

NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



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MESSAGE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I am honoured to have joined an institution such as the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe at a time when the growing gap between countries and between peoples, forced migration, human rights violations, racism, xenophobia, conflicts, insecurity and terrorism continue to polarise our societies. In this hostile environment, I am proud to manage a Centre that persists on the need to find a common language for understanding and respecting cultural differences to enable us to live together peacefully and constructively in a multicultural world.

In 2016 the North-South Centre was reinforced with the accessions of three new member states: Bulgaria, Romania and Tunisia.

Its expertise in the field of global development education was once more recognised by the European Commission that renewed its partnership with the Centre for the third consecutive time since 2009 with the signature of the iLEGEND project (Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue).

The Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship mobilised 350 youth multipliers on the theme “Connecting Identities” and the decentralised campaign of the Global Education Week on the theme “Acting together for a world of Peace” reached out to 1.300 schools, 9.000 teachers and 384.000 pupils in Europe.

The NSC continued to contribute to the sharing of CoE standards and conventions in the Southern Mediterranean, in particular the Istanbul Convention.

The XXI Award ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, held in the Portuguese Parliamentary Assembly, recognised the work of President of Mozambique Joaquim Chissano and Ms. Lora Pappa, founder of the Greek NGO METAdrasi, for their involvement in peace promotion and migrant and refugees’ protection.

In fact, migration was integrated as one of the theme priorities of the North-South Centre in 2016. The Lisbon Forum that gathered over 200 participants representing governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society organisations, concluded a series of operational recommendations on the question: “Migration and Human Rights: how to structure effective collective action?”.

2016 was a relevant and active year for the North-South Centre that continues to fulfil a role of utmost relevance today. I am certain that based on the successes and lessons learned, the North-South Centre will continue to work together with its members and partners to promote a stronger intercultural dialogue and to build more peaceful and inclusive societies.

One final word for the Deputy Executive Director, Rocio Cervera, and to the excellent small team of the North- South Centre, whose commitment to its activities deserved recognition.

António Gamito

Executive Director

Ambassador

THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity, more commonly known as the "North-South Centre" (NSC), was created in November 1989, as a follow-up to the European public campaign on North-South Interdependence and Solidarity launched in 1988 by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the then European Community.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the NSC is to empower civil society, in particular youth and women, through intercultural dialogue and global citizenship education, in CoE member states and neighbouring regions.

To this aim, and in particular through its multilateral activities, the NSC responds mainly to four priority areas: global education, youth cooperation, empowerment of women and migration.

OUR METHODOLOGY

Under the principles of dialogue, partnership and solidarity, through a bottom-up approach, the NSC brings together representatives of governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society. This "quadrilogue" methodology helps build bridges between relevant actors with different cultures, from diverse backgrounds and multiple approaches.

MEMBER STATES

Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Spain and Tunisia.

PRIORITY REGIONS

The NSC is an instrument for multilateral cooperation of the CoE policy towards its neighbouring regions. Its activities target CoE member states and eastern and southern Mediterranean countries.

Since its inception the NSC has developed a solid network and close partnerships with representatives of the *quadrilogue* in Europe and beyond.

PROGRAMMES AND GOALS

The programme of the NSC responds to three priority areas - global education, youth cooperation and empowerment of women - and three main types of actions - advocacy, capacity-building and awareness raising. Migration was added to the work of the NSC in 2016.

The NSC programmes are in line with the CoE values, standards and priorities and the UN 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular:

- I. **Goal 4:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all (particularly goal 4.7.)
- II. **Goal 5:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- III. **Goal 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
- IV. **Goal 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS



The North-South Centre was enlarged with the accessions of Bulgaria and Romania. Tunisia also joined the Centre at the end of the year reinforcing its role as an instrument of the CoE's policy towards its neighbouring regions.



Once more, the expertise of the NSC in the field of Global Education was recognised by the European Commission. This recognition led to a renewed partnership - for the third consecutive time since 2009 - with the signature of the iLEGEND project (Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue).



The Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship mobilised 350 young people from Europe and beyond on the theme "Connecting Identities". The 4th Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship in Hammamet, Tunisia, was followed by the 17th edition of the University on Youth and Development in Mollina, Spain.

The cycle concluded with a joint declaration on diversity and inclusion representing the views of young people from around 60 different

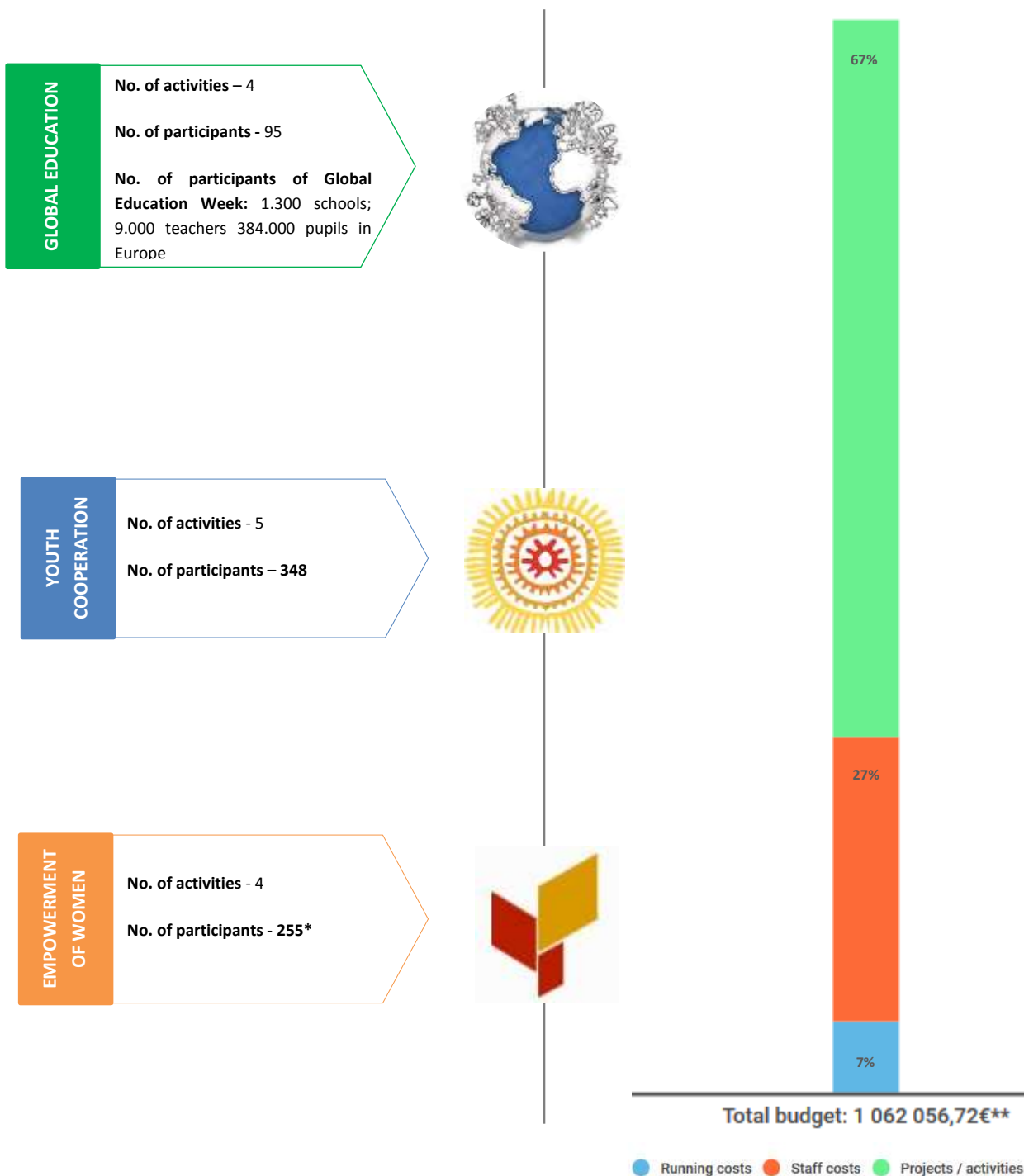


In the framework of the Meeting of the EuroMed Rights' Gender Working Group in Morocco, the NSC organised a training to share technical knowledge on how Non-Governmental Organisations could contribute to the implementation of the CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.



In the field of migration, the Lisbon Forum brought together actors from origin, transit and destination countries, to contribute to a collective response and successful integration of migrants and refugees. The North-South Prize laureate founder of the Greek NGO METAdrasi, Ms. Lora Pappa, was distinguished for her involvement in peace promotion and migrant and refugees' protection.

2016 IN FIGURES



* Includes participants of the Lisbon Forum

** This information is still provisional and subject to confirmation pending the certification of NSC 2016 Financial Statements and Budgetary Management Accounts by the External Auditors.



Global Education

The Global Education (GE) programme is transversal to the work of the NSC. It aims to foster comprehensive and equitable quality education to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, mainly through global development education and intercultural dialogue.

The GE Programme promotes the inclusion of global development education in school curricula, enabling teachers and youth workers to educate on knowledge and skills to understand, participate in and interact critically with our global societies and increase the general public understanding of what is global development education.

COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

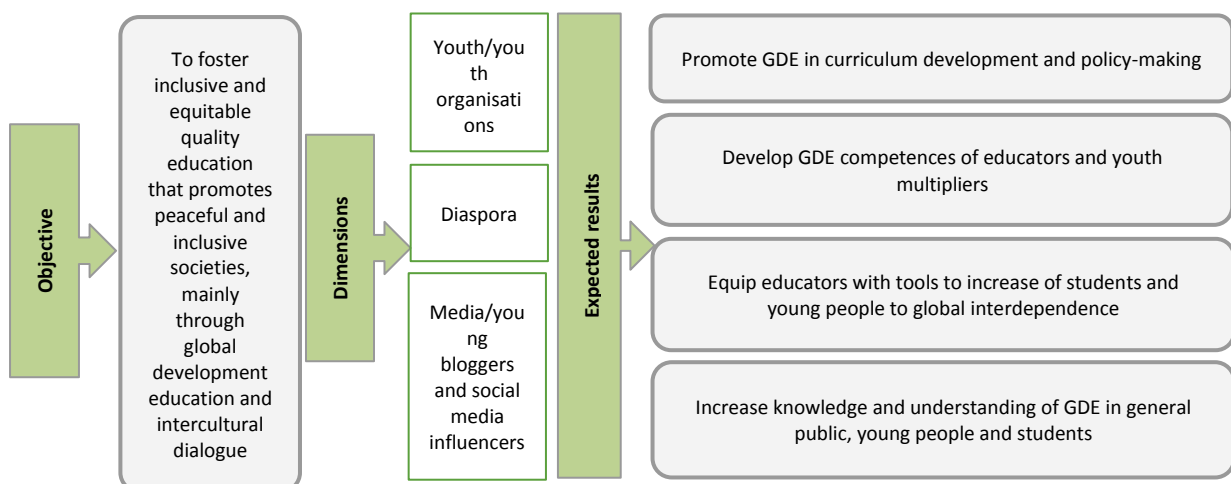
The Global Education website, www.nscgloaleducation.org, contains all the relevant information regarding the programme and its activities. Managed by the NSC, this platform also provides all stakeholders with a broad resource centre.

Additionally, the Global Education network is reinforced with a Facebook account with over 2 600 followers in 2016, 500 more than the previous year.



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EU AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

2016 marked the beginning of a third cycle with the signature of the iLegend (Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue). For the period 2016-2019, the European Union is partnering with the Council of Europe, through its North-South Centre, to include Global Development Education (GDE) in formal education in the Balkans, Baltic, South East Europe and Mediterranean and Visegrád regions. This programme is part of the non-state actors mechanism of the European Commission.



With a €1, 3 million budget - 75% by the European Union and 25% by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe – the activities of the iLegend Project will range from residential and online training courses on human rights, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship to seminars and workshops mobilising representatives from governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society.

Relying on the expertise of the NSC and on its broad network of stakeholders, the activities will reach policy-makers, educators and youth workers in EU member States and neighbouring regions.

GLOBAL EDUCATION REGIONAL SEMINARS

The Global Education Programme organises each year regional seminars on global education, Baltic, Balkan, South East Europe/Mediterranean and Visegrad regions, to discuss the local implementation of global education and define lines of action for the year ahead.

These seminars, supported by the iLegend, bring together global education stakeholders from new EU Member States and from EU candidate countries, in order to exchange and jointly discuss existing perspectives on the concept and practice of global development education.

The global education regional seminars take into account the recommendations of the Zagreb GE Congress, which took place in November 2015, the conclusions of CoE Conferences of Ministers of Education and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4.7, concerning Global Citizenship Education.

BALTIC AND SOUTH EAST EUROPE REGIONAL SEMINARS

The Baltic regional Seminar took place between 24-25 October. Over 40 participants, representing all sides of the *quadrilogue*, gathered in Tallinn (Estonia) to discuss recent developments in the field of global education

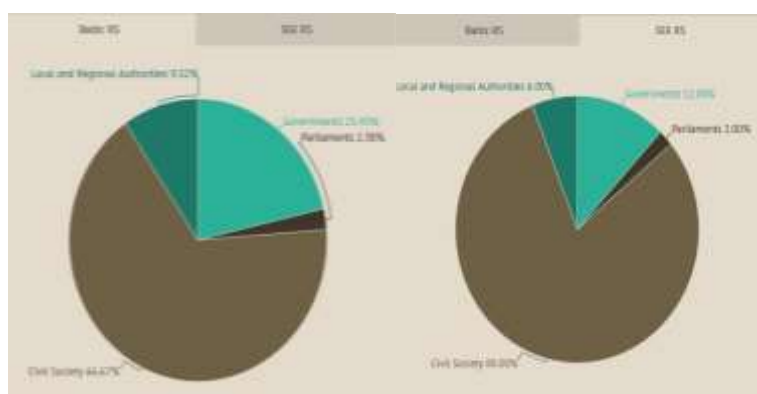
The South East Europe regional seminar took place in Sofia (Bulgaria), between 9-11 December and gathered 50 participants.

Participants of both seminars proposed several national and regional follow-up mechanisms to implement over the next two years in the following areas:

- I. Global development education policy making;
- II. Global development education curricula development;
- III. Professional development of educators and quality support;
- IV. Awareness raising and pedagogical tools.

FACTS & FIGURES

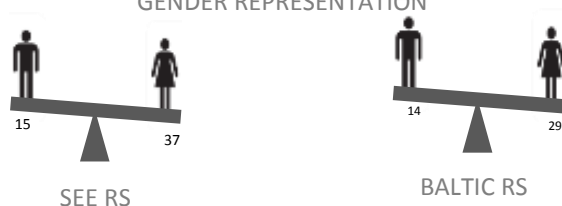
QUADRILOGUE REPRESENTATION



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GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK

GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK 2016

In 2016, the theme for the Global Education Week was “Acting Together for a World of Peace.” This theme is in line with the NSC’s mandate with regard to raising awareness on North-South and global interdependence issues and linked to the nature of GEW and its relation to the UN SDG 16.

The 2016 Edition took place between 12-20 November and involved 23 participating countries.



GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK

The Global Education Week (GEW) is a Europe-wide awareness-raising event, which takes place annually in formal and non-formal educational settings across the continent. It has a different theme every year.

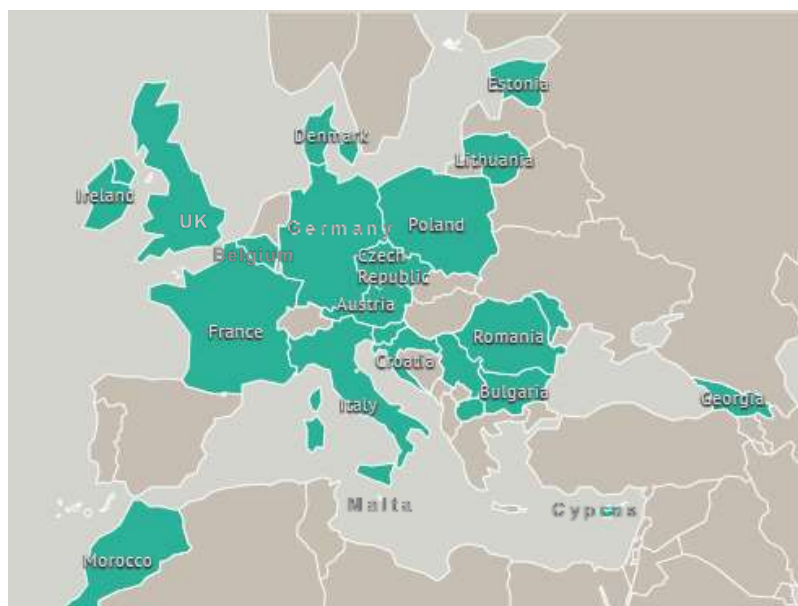
The GEW’s aim is to encourage educators and learners to explore educational activities for global citizenship.

In line with UN SDG 4.7, the GEW addresses issues related to diversity and inequality at the local and global levels, and tries to foster:

- I. Awareness of the wider world and of our own role as world citizens.
- II. Attitudes of respect for diversity and intercultural communication skills.
- III. Responsibility for our own actions.
- IV. The ability to take action to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place.

FACTS & FIGURES

GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK 2016*



1300 schools



9 000 teachers



384 000 pupils

*Statistical information does not include all involved countries

GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK NETWORK MEETING

The aim of the GEW Network meeting is to share networking and advocacy strategies for increasing and improving Global Education through and beyond the Global Education Week. This meeting also sets the theme and slogan for the following edition of the GEW, as well as the strategy to be adopted.

In 2016, the network coordinators, gathered in Sofia from 9-11 December, agreed to revise the GEW communication strategy, namely its tools and channels, in order to reach new audiences and give greater visibility to the event.



Youth Cooperation

The Youth Co-operation programme promotes youth participation through training and capacity building. These empowering activities, aimed at young people and youth organisations, facilitate their participation in decision and policymaking processes at all levels of governance.

The Network of Universities is the focus of the Youth Cooperation Programme and consists of a platform that gathers youth partners from all over the world in an effort to develop a coordinated system of capacity-building activities that contribute to strengthen the interregional and global youth cooperation.



NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

In 2016, “Connecting Identities” was the overarching theme of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship, the focus of the Youth Cooperation Programme. Young people and youth workers from all over the world come together as part of a global youth movement that works against exclusion and discrimination and for inclusion and diversity.

This year’s theme contributed to the fifth cycle of structured dialogue with youth people in the EU Trio Presidency (the Netherlands-Slovakia-Malta) and the CoE’s Action Plan on Building Inclusive Societies (2016-2019).

Furthermore it promoted a reflection on how youth organisations and youth work can accompany young people in such sensitive and meaningful processes of identity construction that ultimately define them as citizens and global citizens.

For 16 years the different universities have offered a space where young people and youth workers from all over the world come together as part of a global youth movement that works against exclusion and discrimination and for inclusion and diversity.

COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

To increase the visibility of the activities of the Youth Cooperation Programme and intensify its multiplying effect, the NSC manages a website <http://universityuyd.com/> and a Facebook account @uyd.me.

In 2016, the number of followers on the social network continued its upward movement surpassing 5 000 followers at the end of the year.

Furthermore, in 2016, the NSC has partnered with the European Youth Press for a comprehensive communication and media strategy of the activities it develops in the field of youth cooperation.



FOCUS GROUP ON DIASPORA YOUTH IN EUROPE

From 2016, the NSC will continue to work with diaspora communities as a strategic partner for the youth programme.

Diasporas act as a bridge between their countries of residence/origin, contributing positively to both countries. They are not only a cultural, economic and political bridge but they are prominent actors in development too; they have a long-standing tradition of economic

support towards the people living in the country of origin.



To kick-off this activity, the NSC gathered a group of young experts who could contribute to narrow down the specific objectives and the main activities targeting diaspora youth in Europe in order to design a relevant flow for the project in the upcoming three years. The meeting took place in Mollina, between 21-24 September, as part of the preparatory phase of the iLEGEND.

Four experts from different diaspora groups in Europe (Africa, Asia and Maghreb), along with two representatives of the NSC, worked on designing a specific working methodology that will allow, by nurturing from concrete successful experiences of diaspora youth in Europe, to build more inclusive societies in both EU Member States (countries of residence) and countries of origin.

THE FOURTH MEDUNI ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

The MedUni multicultural event contributed to the political mainstreaming of youth-related issues, increasing youth participation and promoting coordination and increased synergies between relevant partners.

Migration and, more particularly, the situation of refugees, asylum seekers and unaccompanied minors, was one of the main priorities for the different partners that organised the trainings.

Nº participants: 133 Nº of activities: 7		
List of activities:	Organiser	Dates
1 3 rd Training Course on Structured Participation in Democratic Processes	North-South Centre of the CoE	1-8
2 Training Course on Challenging Stereotypes and Identities to promote Gender Equality	North-South Centre of the CoE	1-8
3 Workshop on National Identity as a vehicle to fight terrorism	Observatoire National de la Jeunesse (in partnership with Search for Common Ground)	2-5
4 Focus group on Youth and Forced Migrants	League of Arab States (Population Policies, Expatriates and Migration Department -PPEMD- LAS, in cooperation with other partners)	3-7
5 Euromed Intercultural Learning Expert meeting	Anna Lindh Foundation	3-6
6 Euro-Mediterranean Training of Trainers: "Capacity building in front of racism and xenophobia"	National Youth Council of Catalonia, CNJC	1-8
7 Stakeholders' Meeting	All partners	6

For a week, different opinions and approaches have given the base to a constructive debate around various topics such as education against discrimination and xenophobia, democratic governance, political identity, gender equality or challenging stereotypes, amongst others.

THE THIRD TRAINING COURSE ON STRUCTURED PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES (SPDP)

The third edition of the training course on SPDP, gathered 16 young leaders or representatives from youth organizations active in the field of youth policy in their respective countries and four trainers from 17 different countries of Europe (CoE member States) and the Southern Mediterranean region.



The activity tackled issues such as:

- I. concepts and practices of global democratic citizenship
- II. the role of youth organisations in decision-making
- III. design, implementation and evaluation of policies
- IV. tools and mechanisms for an effective participation of youth in democratic life
- V. good practices on development of youth structures
- VI. structured participation in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean region.

The last day participants presented at least five different follow-up international cooperation projects on topics such as student structure development, Euro-Med youth-led national councils' cooperation, or employability of young people.

17TH UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The 17th edition of the University on Youth and Development took place between 18-25 September, in Mollina, Spain.

The activities concluded with a Joint Declaration representing the views of young people of around 60 nationalities on diversity and inclusion. It recognises diversity as key in the development of identities in our globalized world, and promotes peace, democracy and inclusion in societies, highlighting also the importance of youth organisations in this regard.



		Nº participants: 215	Nº of activities: 12
	List of activities:	Organiser	Dates
1	5th Global Education and Youth Training Course for youth multipliers	North-South Centre of the CoE	18-25
2	Follow up activity from CSI-Gender EQ TC in MedUni	North-South Centre of the CoE	20-25
3	#RefugeesWelcome to School - Training for implementation of local projects for integration of refugee youth in education	Organising Bureau of European School Students (OBESSU)	18-25
4	Structural empowering Training of Trainers	International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY)-	18-25
5	Connecting in civic education: Non Formal Education meeting Formal Education	AEGEE-Europe / European Students' Forum	18-25
6	RESTART: Rethinking, Assessing, Activating and Evaluating youth organizations	Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)	18-25
7	Work and Changing Society	European Youth Forum (YFJ)	18-25
8	Identities on the move: Building up inclusive intervention with migrants and refugees	Spanish National Youth Council (CJE)	18-25
9	Focus Group on Diaspora Youth in Europe	North-South Centre of the CoE	21-24
10	Expert Group Meeting	DYPALL Network	18-20
11	Annual Meeting of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship	Network of Universities on Youth and Development	22
12	Board Meeting	Youth Express Network (Y-E-N)	22-25

FIFTH GLOBAL EDUCATION AND YOUTH TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH MULTIPLIERS

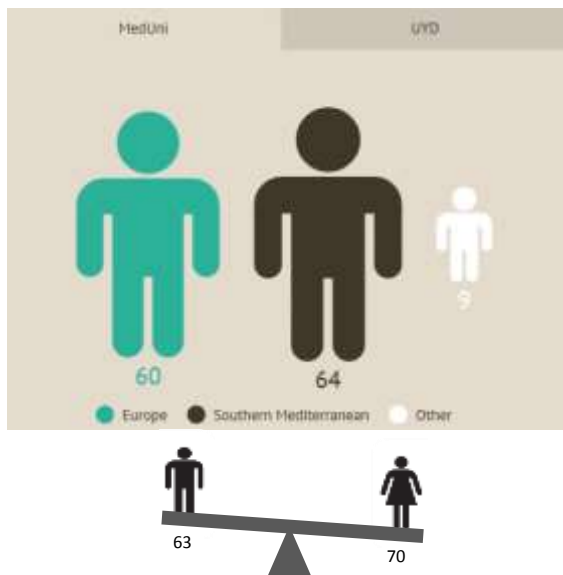


The fifth edition of the training course on global education and youth for youth multipliers gathered 21 young leaders and representatives of youth organizations and five trainers active in different countries around the world. The course had a global geographical balance as 10 participants were from Europe, eight from the Southern Mediterranean region and six from other regions (Asia and America). This activity marked the kick-off of the iLEGEND project.

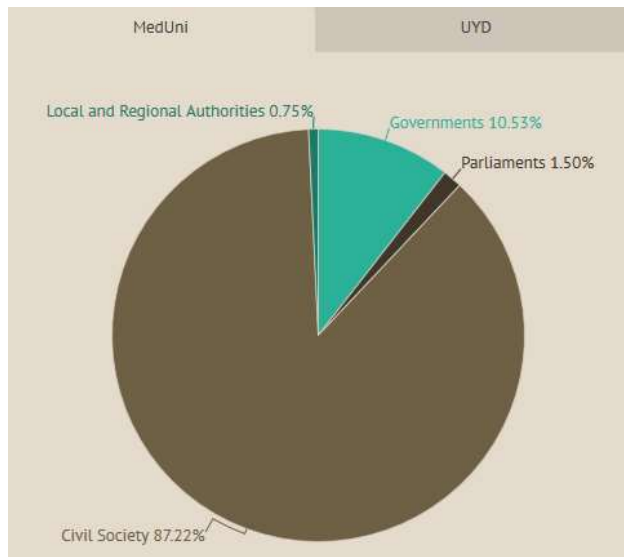
Based on the North-South Centre methodology, the training course provided youth multipliers with a series of competences and tools to promote and disseminate principles of global development education to other young people. It tackled concepts such as non-formal education, community mobilisation, social media and campaigning. The last session of the course gave the participants the space to make proposals of workshops to be implemented within the context of their organizations for the promotion of the UN SDG's, in particular global citizenship, intercultural dialogue, and social entrepreneurship.

FOURTH MEDUNI
133 PARTICIPANTS FROM 30 COUNTRIES

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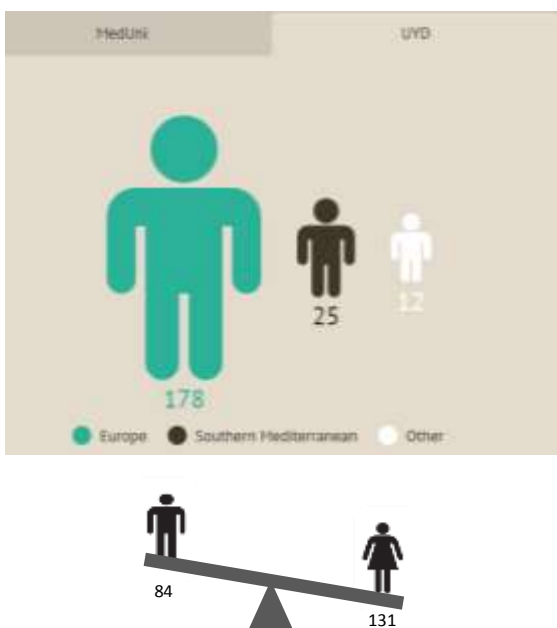


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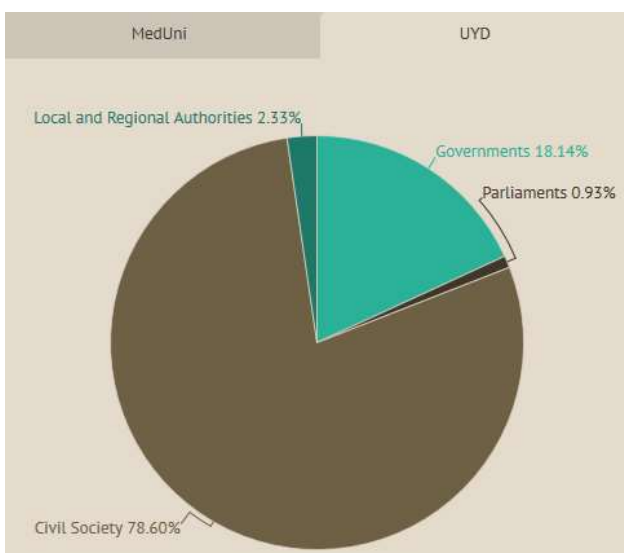


17TH UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT
215 PARTICIPANTS FROM 60 COUNTRIES

COUNTRY REPRESENTATION



QUADRILOGUE REPRESENTATION





Empowerment of Women

Trough activities of advocacy, capacity building, networking and awareness raising, the EoW programme seeks to reinforce women’s participation in all levels of governance, leadership and decision making processes. A network involving *quadrilogue* members from Council of Europe’s member states and the Southern Mediterranean region supports this process.

In 2016, the NSC launched capacity building and awareness raising activities on gender stereotypes and sexism and violence against women.



EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

In line with the CoE Policy towards Neighbouring regions, the Gender Equality Strategy 2014 – 2017 and the UN SDG 5, the objective of the Empowerment of Women is to contribute to processes of democratic consolidation in the Southern Mediterranean region.

The NSC focuses its EoW activities on three dimensions:

- I. reinforcement of women’s role at all levels of governance, in particular on women’s access to politics
- II. women and media
- III. violence against women in Southern Mediterranean region

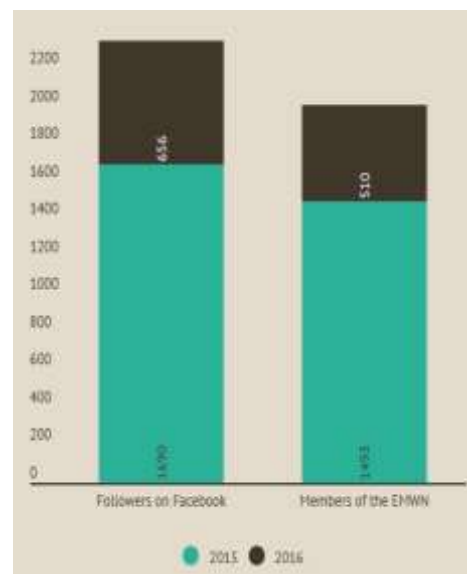
launched its awareness raising campaign: "We must raise our voices loud and clear" to end violence against women. As a result, the network gained 120 new followers.

Both campaigns reached more than 2000 likes, 130 shares, almost 30.000 people.

EURO-MED WOMEN NETWORK

The Euro-Med Women Network (EMWN) is a fundamental tool to support the EoW Unit by providing its members with a platform, supported by an online website.

Additionally, the platform provides a Good Practices Database, which gives visibility to the work of the EMWN members and allows the exchange of experiences and good practices between them. Videos, photos and articles promoting good practices are published on the online platform.



In 2016, the NSC joined two online campaigns:

International Women’s Day (8 March) - “Combating Sexist Hate Speech”

#16Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence (25th November to the 10th December) - on the International Days for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the EMWN



TRAINING ACTIVITY ON THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AS A TOOL FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

In the framework of the EuroMed Rights' Gender Working Group meeting, the NSC organised a one-day training in Rabat (Morocco) on the use of the Istanbul Convention as a tool to combat violence against women for women organisations in Europe and Southern Mediterranean regions.

The training provided NGOs with technical knowledge on the Istanbul Convention. Designed for 16 members of the working group, among which six representatives of the Moroccan civil society, it focused on three main themes: prevention, protection, and information.

Experts from Voice of Libyan Women and UN Women, Solidarités Femmes France, Italian Institute of Statistics and Lam Echaml, Civic Association Network in Tunisia delivered a training based on case studies and simulation exercises, to help identify and elaborate tools, methods and strategies to fight violence against women.

Participants identified several needs in the field of the protection of victims and called for an increased coordination and cooperation of all stakeholders, starting at the local level.

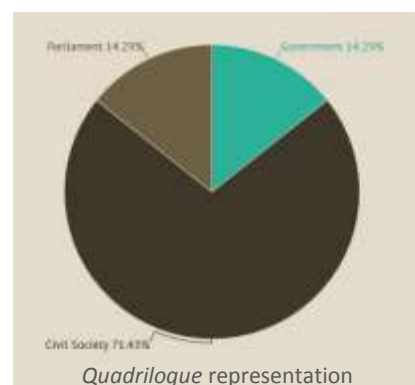
One of the outcomes of the session was the creation of a database to track violence against women and reinforce regional actions to combat violence against women. Following the training, the EuroMed Rights' Gender Working Group launched an online awareness raising campaign under the slogan "[Istanbul Convention - a tool for NGOs](#)".



ROUNDTABLE "REFUGEE, MIGRANT & ASYLUM SEEKER WOMEN IN EUROPE & SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN"

The NSC organised a roundtable to raise awareness among the *quadrilogue* actors of the Lisbon Forum 2016 on the gender-sensitive measures. The main focus was the safety of women seeking asylum and on the specific issues and situations faced by refugee, migrant and asylum seeker women, in Europe and in the Southern Mediterranean. Highlighting this difficult context, experts called on an effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention and the elimination of discriminative laws, such as child marriage and unregistered temporary marriage.

Participants of the roundtable elaborated seven recommendations for *quadrilogue* representatives, calling on the reinforcement of effective multi-level coordination. This will allow the implementation of comprehensive policies and specific measures ensuring that women and girls, refugee, migrant and asylum seekers, are protected. Access to services, namely legal support and justice in appropriate languages, are among the fields in which participants recognised there is an urgent need for improvement.



TRAINING COURSE CSI GENDER EQ

From 1-8 May, in the framework of MedUni, the NSC organised in Hammamet (Tunisia) a training to raise awareness regarding harmful stereotypes towards women and share different experiences from both the South and the North of the Mediterranean.



The weeklong activity equipped young activists and educators with tools and methods to enhance gender equality and to promote a positive and non-stereotyped image of woman, through education and intercultural dialogue.



As a result, participants produced four campaigns against pre-conceived ideas about gender roles. Two video campaigns were developed, one about gender roles associated with men, under the slogan “Don’t hide it, let it out” and another about sexual harassment against men called #SpeakOut. The other two campaigns, based on posters pointed out the necessity to achieve equal pay for men and women, on one hand and the creation of gender stereotypes from childhood.

Furthermore, following the training, a number of participants expressed an interest in launching their own campaign in their home countries. Awareness raising activities on stereotypes and sexism are planned in Tunisia and a collaborative project between organisation from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Palestine as well.

FOCUS GROUP CONNECTING WOMEN – CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES



On the basis of the recommendations formulated by participants and trainers from the previous training course CSI-Gender EQ, the NSC organised a follow-up activity in the form of a focus group under the theme: "Connecting Women, Challenging Stereotypes" during the 17th UYD, between 20-25 September in Mollina, Spain. The activity gathered 13 participants from Europe and Southern Mediterranean region, seven of whom were participants of the CSI-Gender EQ training course.

The objective was to confront stereotypes depicting Arab women and European women in the Mediterranean region in order to reveal identity-related tensions and discriminations faced by women from both sides of the Mediterranean.

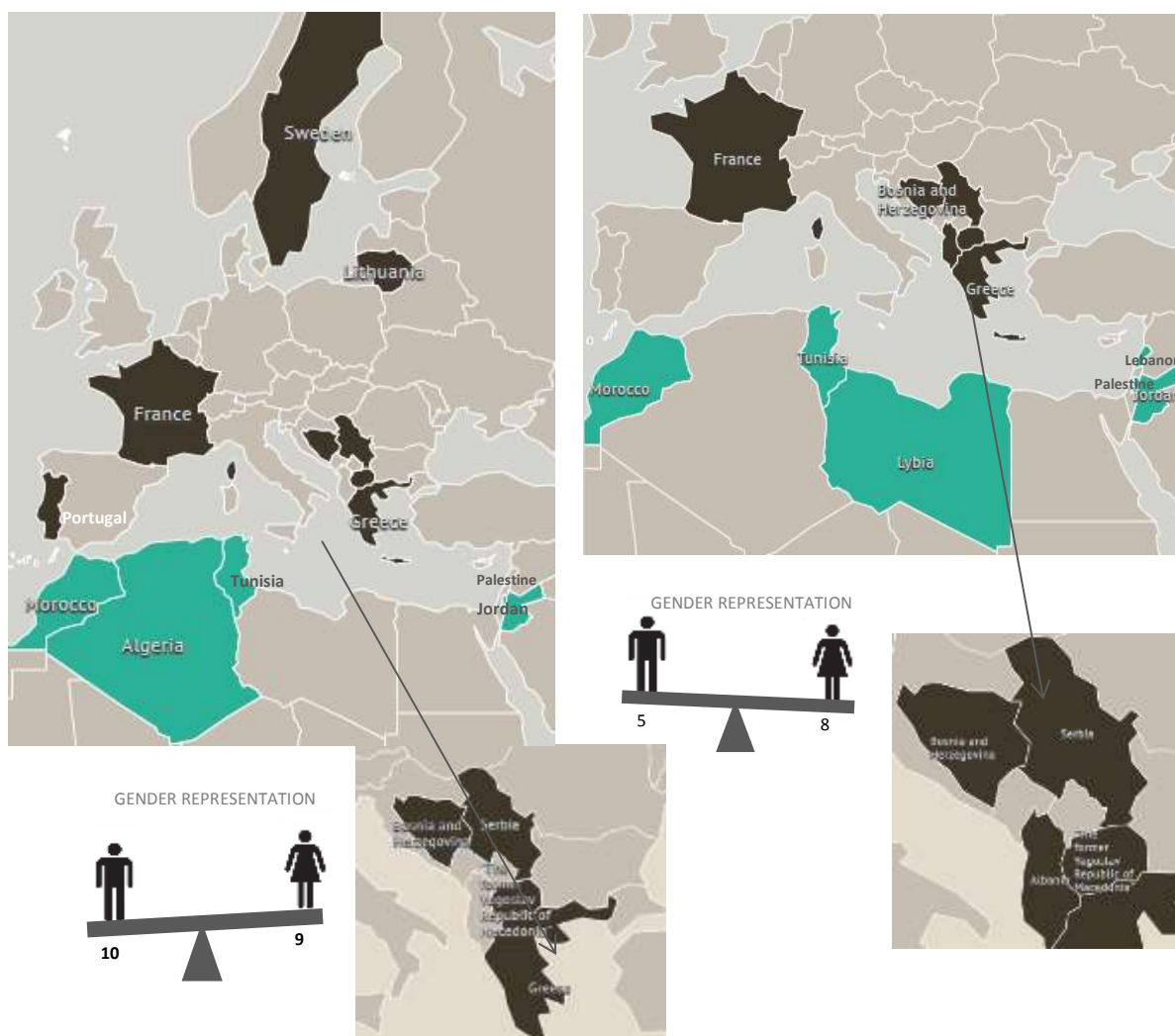
During the activity, participants worked on specific projects to be implemented at regional and national level, to promote intercultural dialogue by challenging the image of women in Mediterranean regions through awareness-raising and capacity-building activities. Participants conceptualised four follow-up projects.

Project title	Objective	Geographical scope	Partners
Empower women in rural areas of EuroMed region	foster and promote women rights and empowerment in rural areas	Turkey, Italy, Spain, France, Malta, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine, Jordan and Libya	NGOs System and Generation - Turkey Open Youth Corner - Greece
One Click Away	inspire a culture of gender equality amongst social media users and combat gender stereotypes of youth	Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Jordan and Palestine	NGOs Activista - Jordan, Youth Forum for Democracy and Citizenship - Morocco, Association d'Echanges Culturels Hebron – France / Palestine Club Culturel Ali Belhouane - Tunisia
Raising voices	prevent and respond to gender based violence through similar awareness raising and capacity-building activities in each country	Serbia, Lebanon, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey	NARKO-NE- Bosnia and Herzegovina Women In Front – Lebanon Center for Youth Work – Serbia CIRF/KAVAK – Turkey

FACTS & FIGURES

TRAINING COURSE CSI GENDER EQ
1-8 MAY, HAMMAMET (TUNISIA)

FOCUS GROUP CONNECTING WOMEN – CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES
20-25 SEPTEMBER, MOLLINA (SPAIN)





Flagship events

XXI AWARD CEREMONY OF NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



Awarded each year since 1995 to two candidates, one for the North and another from the South, who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting North-South solidarity, the North-South Prize 2015 distinguished former President of the Republic of Mozambique, H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, and Ms. Lora Pappa, founder of METAdrasi, Action for Migration and Development.

The Award Ceremony organised by the NSC took place the 30 of June 2016, at the Senate Chamber of the Portuguese Parliament, in Lisbon, and was attended by over 200 guests, among which Prof. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Portuguese Republic, Mr. Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal and Ms. Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and

Furthermore, bilateral meetings were organised in the framework of the official visit of Miss Pappa and other METAdrasi representatives to Lisbon. As a result the Portuguese national authorities and the ONG started a collaboration project of relocation of unaccompanied children to Portugal.

XXII EDITION OF THE LISBON FORUM



Migration and Human Rights were the focus of the XXII edition of the Lisbon Forum, on 24-25 November at the Ismaili Centre of Aga Kahn Development Network (AKDN). The event counted on the participation of 200 high representatives of governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society organisations, from both shores of the Mediterranean and promoted collaboration between countries of origin, transit and destination of migrants.

Lora Pappa, founder of the Greek ONG METAdrasi and laureate of the 2015 North-South Prize chaired the XXII edition of the Lisbon Forum. The XXII Lisbon Forum addressed global flows and local responses, access to human rights and successful integration, discuss emergency needs and long-term solutions and enhance capacities for dialogue between involved countries.

A constructive exchange of experience, good practice and expertise led to specific actions to promote in 2017. Through the specific role performed by the actors at the frontline of the management of the migration crisis, the Forum resulted in the adoption of operational recommendations directed to all quadrilogue actors with specific actions to promote advocacy and support for access to rights for displaced people in countries of origin, transit and destination.

The 22nd Lisbon Forum was once again held in the framework of the EU-funded initiative, carried out by the Council of Europe, South Programme II: support strengthened democratic governance through the creation of effective networks between Europe and the countries of the Southern Mediterranean. The 22nd edition of the Lisbon Forum was organised with the additional support of the Portuguese and Maltese Governments, and the collaboration of the Aga Khan Development Network, the Portuguese Platform for Refugees and the NGO, Voices of Young Refugees – Europe.

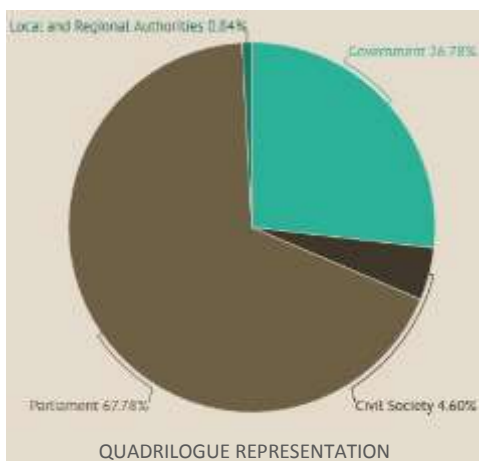
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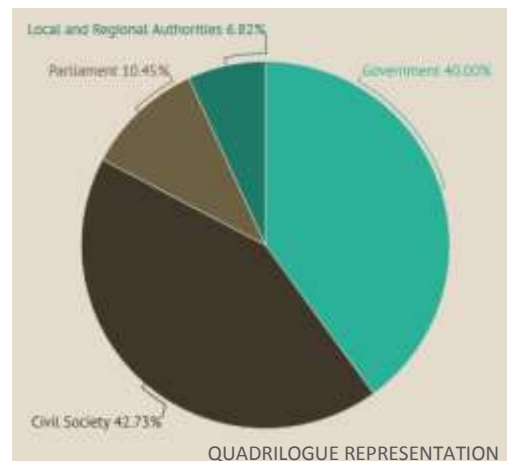
To mark the fifth anniversary of the Tunisian revolution the North-South Centre, the Tunisian Embassy and the Portuguese Diplomatic Institute gathered their network of experts, at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, on the 18th of April, to debate the key issues of democracy, security and development and offer support to the democratic transition process underway.

FACTS & FIGURES

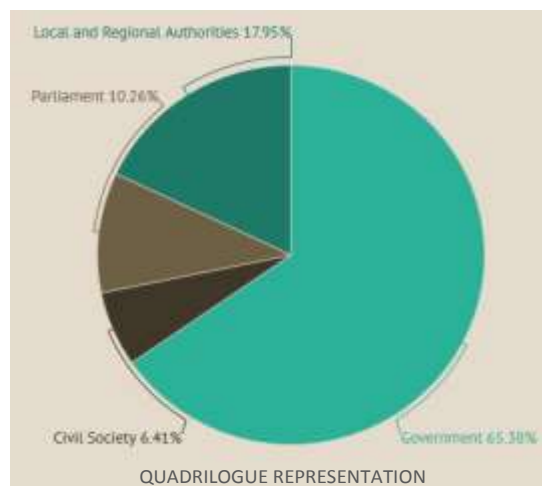
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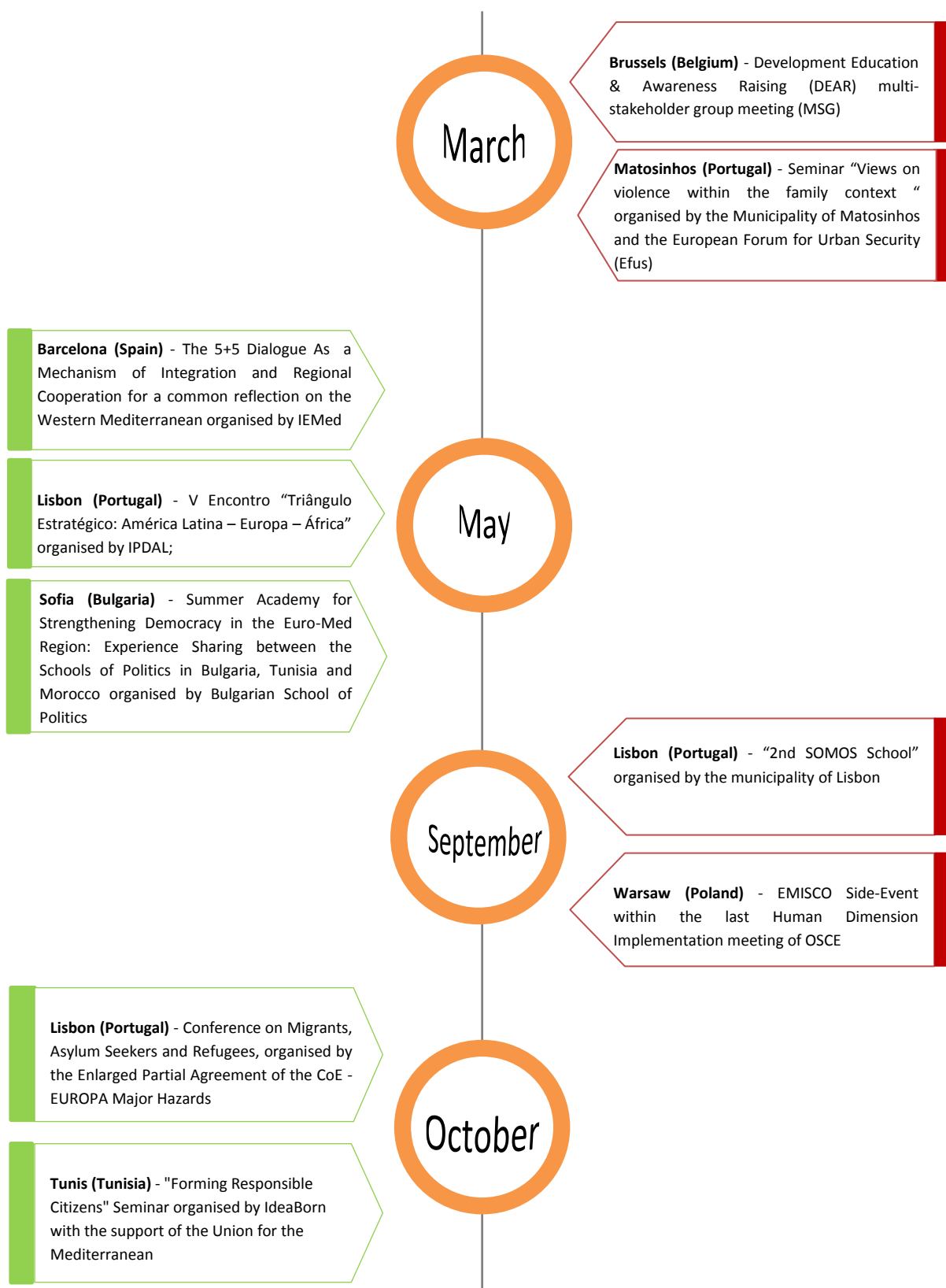
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REPRESENTATION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE IN PARTNER ACTIVITIES



TEAM



In 2016, the secretariat of the North-South Centre (NSC) was composed of eight staff members: The executive director (secondment), the deputy executive director; two programme managers for global education and youth; one project assistant for empowerment of women, a communication assistant, a financial officer and a administrative/financial assistant.

After the completion of the three-year secondment of Mr. José Ludovice, the

new executive director, Ambassador António Gamito, assumed functions in 19th of September.

In addition, the team of the Centre was reinforced by the valuable presence of eight trainees that through the year greatly contributed to the implementation of the programme of activities. The traineeship programme of the NSC that received 277 applications in 2016 (69% female, 31% male), from more than 30 different nationalities, aims at contributing to fulfilling the mission of the NSC, in terms of capacity building of young people, by providing a real professional experience in an international environment.



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