



North-South Centre of the Council of Europe



NSC/Inf (2008) 8 final
3 March 2009

2008 ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	INTRODUCTION	4
2.	INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK	5
2.1	STATUTORY ORGANS OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE	5
2.2	MEMBER STATES	9
2.3	COUNCIL OF EUROPE INSTITUTIONS AND GENERAL SECRETARIAT	9
2.4	OTHER NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE STAKE HOLDERS	10
2.5	NON-MEMBER STATES	12
2.6	INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	13
3.	PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	14
3.1	GLOBAL EDUCATION	14
3.2	YOUTH	18
3.3	INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE	19
4.	PERMANENT PROCESSES	22
4.1	NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE	22
4.2	LISBON FORUM	23
5.	FINANCIAL INFORMATION	24

APPENDIX 1: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS 2008-2010

APPENDIX 2: NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE ORGANIGRAMME

1 INTRODUCTION

The mission of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe, also known as the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity, is laid out in Resolution (89) 14 of 16 November 1989 and Resolution (93) 51 of 21 October 1993 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. According to the statutes of the Centre, its aim is to provide a framework for European co-operation for the purpose of increasing public awareness of global interdependence issues and to promote policies of solidarity in conformity with the aims and principles of the Council of Europe. The North-South Centre is often described as the Council of Europe's window to the world, because its purpose is to assert the validity of the values upheld by the Council beyond the European continent.

In 2008, the North-South Centre strengthened its role as the Council of Europe's major tool for dialogue with neighbouring countries, as defined by the Warsaw Action Plan. This role was reinforced by the adoption of the Council of Europe's White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue in May 2008 and the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the Alliance of Civilizations in September 2008.

In accordance with the decisions taken at the Executive Council in November 2007, the first three months of 2008 were devoted to an intense activity of consultations and contacts with the member States and the other stakeholders of the North-South Centre, in order to gather their opinion on the critical phase the Centre is experiencing and on their expectations for the present and the future. The new Executive Director met all the member States of the North-South Centre at the level of their Ambassadors in Strasbourg and in Lisbon, in the frame of bilateral consultations and/or restricted informal meetings. He also had in depth contacts with the other stakeholders of the North-South Centre (see page 10).

Building on these consultations and contacts, the Executive Director prepared a **strategic document on the future of the North-South Centre** which was discussed by the Executive Council at its meeting on 31 March. This document was accompanied by two "concept papers" on youth and education on the one hand, and on intercultural dialogue on the other hand. Together, these documents present a clear and coherent vision of the specific assets of the Centre and of the opportunities offered by the current international context to take advantage of them, as well as its priorities for the future. The orientations which are defined in these documents should allow the Centre to develop its potential as a privileged instrument of the Council of Europe in the euro-Mediterranean and euro-African spaces, building on the current strategic initiatives, not only within the Council of Europe (White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue), but also in the context of the European Union (European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, the implementation of the common strategy adopted at the Euro-African Summit in Lisbon, the revitalisation of the Barcelona process through the project of a Mediterranean Union) and of the United Nations (where the initiative of the "Alliance of Civilisations" is growing in importance).

The Executive Council took the following decisions regarding the strategic document. It:

- took note of the strategy document (NSC/EC (2008) 3) presented by the Executive Director on the basis of his consultations and contacts between November 2007 and March 2008;
- approved the guidelines for future action by the North-South Centre proposed in the document;

- entrusted the Secretariat to adapt the 2008 programme of activities as necessary, and prepare the 2009 and 2010 programme of activities and budgets in line with the proposed guidelines, and also in light of the discussion held on this matter.

These decisions were confirmed at the meeting of the Committee of Representatives of the member States on 18 April 2008 giving the North-South Centre clearance for implementing an ambitious and realistic roadmap for the future – short-term (autumn 2008) and medium-term (spring 2010).

In the field of education and youth, the highlights of 2008 were the launch of a process that should lead to the adoption of a recommendation supporting global education in the member States of the Council of Europe by the Committee of Ministers in 2009 and the signature of a joint management agreement with the European Commission designed to promote global education in the new EU member States, as well as Euro-African youth co-operation, during 2009-2011. With regard to the EU-Africa joint strategy, during 2008 the Centre has developed a set of capacity and training activities designed to stimulate Euro-African youth co-operation, which will be implemented with the support of the European Commission from 2009 in the framework of the CoE/EC youth partnership.

In the field of intercultural dialogue, the Centre organised several events in co-operation with DGIV, in the framework of the implementation of the recommendations of the White Paper. It was also involved in a number of projects under the “Union for the Mediterranean” process and became a founding member of the Euro-mediterranean University (EMUNI), created in 2008.

The North-South Centre’s permanent processes were also key moments in 2008. In November, the Centre held its annual Lisbon Forum meeting, in partnership with the Alliance of Civilisations, devoted to “the principle of universality of human rights and its implementation at international and regional level”. A work plan for the upcoming years was adopted, focusing on issues that are central to the debate or give rise to important difficulties or differences regarding implementation. In addition, the 13th Annual Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize took place in April with the prize awarded to Mrs Simone Veil and Mr Koffi Annan for 2007. In June, the Jury for the 2008 Prize decided to award the prize to Mr Jorge Sampaio and HM Queen Rania Al-Abdullah (Prize Ceremony to take place on 16 March 2009).

2 INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 STATUTORY ORGANS OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

In 2008, a new Executive Council was set up, with a mandate running from March 2008 to March 2010. This process was initiated by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe who, on 18 January, sent letters to the relevant authorities asking them to designate members for the new Executive Council.

In response, the **Committee of Representatives of the member States** appointed Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Malta, the Netherlands, San Marino, Spain and Switzerland to represent them in the Executive Council at its 49th meeting (22 and 25 February 2008).

In January, the **Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** appointed Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland) and Mr Wolfgang Wodarg (Germany) as its representatives and the **European Parliament** appointed Mr Ryszard Czarnecki (Poland) and Mr Alain Hutchinson (Belgium) as its

representatives in March. Confirmation was also received from Ambassador Pavan-Woolfe, Representative of the **European Commission** to the Council of Europe, that she would participate in the new Executive Council.

The **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities** continued with the three representatives from the previous Executive Council (Mr Jean-Claude Freçon, Mr Carlos Pinto, Mrs Ludmila Sfirloaga) until October 2008, and the seat left vacant following the departure from the Congress of the fourth previous representative, Mr Ken Bodfish, in 2007, was filled by Mr Yavuz Mildon (Turkey). In October, it changed the composition of its representatives, reconfirming Mr Jean-Claude Freçon (France) and Mrs Lumdila Sfirloaga (Romania), and also nominating Mr Ian Micallef (Malta).

In January, the **INGO Conference of the Council of Europe** appointed its Chairperson, Ms Anelise Oeschger, and the Chair of the North South Grouping, Mr Michel Julien. With regard to the remaining four seats for **civil society representatives**, the Bureau agreed, at its meeting of 25 January 2008, to invite the European Youth Forum and the Global Education Network Europe (GENE), both previously represented, to take two seats. For the other two seats, the Bureau entrusted the Executive Director and the Chairman to make proposals. Following this, the Bureau accepted the Chairman's proposals to invite the European NGO confederation for relief and development (CONCORD) and the European Institute of Cultural Routes, as representatives for the period 2008-2010.

The Bureau also entrusted the Chairman and the Executive Director with the task of proposing possible **representatives from the South**. As a follow-up, and after having established the necessary contacts, the Chairman proposed to the Bureau Professor Ben Turok, member of the South African Parliament, who has been a member of the Executive Council since 2004 and Mr Habib Ben Yahia, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union, with whom the Chairman had fruitful contacts during his visit to Morocco in February 2008. Following the agreements of the Bureau Members, the Secretary General formally invited Professor Ben Turok and Mr Habib Ben Yahia to sit on the Executive Council.

The new Executive Council was formally set up on this basis on 31 March 2008. It also took the following decisions:

- on the basis of a proposal by the Ambassador of Switzerland and in light of of Mr Frey's confirmation that he was willing to continue to chair the Executive Council for the next year, which will be decisive for the North-South Centre, re-elected Mr Claude Frey (Switzerland) as its Chairman;
- agreed to put the issue of the Chairmanship of the Executive Council on the agenda of its 2009 spring meeting, in connection with the preparation of the 20th Anniversary of the North-South Centre;
- welcomed the voluntary contributions given by Slovenia (9,150 euros) and Portugal (23,900 euros) to support the work of the North-South Centre, in particular in the field of Youth Cooperation;
- agreed that the composition of its **Bureau** for the period 2008-2010 would be as follows:
 - Switzerland (Representative of the Committee of Representatives of the member States, Chair)
 - Spain (Representative of the Committee of Representatives of the member States)
 - Mr Kimmo Sasi (Parliamentary Representative)

- Mr Yavuz Mildon¹ (Representative of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe)
- Mrs Annelise Oeschger (civil society representative).

The European Commission also confirmed its participation in the Bureau, through Ambassador Pavan-Woolfe or her substitute, Mr Jérôme Legrand, responsible for the Council of Europe at DG-Relex.

Following the formal request submitted by Mrs Annelise Oeschger, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, on the issue of gender balance regarding the representations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the Executive Council instructed the Chairman and the Executive Director to contact each of these institutions to draw their attention to this gender inequality and to ask them and to examine measures which could be taken to redress this imbalance.

Following the contacts made by the Executive Director and the Chairman, the Parliamentary Assembly appointed two substitutes representatives, both female, to the Executive Council: Mrs Maria Manuela de Melo (Portugal) and Mrs Antigoni Papadopoulou (Cyprus). The European Parliament also appointed two female substitutes: Mrs Marie-Arlette Carlotti (France) and Mrs Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison (France). The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe also appointed one female substitute, Mrs Esther Maurer (Switzerland).

The new **Bureau** held its first meeting on Tuesday 1 April 2008. During this meeting, the Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, gave an update on the latest developments regarding the preparation of the Council of Europe's White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue which was subsequently adopted at the Ministerial Session in May 2008. She also presented the Council of Europe's new anti-discrimination campaign which was launched in May 2008. During the meeting, the Bureau also examined the Centre's 2008 calendar of activities in detail with a view to seeing which Bureau member could be associated with the key activities being organised throughout the year. It also had a discussion on the North-South Prize.

The Committee of Representatives held its 50th meeting on 18 April 2008 in Strasbourg. At this meeting, the Permanent Representative of Germany, Ambassador Eberhard Kölsch was elected as Chair and the Permanent Representative of Greece, Ambassador Athanassios Dendoulis, as Vice-Chair for the period 2008-2010. The other main item on the agenda was the strategic document on the future of the North-South Centre. In view of this discussion, the meeting had been opened to non-North-South Centre member States' participation and was attended by representatives from Austria, France, Japan, Poland, Romania and Serbia. The Committee of Representatives warmly welcomed the strategic document and confirmed the decisions taken by the Executive Council on this matter.

On 19 June, **a meeting of the Bureau** of the Executive Council was held in Lisbon. It was pleasing that each member of the Bureau was present or represented at the meeting. In addition to examining the 2008 programme implementation, the Bureau also discussed the draft co-operation agreement proposed by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, later signed on 2 December 2008 (see page 9).

¹ In October 2008, Mrs Lumdila Sfiroloaga was appointed as Bureau member, replacing Mr Mildon.

Another item discussed by the Bureau was the proposal made by the Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport (DGIV), Mrs. Gabriella Battaini, to invite international organisations which had signed a Co-operation Agreement with the Council of Europe of relevance to the work of the North-South Centre to future meetings of the Executive Council. The Bureau welcomed this proposal and agreed to it. At the date of the Bureau meeting, the organisations concerned were: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Alliance of Civilisations and the International Organisation of La Francophonie. This list would be completed according to future developments and include among other, the co-operation agreement between the Council of Europe and the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) which should be signed in the near future.

Following the meeting, the Bureau members met in their capacity as members of the **Jury for the 2008 North-South Prize** (see page 22).

The 51st meeting of the Committee of Representatives of the member States took place on 3 October in Strasbourg. The Committee examined the draft budget for 2009 and fixed the ceiling of its obligatory contributions for 2009 and approved the apportionment of its contributions. It should be noted that the 2009 budget was prepared based on the prospect of the signature of a joint management agreement with the European Commission in the fields of global education and Euro-African youth co-operation, consisting of 300.000 euros per year (for three years), and that a new Euro-African dimension will be included in the existing EC/CoE Youth Partnership as from 2009 (200.000 euros per year, shared on a 50/50 basis between the North-South Centre and the European Commission). Therefore, an additional 400.000 euros has been included in the total budget. On this basis, the Centre was able to propose to apply a zero nominal growth for the member States' contributions in 2009.

On 12 November, the **Executive Council** held its 40th meeting in a full composition (which included the participation of the European Commission, the European Parliament, PACE, the Congress and the CoE INGO Conference). It **unanimously adopted the 2009 programme of activities and budget**, and, in addition :

- expressed its gratitude for the voluntary contributions of 25.000 and 30,000 euros respectively given by Liechtenstein and Spain to the North-South Centre;
- held an exchange of views with the Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Education, Mr Birzea, and noted with interest his proposals aimed at reinforcing co-operation between the North-South Centre and the relevant departments of the Council of Europe;
- approved the cooperation agreement between the North-South Centre and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and authorised the President of the Executive Council and the Executive Director to sign the agreement at the next session of the Congress on 2 December 2008;
- approved a set of guidelines on the access to North-South Centre documents and entrusted the Secretariat to implement the guidelines with immediate effect.

2.2 MEMBER STATES

The beginning of 2008 was marked by an important development, with the accession of the **Republic of Montenegro** to the North-South Centre. This decision, which constituted the first tangible result of the contact efforts undertaken since December by the new Executive Director, was notified by the Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the Council of Europe to the Secretary General in February, and entered into force on 1 March. As a consequence, the Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the Council of Europe participated in the meeting of the Executive Council in Lisbon on 31 March, and was represented at both meetings of the Committee of Representatives of the member States, on 18 April and 3 October respectively. These occasions were used to start the integration process of this new member State into the North-South Centre's activities. Discussions are underway about the possibility of holding an awareness-raising conference on the North-South Centre in Montenegro in 2009 or 2010.

In parallel to the consultation process held with all member States, close contacts continued with the **Portuguese authorities**, in particular through two important working meetings with the Secretary of State for European Affairs, Mr Lobo Antunes, and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Mr Cravinho. These meetings confirmed that the Centre can count on the full support of the host country, and they were instrumental in the preparation and positive outcome of the Executive Director's working visits to Brussels in January and May (see page 10).

On 13-14 March, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Terry Davis, made an official visit to **Norway**. He had a meeting with Ms Tora Aasland (Minister of Research and Higher Education), during which they discussed the work of the Council of Europe on intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, and the **European Resource Centre on education for intercultural understanding, human rights and democratic citizenship** ("**Wergeland Centre**"), set-up by the Norwegian Government in Oslo. The Secretary General expressed the hope that this Centre would establish close co-operation with the North-South Centre. As a follow-up, the North-South Centre welcomed a Norwegian delegation led by Mr Gunnar Mandt, Deputy Director General in the Ministry of Education, and responsible for setting-up the new Centre, for a visit to Lisbon on 29 September, to discuss co-operation prospects.

On 27-28 May 2008, the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, paid an official visit to **the Netherlands**. During her discussions with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Verhagen, a strong emphasis was made on the importance to concentrate on the protection/promotion of CoE core values – human rights, democracy, the rule of law - and on complementarity between the EU and the Council of Europe. In this connection, support was given to recent efforts made by the North-South Centre in this respect.

On 30 September 2008, Malta announced its decision, motivated by budgetary constraints, to withdraw from the Partial Agreement on 31 December 2008. The Committee of Representatives of the member States, at its meeting of 3 October, took note of this decision with deep regret and urged the Maltese authorities to reconsider their position, taking into account recent developments within the North-South Centre and the current political agenda in Europe.

2.3 COUNCIL OF EUROPE INSTITUTIONS AND GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The Executive Director paid working visits to Headquarters in Strasbourg on the occasion of three PACE part-sessions in January, April and October. In this context, he held an exchange of views with the two **PACE committees** most relevant for the work of the North-South Centre (the Committee on economic affairs and development and the Committee on education, science and culture). In addition, he had exchanges of views with the solidarity North-South grouping of the

Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe². He was pleased with the keen interest and strong support which came out of these meetings confirming that the Centre could count on its parliamentary and civil society stakeholders.

The interest and commitment of the **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities** of the Council of Europe in the North-South Centre was shown in 2008 by the exchange of views held with the President of the Executive Council, Mr Claude Frey, in Malaga in March 2008, and by the signature of a **Co-operation Agreement** between the two institutions on 2 December 2008. The agreement, based on the one signed between the North-South Centre and the Parliamentary Assembly in 2005, aims at further developing working relations between the two bodies and encouraging common action on areas of joint interest. The Agreement was signed by the President and Secretary General of the Congress and the President and Executive Director of the North-South Centre on the occasion of the Congress' autumn session in Strasbourg.

During the 118th session of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers meeting in Strasbourg on 7 May 7 2008, the Foreign Ministers of the 47 member States of the Council of Europe took a series of decisions which form a political agenda for the North-South Centre. In particular, they:

- stressed the importance of the relation with the European Union, two years after the publication of the Junker report and one year after the signature of the **Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union**, and called for reinforced co-operation at all levels (an approach fully shared by the North-South Centre, which has the European Commission and the European Parliament among its stakeholders);
- given their agreement on the signature of a **Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the Alliance of Civilizations**, for the implementation of which the North-South Centre is due to play a specific role as “a bridge between the Council of Europe and its neighbouring regions”;
- launched the **Council of Europe White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue** approved by their Deputies, which provides various orientations for the promotion of intercultural dialogue, mutual respect and understanding, based on the core values of the Organisation and emphasised the importance of ensuring appropriate visibility of the White Paper, and called on the Council of Europe and its member states, as well as other relevant stakeholders, to give suitable follow-up to the White Paper's recommendations.

2.4 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

Among the main priorities of the new Executive Director of the North-South Centre in 2008 was the renewal and reinforcement of links and co-operation with **European Commission** and the **European Parliament**, two key EU institutions, which had provided strong support to the North-South Centre until 2003 and had taken their distance since then (the fact that neither the European Commission nor the European Parliament have occupied their statutory seats in the Executive Council of the North-South Centre being the most obvious signal for this).

On 29-31 January the Executive Director paid a working visit to Brussels for official contacts with these two institutions. With regard to the European Commission, one of the aims of the visit

² Following the structural reform of the Conference of the OINGs of the Council of Europe, the “North-South Dialogue and Solidarity” grouping has become a transversal group devoted to “Europe and global challenges”.

was to obtain the Commission's feedback on two proposed new **joint programmes** between the NSC and the EC:

- the first proposal concerned global education, and its core objective is to extend the Centre's work in this field to new EU member States from central and eastern Europe and to the Balkans;
- the second proposal concerned the follow-up of the Euro-African Youth Summit, facilitated by the North-South Centre, co-funded by the EC and jointly organised with youth organisations just before the EU-Africa Summit of Heads of State and Government in Lisbon in December 2007.

The different meetings with the European Commission (DG Dev, DG EaC, EuropeAid, DG Relex) were overall very positive and a number of contacts and meetings were established as a follow-up.

Following a bilateral meeting on 11 March and a second visit of the Executive Director to Brussels on 7-8 May, the North-South Centre's prospect to conclude a **3 year Joint Management Agreement with the European Commission (Europe Aid) on global education, which would also include a Euro-African dimension**, worth 300.000 euros per year, was confirmed. The project aims at contributing to the efforts of the international community to strengthen public understanding and critical support for development cooperation, and for the achievement of Millennium Development Goals. The project is based on two main pillars, firstly, the ambition to strengthen global education in the new member States of the European Union and, secondly, the promotion of Africa-Europe youth co-operation in the context of the EU-Africa Strategy, and targets mainly civil society actors and local authorities. The North-South Centre will be responsible for the implementation of the project through close collaboration with non-state actors and civil society platforms, such as CONCORD and the European Youth Forum.

The last political steps in the preparation of this Joint Management Agreement were successfully made in June 2008 (when the EU member States approved the project at their relevant Committee meeting) and July (with the "silent approval" given by the European Parliament). On the basis of consultations held in August and September, a final version of the application was sent to the EC (DGAIDCO) on 15 October. On 27 November 2008, the two institutions finally signed the Joint Management Agreement. The project, launched between January and March 2009, will be pursued for a period of three years (2009-2011) with a total amount of approximately 1.300.000 euros, of which the European Commission is providing 900.000 euros and the North-South Centre 400.000 euros.

In addition to the Euro-African dimension included in the Joint Management Agreement, discussions were held with European Commission throughout 2008 regarding other possibilities of follow-up to the Euro-African Youth Summit. These lead to a positive decision taken on 27 October to add a **new Euro-African dimension to the current EC/CoE youth partnership**. The North-South Centre has been entrusted with the implementation of this Euro-African dimension from 2009, on the basis of a 200.000 Euros envelope (co-financed by the EC and the NSC). This will materialise in a training and Capacity building programme composed of three training courses for the year 2009, one aimed at Youth Leaders, a long term training course for youth trainers and a training course for African Diaspora youth leaders and youth groups.

On the occasion of his two visits to Brussels in 2008, the Executive Director also had contacts with the **European Parliament**. These contacts lead to the nomination by the European Parliament of representatives to the Executive Council of the North-South Centre. These

nominations resulted in an participation by the European Parliament, not only in the meetings of the Executive Council but also in the North-South Centre's annual Lisbon Forum event.

The Executive Director also used the opportunity of his visit to Brussels in May 2008 to initiate contacts with the **CONCORD platform**, and the Secretariat of the **EU Committee of Regions**. In addition, on 9 May in Lisbon, he had a meeting with key representatives of the **Global Education Network Europe (GENE)**. The main outcomes from these meetings were that the basis for a fruitful co-operation between the North-South Centre and the Committee of Regions of the EU has been established and the prospects for mutually beneficial cooperation between the North-South Centre and major actors in the field of development/global education, such as the DEEEP/CONCORD platform and the GENE Network, were established/restored.

2.5 NON-MEMBER STATES

During its January session, the Parliamentary Assembly held a plenary discussion on co-operation between the Council of Europe and the **Maghreb countries**, based on the report of Mrs Durrieu (France). The resolution adopted for this occasion mentions explicitly the prospects of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia to become members of the North-South Centre.

To build on this political momentum, the Chairman of the Executive Council visited each of the three Maghreb countries in 2008. He first visited **Morocco** on 4-8 February, in conjunction with the preparations of the "Encounters of Tangiers" organised by the North-South Centre (see page 19). During this working visit, he had official contacts with the Mayor of Tangier, the Governor of Tangier, the Minister of Culture of Morocco, the Director General for bilateral relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary General of the UMA, the Mayor of Rabat and the Minister of Justice and President of the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly. In addition, he had a long phone conversation with Mr André Azoulay, adviser of King Mohamed VI.

The Chairman presented the mandate and main activities of the North-South Centre to his interlocutors, and highlighted the importance of a possible accession of Morocco to the Centre. Following this visit and on basis of the Chairman's report, the Executive Council held an exchange of views with the Ambassador of Morocco in Lisbon on the prospects for future co-operation between the North-South Centre and the Kingdom of Morocco at its meeting of 31 March. It also adopted its opinion on Recommendation 1825 (2008) on strengthening co-operation with the Maghreb countries, requested by the Committee of Ministers, and entrusted the Secretariat to follow this matter as appropriate.

With the same objective, the Chairman visited **Algeria** and **Tunisia** later in the year combining these visits with his participation at the symposium "Arab days for mutual understanding" held in Tunis on 27-28 October, and the conference on constitutional interpretation that took place in Alger on 30-31 October (see page 21).

The Chairman established new contacts with the authorities of the two countries and presented the work of the North-South Centre and the co-operation activities aimed at reinforcing dialogue that have been developed with the three Maghreb countries since 1994. He also spoke of the possible accession of Tunisia and Algeria to the North-South Centre and he agreed with the Tunisian and Algerian authorities that the accession process could be developed by establishing closer contacts. In this perspective, the possibility of organising awareness-raising conferences in 2009 in both Algeria and Tunisia was explored.

On 10 March, the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, had a meeting with Mr Krzysztof Stanowski (Under Secretary of State, Ministry of National Education of **Poland**). Mr Stanowski was in Strasbourg to participate in the annual

plenary session of the Steering Committee on Education (CDED). He announced Poland's support for a normative text on Education for Democratic Citizenship, and declared that he will explore possibilities for strengthening Polish co-operation with the Youth Directorate of DGIV and with the North-South Centre.

The meeting of the Committee of Representatives of the member States on 18 April coincided with the official visit of the **French Minister for Foreign Affairs**, Mr Kouchner, to the Council of Europe Headquarters in Strasbourg. In his address to the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Kouchner referred to the process aimed at creating, at the beginning of the French EU Chairmanship in July, a "Union for the Mediterranean". Mr Kouchner encouraged the Council of Europe and the European Union to "act together on concrete projects" and "share a number of common ambitions". The North-South Centre would obviously have a key role to play in this respect. As a follow-up, a letter was sent from the President of the Executive Council to Mr Kouchner on 30 April, presenting the current developments and future prospects of the Centre and inviting France to participate in and support specific activities organised by the Centre. The Executive Director of the North-South Centre also paid a working visit to Paris on 10 September to explore the co-operation possibilities, in particular in the framework of the French Presidency of the European Union. The reply addressed by Mr Kouchner on 17 September to the President of the Executive Council shows the positive appreciation of France for the work of the North-South Centre and the political willingness to co-operate with the latter, especially in the context of the Union for the Mediterranean.

On the joint initiative of the North-South Centre and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Committee on Culture, Science and Education) a conference on **Education and Intercultural Dialogue** took place on the 31 October, in Cidade da Praia (Cape Verde), hosted by the National Assembly of Cape Verde. The Portuguese Presidency of the **CPLP (Community of Portuguese language Countries)**, which started in July 2008, and the Cape Verde authorities (through the Cape Verde Embassy in Lisbon) have endorsed this initiative and have given it full support.

The overall purpose of the meeting was to facilitate dialogue, in the sense of sharing perspectives and highlighting good practices, between parliamentarians and experts from Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa on priority issues linked to Education and Intercultural Dialogue. Around 100 participants, from different backgrounds, attended the Conference that was widely covered by the local media.

The organisation of this event in **Cape Verde** was also an opportunity for the Director of the Centre to establish direct contacts with the Capeverdean official authorities, in particular with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Education, in view of establishing a more sustainable basis for developing the already existing cooperation between the Centre and Cape Verde.

2.6 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

A common declaration on the strengthening of co-operation between the Council of Europe and the **Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)** was adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 22 February 2008. The participation of the OIF in the activities of the North-South Centre in the areas of intercultural dialogue (based on the White Paper on intercultural dialogue of the Council of Europe) and global education was mentioned explicitly in the document attached to the Declaration. The Co-operation Agreement was officially signed on 23 April 2008 in Strasbourg by the two Secretary Generals, Mr Terry Davis and Mr Abou Diouf.

The **Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the Alliance of Civilisations**, which was signed on 29 September on the occasion of the visit to Strasbourg of the United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Mr Jorge Sampaio, was an important development. The North-South Centre welcomed the specific role entrusted to it and in this context, was pleased to host the first joint NSC / AoC activity under the new MoU, the Lisbon Forum which took place on 10-11 November in Lisbon (see page 23).

On 2 December, on the occasion of **Conference of Ministers responsible for culture**, organised by the government of Azerbaijan and the Council of Europe, on the theme “Intercultural dialogue as a basis for peace and sustainable development in Europe and neighbouring regions” (see page 21) the formal act of creating « the Faro platform » was signed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Director of Cultural Policy and Intercultural Dialogue of UNESCO. This platform, which was initiated during the Conference of European Ministers for Culture in Faro (Portugal) in October 2005, aims at establishing a concrete and systematic co-operation between signatory organisations, on the basis of their common objective “to promote intercultural dialogue based on universal values, universality and individuality of human rights, democracy and the rule of law”. Created under the aegis of the Council of Europe and UNESCO, it is open to other institutional partnerships working in the euro-mediterranean and other regions. On the same day, the Alliance of Civilisations joined the Faro platform, giving it a tri-partite composition.

3 PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

3.1 GLOBAL EDUCATION

In addition to the signature of the Joint Management Agreement with the European Commission (see page 10), the other key event in the area of global education in 2008 was the launch of the process which should lead to a **recommendation by the Committee of Ministers on global education**.

In the framework of its 2007 activities, the Centre developed a **Global Education Guideline** to support educators in formal and non-formal settings to implement global education in their respective contexts and to strengthen global education policies and practices. The proposal was that the Guideline, together with previous initiatives (such as the Maastricht Declaration on Global Education 2002), provide the basis for the Centre to carry out a consultative process in 2008 that would lead to the adoption of a recommendation by the Committee of Ministers supporting global education in the member States of the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe’s **Steering Committee on Education (CDED)** met on 10-12 March in Strasbourg and the Centre attended the meeting to present the process and seek the Steering Committee’s endorsement. The Steering Committee decided to support the proposal to launch the process aimed at the eventual adoption by the Committee of Ministers of a recommendation on global education, on the basis of the principles contained in the Maastricht declaration and the concrete orientations presented in the North-South Centre guidelines.

A first meeting of the working group on the draft recommendation took place in Strasbourg on 27 June 2008. The meeting was attended by a wide range of relevant stakeholders in the field of education including representatives of the Council’s Steering Committee on Education, parliamentary and governmental representatives, members of the Congress’ Committee on Education, civil society representatives including the President of the Council’s INGO grouping on education and culture, the European Youth Forum, CONCORD and the Global Education Week Network. The participants discussed the content and outline of a first draft of the recommendation, taking stock of the Maastricht Declaration and other relevant documents. It was

decided to establish a drafting group/core group with a well balanced representation for the drafting process of the recommendation.

This restricted drafting group, composed of representatives of Concord, European Youth Forum, Global Education Network Europe (GENE), Global Education Week Network and the Council's Steering Committee on Education, met for the first time on 13 November for a first reading of the draft recommendation. Following this, a consolidated draft was presented to the CDED Bureau meeting in Strasbourg on 4-5 December for feedback. The CDED Bureau decided to consult the various ad-hoc advisory groups in the field of education (citizenship education, history teaching, intercultural education) for a collective feedback on the draft recommendation in 2009.

The Centre also used the opportunity of the meeting of the Steering Committee on Education (CDED) in March to present its overall work. Special emphasis was placed on the fact that, since the Centre became part of DGIV in May 2006, intensive efforts have been made to identify complementarities between the Centre and the Secretariat in Strasbourg. One example of this co-operation in 2008 was the Centre's participation in the meeting of the Education Directorate's ad hoc advisory group on 17-18 January in Strasbourg to prepare the expert meeting **"History teaching in Europe: the image of the Other in the context of globalisation"** that was organised on 27- 28 March in Strasbourg, to which the Centre brought a global dimension.

As a follow-up, a meeting on **"Images of the Other in History Teaching – the Role of History Teaching Institutions in the North and Global South"**, was co-organised by the North-South Centre and DGIV's History Education Division, in partnership with the Aga Khan Development Network on 25-26 September 2008 in the Ismaili Centre in Lisbon. This meeting brought together European and Southern experts to discuss new competences in history teaching in growing culturally diversified societies and the possible development of an international network of history teachers training institutions.

The conclusions of this meeting were then presented at the **"Mediterranean Cultural Forum"** that took place on 4-5 November in Marseille and at the **Council of Europe's symposium "Globalization and images of the Other: challenges and new perspectives for history teaching in Europe?"** that took place in Istanbul on 30 November to 1 December in the framework of the project "The Image of the Other in History Teaching". The objective of the meeting was to discuss the impact of globalisation on the objectives and the role of history teaching in Europe, to identify the competences to be acquired by the students and the skills needed by teachers and to identify possible strategies in this context. The symposium gave also the opportunity to further discuss the proposal emerging from the French EU presidency of producing a history textbook for the Mediterranean, where the North-South Centre would act as a facilitator of a working group of historians during the 2009-2011 period.

The annual evaluation seminar of the **Global Education Week Network** took place in Ljubljana on 8 June 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a space for national Global Education Week co-ordinators from 36 countries to share national strategies for increasing and improving global education. The network also agreed on the final version of the Global Education Guideline which was subsequently tested for the first time at the University on youth and development organised by the Centre in Molina in September 2008. The network also started preparations for the 10th annual Global Education Week.

The **10th annual European Global Education Week (GEW)** took place from 15-23 November 2008. Global Education Week supports teachers, youth leaders, young people and other formal and non-formal educational constituencies to engage in education for global citizenship and enhances the effectiveness of this endeavour nationally and throughout Europe, through co-

ordination of initiatives and sharing of best practices. All schools and youth organisations in the Council of Europe's member States, as well as all interested educational practitioners, were invited to take part in this event which is to be seen as a kick off event for a year round process. The GEW coincided this year with the **European Development Days (EDD)**, held in Strasbourg from 15-17 November, where the North-South Centre was represented and participated in the EU European Consensus on Education for Development side event under the theme "The Role of Local Authorities and other Actors in Development Education". Moreover, the Centre, together with the Council of Europe's Directorate of Communication, had a stand exhibiting the work of the North-South Centre and the Council of Europe in the field of global education and human rights education. The 2008 EDD edition gathered during three days more than 4,000 people from Europe and Africa.

In July 2008, the North-South Centre launched the call for candidates for its annual **World Aware Education Award** via the Global Education newsletter and the North-South Centre website. Numerous applications were received from a variety of countries including Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, Palestine, Romania, Slovakia and United Kingdom. Following the assessment of the international jury in November, the three projects chosen as prize winners were:

1. DFID Global Schools Partnership – UK
2. Global High Schools – Denmark
3. Tales of Disasters, by No Strings International & Trocaire – Ireland

The Awarding ceremony will take place during the Global Education Week evaluation seminar to be held in Budapest in March 2009.

The North-South Centre attended the inauguration ceremony in Slovenia on 9 June of the **Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)**, established in the context of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP) and based in Pororož-Piran. The opening ceremony was hosted by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia and the President of the European Council, with other distinguished speakers such as the President of the European Commission, the Secretary General of the League of Arab States and the President of the European Parliament. The Centre signed the Founding Charter and is therefore one of the founding members of the University.

In this context, the Executive Director of the North-South Centre participated in the first constitutive General Assembly of EMUNI which took place on 25-26 November in Barcelona. Around 90 of the the current 118 EMUNI members (most of which are universities, from the two sides of the Mediterranean) participated in this very important event, which laid down the legal and administrative ground for EMUNI's future work. The statute of the University was unanimously adopted, a President (Mr Josef Mifsud from Malta) was elected, also on a unanimous basis, and a number of additional decisions were taken concerning the setting up of EMUNI structures. Discussions showed that there is a strong interest and commitment within EMUNI members to create conditions for the newly created University to meet the (high) hopes and expectations placed in it. The North-South Centre will ensure, from its part, adequate CoE impact in the future EMUNI programmes.

On 9-10 June 2008, the North-South Centre attended a conference entitled "**Intercultural Dialogue in Development Education**", organised by the Slovenian NGDO platform SLOGA under the Slovenian EU Presidency in Ljubljana. The objective of the meeting was to elaborate on the follow-up to the "European Consensus Development Education" presented at the European Development Days in November 2007 by a multi-stakeholder group composed of, inter alia, members of European institutions, representatives of governments and development

agencies, international organisations, civil society organisations and other networks in the field of development education. During the conference, the Centre's work was presented in a plenary session, as well as the Global Education Guideline and the Global Education Recommendation process. Together with the Council of Europe's Information Office in Ljubljana and SLOGA platform, a press conference was organised on 11 June to present the outcomes of the conference and the North-South Centre's Global Education Guideline.

The North-South Centre also participated in the Annual General Meeting of **the Irish Development Education Association** (Dublin, 8 July). One of the objectives of the Centre's participation was to present the work of the North-South Centre in the field of global education (new Good Practice Guidelines for Global Education), the CoE's White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue "Living as Equals in Dignity" and identify links in this regard to the Irish stakeholders working with development education. The North-South Centre's presence in Dublin offered also the occasion of renewed fruitful contacts with the Irish authorities.

On 9-10 October, the North-South Centre was present at the **NGO Forum on "Civic Partnerships for Citizenship and Human Rights Education"** that was organised by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in the framework of the Swedish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers on 9-10 October. The aim of the forum was to promote partnerships between governments, regional and local authorities, civil society organisations and other relevant actors that are essential for effective support of EDC/HRE. A recommendation on how this could be done at national and European level was adopted at the Forum. The North-South Centre had the opportunity to present its work to approx 200 participants present (representatives of international institutions, civil society and foundations active in the field of EDC/HRE) and was also mentioned in the Final Declaration to "develop partnerships through the existing global networks of the Council of Europe's North-South Centre and the forthcoming Wergeland Center for the promotion of global democratic citizenship".

Throughout 2008, the North-South Centre developed long-standing working relations with Portuguese partners in the area of global education. Its central partner is the **Ministry of Education** with which the North-South Centre has been collaborating closely for the implementation of the CoE EDC-HRE activities in Portugal, consisting of:

- Updating the EDC-HRE country profile for Portugal
- Mapping of EDC-HRE good practices in formal & non-formal sector
- Publication of EDC-HRE good practices manual
- EDC-HRE training courses
- Translation into Portuguese of EDC-HRE pedagogical tools

The North-South Centre also developed a working partnership with the **Portuguese Development Agency**, a member of the Global Education Network Europe originally set-up by the North-South Centre.

In May 2008, the North-South Centre participated in a national **Global Education/Development Education** seminar organised by the Portuguese Development Agency to reflect on a national strategy for GE/DE. This seminar involved state and non-state actors dealing with development cooperation, development education, as well as Youth and environment organisations. The collaboration with the Portuguese Development Agency has been extended to the preparation/participation of/in the Portuguese Development Days.

The Centre also started collaborating in January 2008 with the **Portuguese coalition for the Global Campaign for Education** for the setting-up of the coalition and the preparation of the Global Campaign for Education.

Finally, on 5-7 June 2008, the North-South Centre took part in “**Development Days**”, an event promoted by the Portuguese Institute for Development Support (IPAD, Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento) of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Portugal. The North-South Centre used this opportunity to disseminate information to the Portuguese public on its work and priorities.

3.2 YOUTH

One of the key processes in the Centre’s youth field in 2008 was the discussions with the European Commission regarding the **follow-up of the Africa Europe Youth Summit**. The result of the discussions was the European Commission’s commitment to support a series of follow-up of the Youth Summit over the next two/three years, starting in 2009 (see page 11).

In the framework of its partnership with the European Youth Forum, the Centre organised the **5th Africa Europe Training Course for Youth Organisations** from 31 May to 7 June 2008. The course was hosted for the second time by the Bissaya Barreto Foundation in Coimbra, the 3rd largest foundation in Portugal. The course focused mainly on youth participation in the Africa-EU strategic partnership. Participants acquired knowledge and skills to develop the capacity of their organisations as civil society actors in this process and they learned and exchanged different models, possibilities to strengthen their political participation, and implementation of concrete projects in the Euro-African Context. Each of the 30 participants prepared a two year personal action plan to strengthen the involvement of their respective organisation in Euro-African co-operation. Within the action plans the prominent themes were: poverty eradication, education, health, human rights and human rights education, youth policies, intercultural dialogue and migration. The timeframe of these plans will run from the course date, June 2008, to June 2010, when the Football World Cup will take place in South Africa. This is also the same timeframe as the “First action plan for the implementation of Africa EU Strategic Partnership” which was approved at the EU-Africa Summit of Heads of State.

Following the success of the training course, the host, the Bissaya Barreto Foundation, expressed its interest in co-organising with the Centre and the Portuguese Youth Council the first edition of the **Knowledge and citizenship encounters**, devoted, to migration and intercultural dialogue in the Euro-African context. This event took place on 21-23 October 2008.

On 6 July, the North-South Centre participated in the French EU Presidency meeting on “**intercultural dialogue and youth in the Euro-Mediterranean context**” in Marseille. The objective of the Centre’s participation was to present its work in the field of global youth work and intercultural dialogue and offer expertise in one of the conference’s workshops on ‘Intercultural dialogue in everyday life’.

The 9th edition of the **University on Youth and Development** was held on 14-21 September and was attended by more than 300 youth leaders and youth experts coming from over 90 countries and 200 youth organizations in the different regions of the World. With the theme of “**Intercultural Dialogue**” these youth leaders were involved in more than a dozen parallel seminars and training course adding to thousands of hours of inter-regional and Global youth work in only one week. The University was opened by the Minister of Equality and Youth of the Spanish Government, Ms. Bibiana Aido, a renewed signal of the Spanish Government’s Commitment to the University on Youth and Development. Participants of the University on Youth and Development approved a Statement Untitled “60th Anniversary of Human Rights Declaration - Living Together as Equals in Dignity” with the purpose of making a contribution to the Lisbon Forum held on 10-11 November (see page 23).

An evaluation of the University on Youth and Development was held on 12 November 2008 in Rotterdam. The partners evaluated very highly the University process and the results of this activity in 2009 and started discussions on future improvements and the launch for the 2009 edition of the University which will in fact celebrate its 10th anniversary. It will of course be a symbolic and important occasion to reflect and mark Global Youth Work and the Global Youth Movement and the perfect opportunity to assess past achievements and formulate a the collective response to the challenges ahead in this partnership.

The North-South Centre also participated and addressed the annual **General Assembly of the European Youth Forum** taking place in Rotterdam on the same day. As a key youth partner for the North-South Centre and a member of the Executive Council, it was an important occasion to reaffirm the consistent co-operation and partnership with the members and leadership of European Youth Forum and to work towards the preparation of the youth activities foreseen for 2009 in the Centre's programme of activities. A number of bilateral meetings were also held with Youth Forum member organisations to discuss and prepare some activities, particularly those in the Joint Management agreement, that will be implemented in close in partnership with these organisations.

3.3 INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

The objective in this field is to promote 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.

The first activity in which the Centre was involved in 2008 was the **conference on "Conflict resolution in the 21st century"** which took place on 26-28 March in Johannesburg. The Centre contributed to the organisation of this conference jointly with the African Institute of South Africa (ISA). The event brought together governmental and parliamentary representatives, representatives from local and regional authorities, as well as members from civil society from the North and the South, representing some 50 participants in total. The core objective was to broaden the debate on current conflicts in Africa and to precise the role of democracy and good governance in conflict prevention, management and resolution.

The North-South Centre, despite the difficulties encountered during the preparation of this manifestation, mainly due to the absence of the coordinator for the euro-African dialogue, succeeded in maintaining its participation and in highlighting the parliamentary dimension of the conference, as it had committed itself to do. On the whole, the Centre provided the expertise of a dozen parliamentarians from various sub-Saharan countries. In addition, Mr Gianni Buquicchio, Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, made a presentation on the Centre's contribution to the North-South relations and on the role of the Venice Commission in conflict resolution.

This was the first event organised in the framework of the new **Co-operation Agreement signed between the North-South Centre and the ISA** in December 2007. This agreement will not only strengthen the co-operation between both institutes, but should also contribute to the development of relations with South Africa. The Conference provides a good basis for developing future co-operation with the African Institute.

The next activity was the **'Encounters of Tangier'** which took place on 25-26 April 2008 in Tangier, Morocco, co-organised by the French Association "Espace Alternatif" and the North-South Centre and sponsored by the Town Hall and the Mayor of Tangier. The objective of the

meeting was to create a space for dialogue and reflection on issues of migration and intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean space. The meeting gathered around 50 participants from European and southern Mediterranean countries, including representatives from governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities, academics, journalists and civil society representatives. A delegation from the Migration Committee of the CoE's Parliamentary Assembly participated, as well as the President of the Chamber of Local Authorities, representing the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. In addition, the region of Sicily was represented by the regional minister in charge of the local autonomy, family and social affairs.

Four main themes were discussed at the meeting: (1) the role of the parliamentarians in Euro-Mediterranean dialogue concerning migration; (2) the role of local authorities in migration, media and intercultural dialogue, (3) as well as the Euro Mediterranean Partnership and (4) the Union for the Mediterranean. The discussions underlined, not only the real need of dialogue between people from both sides of the Mediterranean, but also the difficulties that this process entails. Lastly, a discussion on mechanisms that could facilitate this dialogue was stressed as important. The recommendations that came out of the discussions were the following:

- to strengthen the role of the North-South Centre;
- intensified commitments and actions of parliamentarians - in particular from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- to identify and develop synergies between the key stakeholders (quadrilogue).

A recommendation to establish a platform on Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue, composed of representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and co-ordinated by the Centre, was presented. The Centre, in partnership with its Headquarters and Mediterranean networks, committed itself to organising a follow-up meeting in 2009.

On 16-18 May 2008, the North-South Centre participated at the **Annual Conference and General Assembly of COPEAM (Permanent Conference of the Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators)** in Bucharest. The theme of the 2008 conference was "Media and Intercultural Dialogue challenges: Mediterranean without frontiers". It was organised by Romanian television and radio and took place in the Romanian Parliament. The Government of Romania was represented at the official opening by Mr Anton Niculescu, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Demeter Andras, Secretary of State for Culture. The conference brought together around 150 participants from countries in the Mediterranean region.

The presentation by the Director General of DGIV attracted large interest in the White Paper and the Council of Europe's Campaign against discrimination, highlighting the mediterranean dimension that the North-South Centre can bring to this campaign.

On 12-13 June 2008, the North-South Centre participated at a conference organised by the **Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly's Committees on intercultural dialogue and migration** (Fes, Morocco). The conference was organised by the Moroccan Parliament and attracted many delegations from national European and south mediterranean parliaments. The North-South Centre made a presentation on its longstanding work in the field of intercultural dialogue and migration, as well as its partnerships with many countries in the mediterranean region. In the final resolution adopted by the MPA, reference was made to the North-South Centre as a credible partner for the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, in collaboration with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

On 23-24 June 2008, the Centre co-organised a **seminar on "Cultural diversity and the Media"** with DGIV of the Council of Europe, supported and hosted by the Luso-American Foundation and organised in the framework of the Council of Europe's campaign against discrimination "All different – All equal". The seminar, which took place in Lisbon, brought together 35 participants from Europe and the Maghreb countries, mainly journalists, trainers, representatives from international organisations and civil society from north and south. The themes discussed were the training of journalists and those working in the media faced with intercultural and discrimination issues. The North-South Centre and DGIV will continue the follow-up of this seminar in 2009, concentrating on the role of the media as a tool for intercultural dialogue and a better reciprocal understanding in the Mediterranean region.

The North-South Centre also participated in the annual conference and the **General Assembly of Euromesco**, held in Amman (Jordan) on 16-17 October. The theme of the annual conference was "Euro-Mediterranean Relations between Continuity and Reinforced Cooperation. Quo Vadis Barcelona?". The participants discussed the status of the Barcelona Process, in particular the link between the Barcelona Process and the Union for the Mediterranean. An analysis of the perspectives for Euro-Mediterranean relations offered by this new process took place. The representative of the North-South Centre, elected president of the General Assembly of Euromesco during the Conference in Istanbul in October 2005, presided over the General Assembly in Amman. The European Commission, which finances the Euromesco Network, was also present. The debates during the General Assembly concerned the future and the priorities for the Euromesco, as a think tank of confidence building measures between Europe and the Southern Mediterranean countries.

In co-operation with the DGIV and the ALECSO, the Centre organised "the **Euro-Arab days for mutual understanding**". The symposium took place in Tunis on 27-28 October and consisted of 3 workshops: history, languages and the media as tools for a better cultural understanding. The North-South Centre organised and presided over the workshop: "Media and new cultural issues" that addressed the image of the other in the media, the fight against stereotypes, and liberty and deontology with regard to the freedom of the press. The recommendations from the workshop will serve as the basis for further action, with a view to future co-operation between the North-South Centre, the ALECSO and other partners of the Centre in Arab countries.

In addition, the North-South Centre participated, at the invitation of the Algerian Constitutional Council and the Venice Commission, in the **Conference on constitutional interpretation** that took place in Alger on 30-31 October. The conference brought together a considerable number of constitutional councils from Arab countries (the three Maghreb countries are members of the Venice Commission) and some African countries. The President of the Executive Council was one of the official speakers at the conference. The conference gave an opportunity for preparatory meetings for the global conference on constitutional justice in Cape Town on 23-24 January 2009.

On 2-3 December, the Centre participated at the **Conference of Ministers responsible for culture**, organised by the government of Azerbaijan and the Council of Europe, on the theme "Intercultural dialogue as a basis for peace and sustainable development in Europe and neighbouring regions". The conference brought together the member States of the Council of Europe and a certain number of neighbouring countries and members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). Emphasis was placed on the role, stakes and objectives of intercultural dialogue which has become a priority on the agenda of most international organisations, and to which the conference participants attached particular importance. Intercultural dialogue was presented as an alternative to the culture of rejection, violence and exclusion of the other which

often predominates. The participants called for co-operation and constructive dialogue based on the principle of the respect of cultural diversity.

Following the Lisbon Forum held in November 2008 (see page 23), the Centre was invited to participate at a meeting of the **Arab Network on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ARADESC)** which took place in Rabat on 18-19 December. The meeting was organised by the UNESCO Office for the Maghreb and the International Islamic Organization for Education, Science and Culture (ISESCO), in partnership with the Observatory for Diversity and Cultural Rights (Freiburg) and the Arab Institute for Human Rights (Tunis) on the theme “Cultural rights in the Maghreb States and Egypt”. Experts from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lybia, Egypt and Mauritania presented reports on the situation of cultural rights in their respective countries. The debates focused on the promotion and protection of cultural rights and their essential role in Arab countries, due to the large cultural diversity of the region. Religious, gender and linguistic diversities were analysed in detail by the experts from different countries. The question of the limits and obstacles for the implementation of cultural rights in the three Maghreb countries, Libya and Egypt were raised, as well as the differences between the laws and their application.

The Representative of the North-South Centre insisted on the principles of the universality and indivisibility of rights, highlighting the relevance of the process initiated by the 2008 Lisbon Forum. Following the recommendations of the seminar, the North-South Centre joined the ARADESC Network, whose members also include UNESCO, the Arab Institute for Human Rights, ISESCO and the Observatory for Diversity and Cultural Rights of Freiburg.

4. PERMANENT PROCESSES

4.1 NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE

The North-South Prize of the Council of Europe has been awarded annually since 1995 to two public figures who are recognised for their deep commitment, outstanding achievements and/or the hope they have generated in the field of individual rights protection, the defence of pluralist democracy and North-South solidarity and partnership. The Jury of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe awarded the 2007 North-South Prize to **Mrs Simone Veil**, Founder of the Foundation for the Memory of Shoah, former Minister of State of France and former President of the European Parliament, and to **Mr Kofi Annan**, former Secretary General of the United Nations, for their contribution to the defence and the promotion of the human rights throughout the world. The 13th North-South Prize Award Ceremony took place on 1 April in the Portuguese Parliament in Lisbon, in the presence of the President of the Republic of Portugal, Mr Cavaco Silva, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Terry Davis, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, and the President of the Portuguese Assembly of the Republic, Mr Jaime Gama.

The North-South Prize received extensive media coverage, on television and radio in the press. Of course, this coverage has provided high visibility for the Council of Europe and the North-South Centre. The ceremony was covered by all of the Portuguese television channels, newspapers and radio stations (Espresso, Diario de Noticias, Publico, Sol, Correio da Manha, etc. as well as the channels RTP, RTP1, RTP international, RTP2, TVI, SIC Noticias). Press agencies such as Reuters, Agence France Press, Agencia Xinhua, Radio France Internationale also reported on the ceremony on their networks, as did the international TV channels, including BBC, Al Jazira, LCI and Euronews. The press also did a series of interviews with the prize winners, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Executive Director of the North South Centre. A full press file is available.

The call for nominations for the **2008 North-South Prize** was launched in early April and thirty two nominations were received. The nominations were a good mixture from north and south and it was pleasing that more than one third of the nominations were submitted by the North-South Centre's stakeholders/partners. The jury of the Prize, which is made up of the members of the Bureau of the Executive Council and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, met on 19 June 2008 to decide on this year's prize winners. It very much welcomed the high calibre of nominations received and, following a positive exchange of views, decided to award the 2008 North-South Prize to Mr Jorge Sampaio (Portugal) and HM Queen Rania Al-Abdullah (Jordan). Both winners have confirmed their acceptance of the prize and contacts with all the relevant authorities (the President of the Republic and the President of the Parliament on the side of the host country, the Secretary General and the President of PACE on the CoE side) have been established for the organisation of the Ceremony which will take place on 16 March 2009 in Lisbon.

4.2 THE LISBON FORUM

The Lisbon Forum is a platform for dialogue and for sharing experiences, expertise and good practices between Europe and the other continents, especially the Middle East, Africa and the countries on the south side of the Mediterranean. The Forum has been held by the North-South Centre since 1994. It focuses on issues at the heart of the mandate and actions of the Council of Europe: human rights, democratic governance and the rule of law.

The theme for the 2008 Lisbon Forum was "**the principle of universality of human rights and its implementation at international and regional level**" and the two day event was devoted to a general analysis of the situation 60 years after the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948. Taking into account the work already done by the Council of Europe and/or the North-South Centre and other initiatives organised in Europe and elsewhere to mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 2008 Lisbon Forum provided a new opportunity to share Europe's experience with the other continents and exchange points of view and good practices with systems in other parts of the world, like those set up by regional organisations such as the African Union, the Arab League or the Organisation of American States. It also constituted a framework for analysing geopolitical changes since 1948 and their effects on the conception, interpretation and application of human rights.

The Forum was organised in partnership with the Alliance of Civilisations, the Venice Commission and the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. The participation was of a high level and included the High Representative of the United Nations for the Alliance of Civilisations, Mr Jorge Sampaio, and the President of the European Court of Human Rights, Mr Jean-Paul Costa, the State Secretary for European Affairs of Portugal, Mrs Teresa Ribeiro, as well as human rights experts and parliamentarians from Europe, Africa, the Americas, the Arab Region and Asia. Video and/or written messages were addressed to the Forum by the Presidents of the European Commission and the European Parliament, as well as the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Deputy Secretary General and the Human Rights Commission of the Council of Europe.

On the basis of the analysis and conclusions of the Forum, a work programme was adopted for upcoming years, focusing on certain issues which more particularly attract debate and/or raise important difficulties / differences / divergences³. The 2009 Forum will therefore be the first

³ The list of selected items is as follows : the impact of globalisation on human rights, the principle of equality between women and men, freedom of expression, conscience and religion, human rights as a basis for the integration

follow-up to this adopted work programme.

5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

According to the budget approved by the Executive Council in November 2007, the total of funds for 2008 amounted to EUR 1 002 400. In the course of the year, with the accession of the Republic of Montenegro to the North-South Centre, and the reception of other additional or voluntary contributions from member states and other North-South Centre stakeholders, the budget increased to EUR 1 112 024. An increase of 11% that was mostly channeled to programme expenditure.

Following the trend of previous years, the Centre has also been able to mobilize additional resources through in kind contributions or co-organized activities, which can be estimated at EUR 267 020.

These additional resources (financial and in kind) represent a total of EUR 367 678 which have considerably reinforced the Centre's capacity to implement its activities.

In November 2008, the Centre signed a Joint Management Agreement with the European Commission (EuropAid Cooperation Office), that will run between 2009 and 2011, and represents volume of EUR 900 000 from the side of the Commission (68% of the total cost of the Action). Furthermore, in the framework of its participation in the Euro-Med Partnership on youth, in 2009, the North-South Centre will be responsible for managing a new programme of EUR 200 000, 50% financed by the European Commission, to foster Euro-African youth co-operation.

These developments allowed the North-South Centre to implement a "zero nominal growth" policy regarding the obligatory contributions of its member States for the 2009 budget.

On the expenditure side, during the first quarter of 2008 the work of the Centre was mainly focused on internal reflection and the strategic positioning of the organisation. Between April and the end of the year the funds allocated to programme expenditure have been steadily used in line with the flow of activities. However the impact of the first quarter and the need to adjust the programme of activities to the outcome of the strategic document lead to the postponement or cancelation of some activities. This explains why the amount of uncommitted appropriations amounted to some 70 000€ at the end of the year. On the other hand, the reduction of staff members from 2007 to 2008 also contributed to reduce the volume of expenditure with the general running of the secretariat (e.g. communications, office supplies, correspondence, production of documents).

For further information please refer to appendix 1.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES**1 INCOMING RESOURCES⁴**

Obligatory contribution from member states	831 762,00 ⁵
Additional voluntary contributions	100 658,00
Voluntary contribution from Portugal for NSC's rent	160 317,00
Bank interests	19 287,00
TOTAL	1 112 024,00

1.1 Detail of received additional contributions from member States**1.1.1 Financial**

Date	Organisation / Entity	Amount in €	Budg line	Activity/Project / Programme
01/01/2008	Urad RS ZA (Slovenia)	9 150,00	5025/6566/299	<i>Activities related to the COE and European Union Euro-Med Youth partnership Agreement</i>
27/03/2008	Portuguese MFA	23 900,00	5025/6566/299	<i>Follow-up Africa-Europe Youth Summit</i>
04/06/2008	Irish Aid	7 000,00	5025/6565/299	<i>Word Aware Education Awards 2007</i>
12/06/2008	Fees collected from the participants of the Africa-Europe Training Course	925,00	5025/6566/299	<i>University on Youth and Development 2008</i>
18/06/2008	EC - final instalment Convention 2003-1791-001	6 282,96	5025/6566/299	<i>Youth Programme</i>
20/06/2008	Euromesco contract MED/2005/109-063 - signed 15.09.06	5 700,00	5025/6565/299	<i>Global Education Prog.</i>
02/10/2008	Fees collected from the participants of the 9 th University on Youth and Development	1 850,00	5025/6566/299	<i>University on Youth and Development 2008</i>
07/10/2008	Liechtenstein Government	25 000,00	5025/6568/299	<i>Lisbon Forum 2008-2011 (10 000€ for 2008 and 5 000€ each year between 2009 and 2011)</i>
13/11/2008	Spanish Government	30 000,00	5025/6565-6566-6569/299	<i>Conference on Women as agents of change in Mediterranean societies (7500€); Experts workshop on history teaching in the Mediterranean (7 500€); 1st phase: LT Africa-Europe Training Course for Trainers and 6th Africa-</i>

⁴ All figures in EUROS⁵ Including the contribution of Montenegro in 2008 (8 262€)

				<i>Europe Training Course for Youth Organisations (10 000€);Euro-Med dimension/seminar in the University Youth and Development (5 000€)</i>
			SUB-TOTAL	100 658,00

1.1.2 Other forms of external support (in kind, co-organised activities)

Type of Support	Organisation / Entity	Amount	Service(s) / Good(s) provided	Activity/Project / Programme
in kind	Portuguese Parliament	5 000,00	permises, cocktail, lunch, publication, interpretation boths 2 cars and bodygards for VIPs	<i>North-South Prize 2007 Ceremony Award, 1 April, Lisbon</i>
co-org	Africa Institute of South Africa	42 000,00	Travel and Conference Venue for 40 participants	<i>Seminar "Conflict Resolutions in the 21st Century", Johannesbourg, 26-28 March⁶</i>
in-kind	European Commission representation in Lisbon	1 200,00	Meeting room and interpretation boths	<i>March Executive Council Meeting</i>
co-org	Association Espace Alternatif	3 820,00	Meals, meeting room, interpretation equipment	<i>Euro-Med Encounters on «Migration and intercultural dialogue », Tangier, 25-26 April</i>
co-org	Youth Forum	4 000,00	Travel costs of european participants	<i>Africa-Europe TC, Coimbra, 31 May - 7 June</i>
in-kind	Fundação Bissaia Barreto and Civil Government of Coimbra	10 000,00	Meals, local transport, meeting facilities including meeting rooms	<i>Africa-Europe TC, Coimbra, 31 May - 7 June</i>
in-kind	Fundação Luso-Americana	4 000,00	Meals, meeting room, interpretation equipment	<i>Seminar Medias and Cultural Diversity, Lisbon, 23-24 June</i>
in-kind	Spanish Youth Institute	159 200,00	Board and loadging, meeting facilities, offices an equipment, local transportation, interpretation and equipment	<i>9th University on Youth and Development, Mollina, 14-21 September 2008</i>
in-kind	Agha Khan Foundation	4 600,00	Meals, meeting facilities, interpretaion, equipment and technical assistance	<i>Seminar on "Networking of institutions and resource centr training history teachers",Lisb 25-26 September</i>
In-kind	ALECSO	10 000,00	Meals, meeting rooms	<i>CoE/ALESCO Symposium on intercultural dialogue, Tunis, 27-28 octobre</i>
In-kind	National Assembly of Cape Verde	18 000,00	Meeting room, coffe-breaks, interpretation, techninal assistance, transfers, administration costs, organised excursion, offices and equipment	<i>Conference on education and intercultural dialogue, Cidade da Praia, 31 octobre 2008</i>
in-kind	European Commission representation in Lisbon	1 200,00	Meeting room and interpretation boths	<i>November Executive Council Meeting</i>
In-kind	Fundação Gulbenkian	4 000,00	Meeting room and interpretation boths, technical assistance, 2 lanches, other meeting facilities	<i>Lisbon Fórum 2008</i>
	SUB-TOTAL	267 020,00		
	TOTAL (1.1.1 + 1.1.2)			367 678,00

⁶ NSC financed the participation of seven participants from African coutries, that represented a total cost of 3000€.

2 EXPENDITURE

2.1 BL BUDGET

CCM	Article	Description	Budget €	Dépenses Réelles €	Disponible €	Solde €
Budget Head : 6507 BL- Education à la citoyenneté mondiale et à la jeunesse						
00400	0000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	67 516,00	67 515,12	,88	,88
	0000056	Telecommunications	3 200,00	2 972,89	227,11	227,11
	0000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	5 900,00	4 907,98	991,99	992,02
	0000059	Loyer - bureaux	52 825,03	52 825,03	,00	,00
	0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	3 600,00	1 599,62	2 000,38	2 000,38
	0000263	Activites financees cont. vol.	65 382,96	65 382,96	,00	,00
	0000264	Depenses de programme	95 400,00	90 062,03	5 337,97	5 337,97
	0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	5 800,00	5 800,00	,00	,00
	0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	7 897,30	7 892,52	4,78	4,78
Total Budget Head : 6507			307 521,29	298 958,15	8 563,11	8 563,14

Budget Head : 6508 BL- Dialogue avec l'Afrique et les pays transmediterranéens

	0000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	70 583,00	59 055,88	11 527,12	11 527,12
	0000056	Telecommunications	4 300,00	3 545,82	754,18	754,18
	0000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	4 500,00	3 249,84	1 250,17	1 250,16
	0000059	Loyer - bureaux	39 883,35	39 883,34	,01	,01
	0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	1 900,00	248,21	1 651,79	1 651,79
	0000263	Activites financees cont. vol.	32 500,00	32 500,00	,00	,00
	0000264	Depenses de programme	133 400,00	119 091,92	14 308,08	14 308,08
	0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	4 300,00	4 300,00	,00	,00
	0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	11 542,79	8 871,59	2 671,20	2 671,20
Total Budget Head : 6508			302 909,14	270 746,60	32 162,55	32 162,54

Budget Head : 6509 BL- Politique de communication

	0000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	24 400,00	19 685,47	4 714,53	4 714,53
	0000056	Telecommunications	1 800,00	1 460,14	339,86	339,86
	0000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	3 900,00	2 701,48	1 198,51	1 198,52
	0000059	Loyer - bureaux	27 041,68	27 041,68	,00	,00
	0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	1 400,00	539,73	860,27	860,27
	0000125	Publications et Impressions soustraitees	3 600,00	3 228,59	371,41	371,41
	0000264	Depenses de programme	25 300,00	20 432,05	4 867,95	4 867,95
	0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	1 500,00	1 500,00	,00	,00
	0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	2 957,21	2 957,21	,00	,00
Total Budget Head : 6509			91 898,89	79 546,35	12 352,53	12 352,54

Budget Head : 6510 BL- Encadrement / Direction

	0000001	Remun. du personnel permanent	241 301,00	241 300,23	,77	,77
	0000002	Indemnites du personnel permanent	4 600,00	2 166,74	2 433,26	2 433,26
	0000056	Telecommunications	4 100,00	3 790,69	309,31	309,31
	0000057	Equipement materiel de bureau	5 900,00	4 695,16	1 204,87	1 204,84
	0000059	Loyer - bureaux	40 566,70	40 566,70	,00	,00

000080	Frais de Mission	15 500,00	15 068,75	431,25	431,25
000083	Frais de voy/sej delegations reunions stat.	11 100,00	4 412,65	6 687,35	6 687,35
000084	Frais de voy/sej et de representation du President ou de son representant	11 000,00	9 671,62	1 328,38	1 328,38
0000115	Interpretation	4 400,00	4 358,51	41,49	41,49
0000116	Traduction	3 200,00	2 958,34	241,66	241,66
0000124	Production et affranchissement de documents	3 800,00	3 732,09	67,91	67,91
0000167	Frais de representation	1 400,00	1 284,99	115,01	115,01
0000378	Contributions au Budget ordinaire	23 200,00	23 200,00	,00	,00
0000379	Contributions aux Pensions	31 302,70	31 302,70	,00	,00

Total Budget Head : 6510		401 370,40	388 509,17	12 861,26	12 861,23
---------------------------------	--	-------------------	-------------------	------------------	------------------

Total CCM : 00400	1 103 699,72	1 037 760,27	65 939,45	65 939,45
	100%	94,03%	5,97%	5,97%

2.2 LC ACCOUNT

CCM	Article	Description	Budget €	Dépenses Réelles €	Disponible €	Solde €
-----	---------	-------------	----------	--------------------	--------------	---------

Budget Head : 6565 LC Strategies and CB Global Education

	0000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	85 604,22	76 609,73	8 994,49	8 994,49
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	47 259,30	43 626,31	3 632,99	3 632,99
Total Bhead : 6565			132 863,52	120 236,04	12 627,48	12 627,48

Budget Head : 6566 LC Training & CB Youth

	0000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	89 268,59	88 504,38	662,21	764,21
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	36 704,82	17 946,28	18 758,54	18 758,54
Total Bhead : 6566			125 973,41	106 450,66	19 420,75	19 522,75

Budget Head : 6567 LC Intercultural dialogue

	0000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	77 921,00	74 367,70	3 471,10	3 553,30
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	24 706,03	23 463,26	1 242,77	1 242,77
Total Bhead : 6567			102 627,03	97 830,96	4 713,87	4 796,07

Budget Head : 6568 LC Dialogue, Human Rights, Democracy & Development

	0000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	45 116,48	44 826,53	289,95	289,95
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	43 765,68	21 609,68	22 156,00	22 156,00
Total Bhead : 6568			88 882,16	66 436,21	22 445,95	22 445,95

Budget Head : 6569 LC Migration & Development

	0000003	Remun. du personnel temporaire	37 250,00	37 000,80	46,00	249,20
	0000299	Depenses Operationnelles	13 500,00	5 994,74	7 505,26	7 505,26
Total B Head : 6569			50 750,00	42 995,54	7 551,26	7 754,46

Total CCM : 00400	501 096,12	433 949,41	66 759,31	67 146,71
--------------------------	-------------------	-------------------	------------------	------------------

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS 2008-2010

Representatives of the member States:	1	Cyprus
	2	Finland
	3	Germany
	4	The Netherlands
	5	Malta
	6	San Marino
	7	Spain*
	8	Switzerland*
Parliamentarians:		
Parliamentary Assembly⁽¹⁾	9	Mr Kimmo Sasi*
	10	Mr Wolfgang Wodarg
European Parliament⁽²⁾	11	Mr Ryszard Czarnecki
	12	Mr Alain Hutchinson
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe⁽³⁾	13	Mr Jean-Claude Frecon
	14	Mr Ian Micallef
	15	Mrs Ludmila Sfirloaga*
	16	
NGO Representatives:		
Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe	17	Ms Annelise Oeschger*
North-South Grouping of INGOs of the Council of Europe	18	Mr Michel Julien
European Youth Forum	19	Mr Christoffer Grønstad
Global Education Network Europe (GENE)	20	Mr Helmuth Hartmeyer
European NGO confederation for relief and development (CONCORD)	21	Ms Rilli Lappalainen
European Institute of Cultural Routes	22	Ms Erna Hennicot-Schoepges
Secretary General of the Council of Europe or his/her representative:	23	Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni
Representative of the European Commission⁽⁴⁾:	24	Mrs Luisella Pavan-Woolfe*
Representatives from the South:		
Member of Parliament, South Africa	25	Mr Ben Turok
Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union	26	Mr Habib Ben Yahia
To be confirmed	27	

* Bureau member

⁽¹⁾ **Substitute members:**

Mrs Maria Manuela de Melo and Mrs Antigoni Papadopoulos

⁽²⁾ **Substitute members:**

Mrs Marie-Arlette Carlotti and Mrs Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison

⁽³⁾ **Substitute members:**

Mr Michel Guegan and Mrs Esther Maurer

⁽⁴⁾ **Substitute member:** Mr Jérôme Legrand

NORTH- SOUTH CENTRE ORGANIGRAMME (DECEMBER 2008)

