

6TH MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (MedUni)

7-12 May 2018, Tunisia

CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

Deadline for proposals: 26 March 2018

General presentation

The Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship (MedUni) is an activity facilitated and coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in partnership with l'Observatoire National de la Jeunesse (ONJ) [Tunisia] and with other youth actors from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean within the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship.

The MedUni is a framework event where different organisations operating at local, national and international level run their own activities within a multilateral cooperation context which encourages networking, peer education and sharing of knowledge.

The MedUni provides an exceptional space for young people, youth organisations, youth-related institutions and youth decision makers to meet, debate, build their capacities and cooperate on youth policies' issues.

Since 2013, MedUni represents an opportunity to explore the concept of global education and global citizenship, to encourage dialogue between decision makers and young people, to advocate for youth participation and to empower young people towards their rights and duties.

Main objectives:

- Enhance youth cooperation, youth work and youth empowerment through peer-learning, networking and the exchange of good practices.
- Increase the mainstreaming of the youth-related issues through a bottom-up approach and a multilateral cooperation effort of a large number of youth stakeholders.
- Engage with young people in decision and policy making, building together recommendations on youth-related issues.
- Improve the capacity of youth organisations to contribute to the global agenda on youth participation being able to identify and address new challenges.
- Foster a structured dialogue among governments, parliament, local and regional authorities' representatives and youth organisations and youth leaders.
- Promote human rights, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship as essential dimensions of global education.

The educational approach implemented in the MedUni is largely inspired by the North-South Centre's Global Education Guidelines¹ and by the Council of Europe's Recommendation on Education for Global Interdependence and Solidarity².

Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship

The MedUni is an activity facilitated and coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) within the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship, a platform that gathers governmental and parliamentary representatives, local and regional institutions, international organisations, youth organisations and other youth-related entities from Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and beyond.

The Network:

- is a platform with the aim of promoting dialogue and cooperation on youth-related issues at regional, multilateral and global level;
- encourages the definition of a common agenda and the implementation of common actions to foster democratic participation and global citizenship among young people;
- contributes to uphold principles, values and standards of the Council of Europe and of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- promotes international youth events called "Universities", where different organisations have a space to run their own activities within a multilateral cooperation context which encourages networking, peer education and sharing of knowledge and opportunities.-

Every year the Network promotes, besides the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship, the [University on Youth and Development](#) (UYD), which will take place in Mollina (Spain) on 10-15 September 2018 (the call for activities will be launched in April).

Annual theme

Every year the Network agrees on a thematic annual overarching priority according to a strategic understanding of the youth global agenda. The thematic annual priority represents the thread that connects all the activities taking place in the framework of the universities of the same year.

For the period 2018-2020 the Network agreed for a three-year cycle under an umbrella theme: the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: "peace, justice and strong institutions".

However, each year the main theme will be broken down into specific annual focuses which represent different but complementary elements of the broader umbrella theme.

¹ North South Centre of the Council of Europe (2012). *Global Education Guidelines*, available at: <https://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE/GE-Guidelines/GEguidelines-web.pdf>, accessed 21 February 2018.

² Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)4, Committee of Ministers to member states Council of Europe, *On education for global interdependence and solidarity*, available at: <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1784485&Site=CM>, accessed 21 February 2018.

The annual focuses are:

2018: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies.

2019: Access to justice for all.

2020: Build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

Please see the concept note “Network of universities on youth and global citizenship 2018-2020” to explore in detail the three-year umbrella theme and the 2018 annual focus.

The structure and the programme of the MedUni

The MedUni will take place from the 6 (arrivals day) to the 13 (departures day) May 2018.

During this week different organisations will develop their own activity within a common pedagogical framework: the Joint Programme.

The “Joint Programme” is developed by the Joint Pedagogical Team: a professional team of trainers which works transversally to all the activities taking place within the University and engage with all participants.

The Joint Programme gives the opportunity to all the partners, organisations and their participants to reflect and interact around the annual common topic while running their own activities.

The Schedule of the University on Youth and Global Citizenship 2018:

Day Time	Arrival day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Departure day
09.30	Arrivals and reception	Opening ceremony	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Departures
11.00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11.30		Partner activities	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	
13.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15.00		Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Sharing workshops	Partner activities	Final Plenary	
16.30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break		
17.00		Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		Partner activities		
19.00		Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time		
20.00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
21.30	Welcome evening	Joint thematic activities	Joint thematic activities	Free evening	Free evening	Joint thematic activities	Interaction with local community	

The details will be discussed with the selected partner organisations during one preparatory meeting whose date will be fixed at a later stage.

Procedure for submission of proposal for activities and selection criteria

Organisations wishing to take part to the MedUni and integrating their activities in the programme of the University should fill the enclosed Activity Form and send it back to the North-South Centre: nsc.youthcooperation@coe.int.

Deadline for submission of the proposals: **26 March 2018**.

The main selection criteria of the activities are:

- To be organised by youth-led or youth serving organisations or other entities having young people as a target group.
- To meet the objectives of the University in terms of youth capacity building, advocacy or youth participation.
- To be connected and constitute a relevant contribution to the annual theme.
- To have a global or regional scope either in terms of the participants or contents.
- To involve a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 30 participants (including team).
- To seek gender balance in terms of the participants.
- To be developed following the North-South Centre's Global Education Guidelines and the Council of Europe's Recommendation on Education for Global Interdependence and Solidarity.

Commitments of the selected organizations towards the University

The organisations selected to run their activities within the University are expected to give their inputs on the event together with the rest of the participants.

The organisations selected to run their activity within one University shall:

- Participate in the preparatory meeting.
- Provide feedback to the joint programme.
- Propose and mobilize guest speakers and resource persons for the joint events.
- Suggest and co-organise joint activities and side events.
- Promote the University and support its media coverage.
- Mobilise volunteers when necessary.
- Participate in the evaluation meeting.
- Respect procedures and deadlines as set by the North-South Centre.

Financially, the University is organised following the principle of economies of scale which reduces the overall cost through a joint effort of all partners.

The selected organisations are responsible to cover the expenses of board, lodging and travel for the participants and teams involved in their own activity.

Moreover, all organisations participating in the University shall contribute with a lump sum according to their financial capacities and size and type of activity they will implement. The financial contribution aims at assisting in covering part of the overall costs of the University.

The role and of the North-South Centre and of the local hosting partner

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe acts as a facilitator and a coordinator of the University and it guarantee the Joint Programme and the financial sustainability of the event.

The North-South Centre collects and connects the efforts of all the participants to develop the strategic objectives of the University, to design the joint programme, to liaise with the local hosting partner in what regards the financial and logistical aspects and to manage the governance of the whole event.

The Observatoire National de la Jeunesse (Tunisia) will guarantee:

- welcoming and farewell desk for participants and guests of the University;
- training rooms and other facilities for the activities (including basic equipment and materials);
- interpretation service for plenary sessions;
- other services and pedagogical resources (e.g.: graphic facilitation and musicians);
- interaction with local community;
- airport transfers;
- media coverage and media products;
- safety and security.

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