Final declaration of the Cape Town Forum « Towards a Euro-African pact for Africa’s development : the role of parliamentarians »

June 2006

A4 Format

Report of the Lisbon Forum 2005 «Democratic governance in multicultural societies from North and South »

January 2006

A4 Format

Annual activities report 2005

January 2006

34 pages ENG

34 pages FR

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CD ROM/DVD

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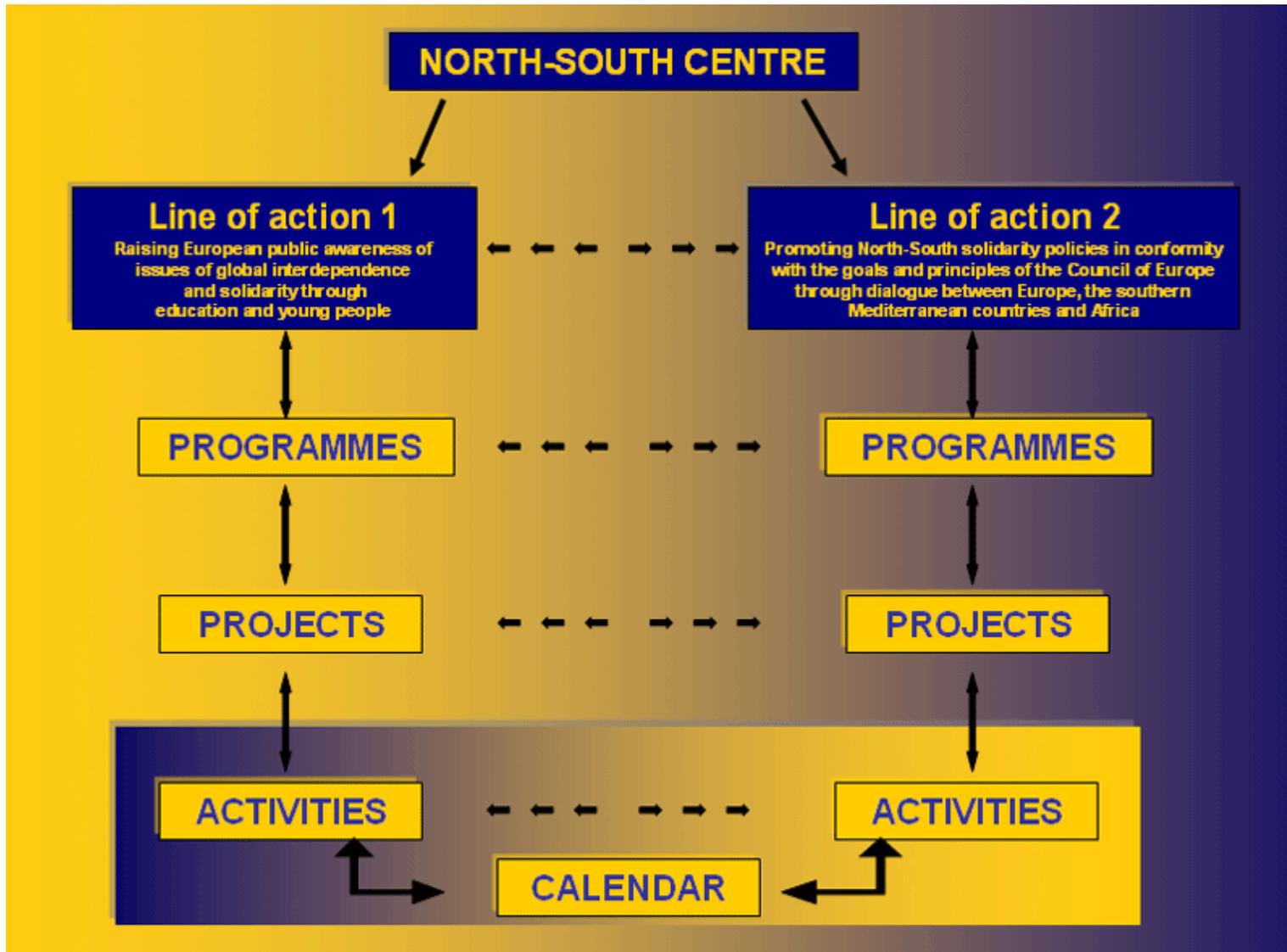
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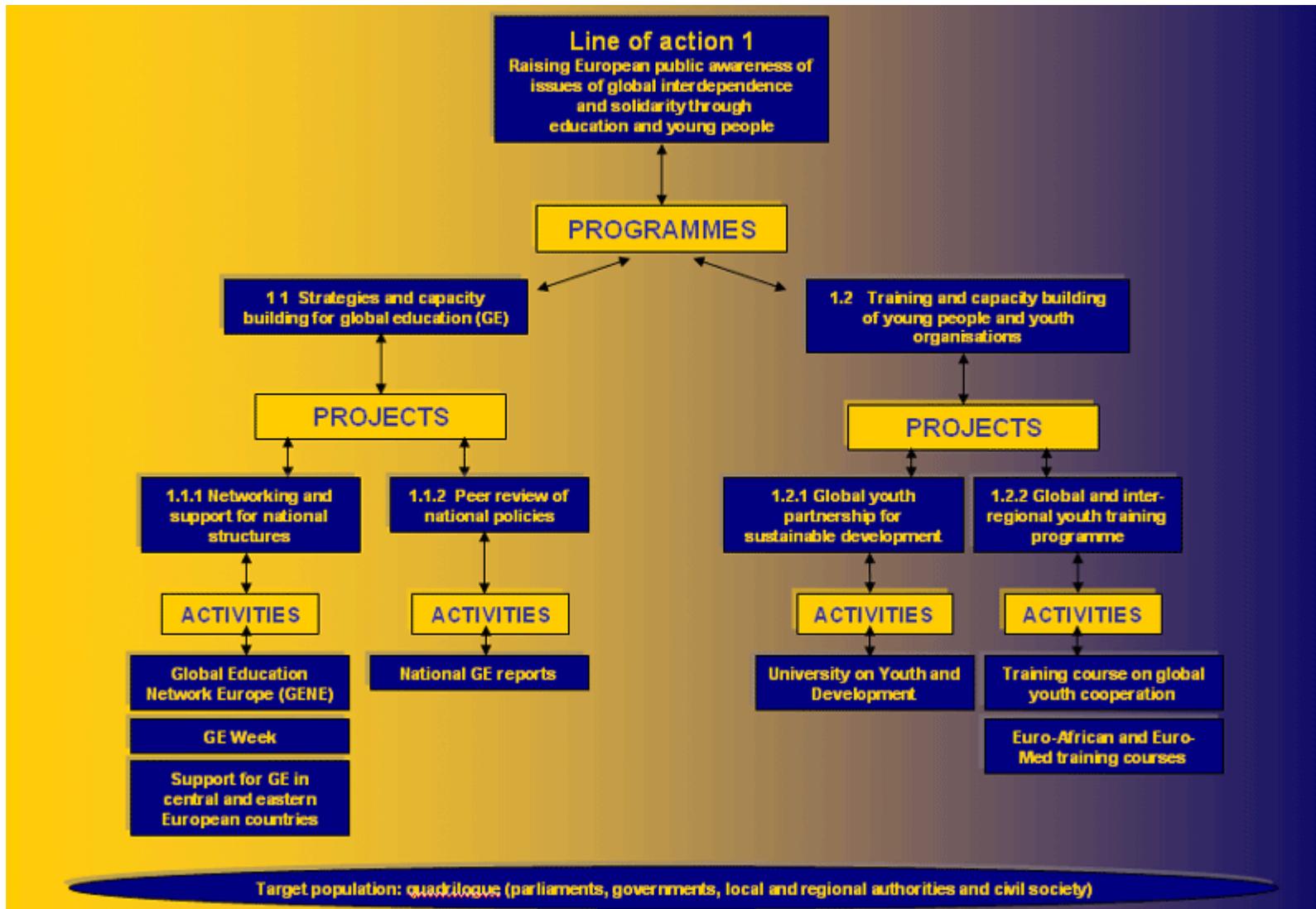
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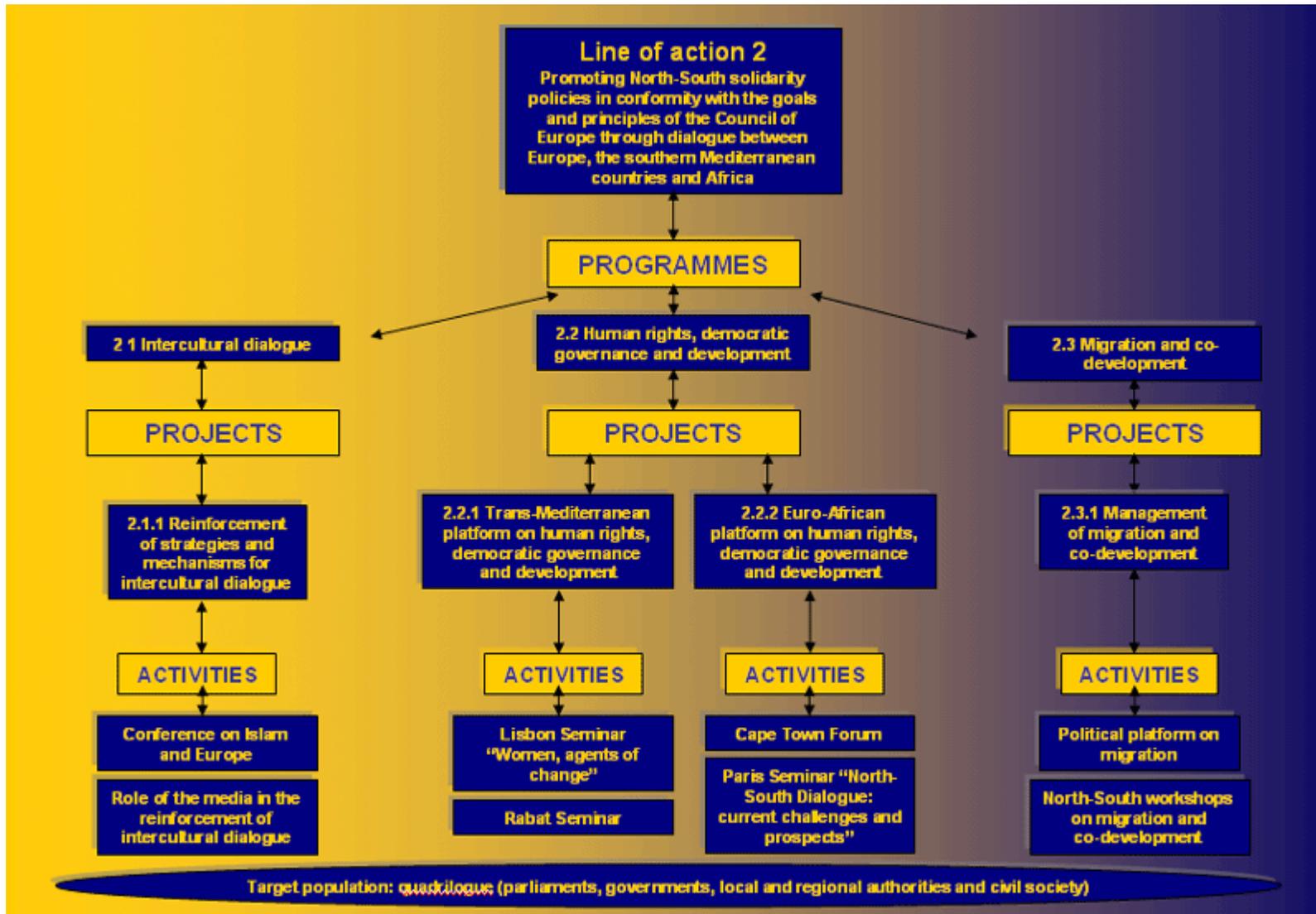
Master diagram



Line of action 1



Line of action 2



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