North-South Centre’s work on women’s rights and gender equality


Trans Mediterranean Programme - Intercultural Dialogue - North-South Process for the Empowerment of Women


“Women as agents of change in the Southern Mediterranean Region”

205 quadrilogue actors from 31 countries of Europe and Southern Mediterranean

Euro-Med Women Network
3rd International Conference in Rabat
Recommendations
- The need of a network that facilitates the exchanges, good practices and strategies
- The need to develop capacity-building activities among young women and young men
- The need to promote a culture of gender equality in the media

Policy towards neighbouring regions
Neighbourhood Partnership with Jordan 2015-2017
Neighbourhood Partnership with Morocco 2015-2017
Neighbourhood Partnership with Tunisia 2015-2017

Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017

Objectives:
➔ Contribute to the empowerment of women by fostering women’s participation in political life and improve representation in the media;
➔ Strengthen awareness-raising concerning women’s rights and combat violence against women by promoting preventative and protective measures;
➔ Encourage and support North-South and South-South cooperation between stakeholders in the empowerment of women.
Achieving Balanced Participation of Women and Men in Political and Public Decision-Making

20-27 September 2015, Mollina (Spain)

11 nationalities

7 from Europe
10 from Southern Mediterranean

5
12

Origin of applications

- Europe 19%
- North Africa 18%
- Middle East 14%
- Africa 12%
- Other 8%

Serbia
United Kingdom
France
Spain
Poland
Italy
Romania

Egypt
Libya
Morocco
Palestinian National Authority
Tunisia

217 applications received in 20 days
17 selected participants
11 nationalities

Workshops
Non-formal Education
Istanbul Convention
Social Marketing
Advocacy tools
Campaigning

Outputs

Outcomes

13 follow-up projects/activities*
- 7 completed
- 3 ongoing
- 3 planned

*of which 4 multilateral projects
An annual event that brings together high-level participants from Europe, neighbouring regions and international organisations to discuss topics related to the core CoE priorities.

Specific side events or roundtables to raise awareness on the importance of women participation in decision-making processes.

**Roundtables**

2012 “The Arab season: from change to challenges” - Centrality of Women’s Rights in the Transition to Democracy;

2013 “Valuing civil society as actor of governance: Perspectives for the South Mediterranean” - Face to face on political Islam and democracy

2014 “Electoral processes and democratic consolidation in the countries of the southern Mediterranean” - Women’s Participation in Electoral Processes

**Recommendations**

2015 “How to combat radicalisation and terrorism: Prevention Tools and Shared Knowledge in the Mediterranean and European space”:

- Empowering women to prevent and combat radicalisation. Women have, in fact, an essential role to play in promoting peace and conflict management;
- Building inclusive societies through intercultural and interfaith dialogue.

2016 “Migration and human rights. How to structure effective collective action?”:

To include women in the decision-making processes in order to increase effectiveness and efficiency of implementation of gender policies, which should be reinforced by providing effective access to education, language classes and labour market, in order to enable women to have equal work possibilities and benefits.
Combating Gender Stereotypes and Sexism
Capacity-building activities for youth multipliers

1-8 May 2016, Hammamet (Tunisia)

12 nationalities

8 from Europe
10 from Southern Mediterranean

19 participants
Youth activists, educators and journalists
10 females and 9 males
13 nationalities

Outcomes
13 follow-up projects*
9 completed
2 ongoing
2 planned
* of which 4 multilateral

Outputs
Fruitful exchanges and debates:
on the themes
Gendered Media
Gender Stereotypes and Sexism
Multiple discrimination
Violence Against women

4 campaigns launched
posters and videos
#EqualPay: equality in job payments
#SpeakOut: sexual harassment against men
#Equality starts now: perceived gender roles since childhood
Don't hide it, let it out: gender roles

Follow-up Activity

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Serbia
Lithuania
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Portugal
Sweden
Greece

Algeria
Jordan
Tunisia
Egypt
Morocco
Palestinian National Authority
Combating Gender Stereotypes and Sexism
Capacity-building activities for youth multipliers

Focus Group
“Connecting Women, Challenging Stereotypes”
20-25 September 2016, Mollina (Spain)

13 participants
8 female
5 male
12 nationalities
6 from Europe
7 from Southern Mediterranean

12 participating countries:
Greece
Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
France
“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Albania
Jordan
Morocco
Lebanon
Tunisia
Libya
Palestinian National Authority

Overall objectives
This follow-up activity aimed to deepen the understanding of deconstructing gender stereotypes targeting women from the South and the North of the Mediterranean and to enable participants to implement projects with an inter and intra-regional cooperation dimension.

4 Regional Projects in progress
“Raising voices” against Gender based violence through trainings, theatre plays, public events and a campaign.
One Click Away aims to challenge stereotypes in local communities and media through an online campaign.
Young leaders bridges (YLB) aims to equipped youth with tools and methods to promote a positive non stereotyped image of women.
Empower women aims to promote gender equality on rural areas through a training course and a booklet.
Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women
Promotion of the Istanbul Convention

Training course
“the Istanbul Convention for the Mediterranean civil society”
1st April 2016, Rabat (Morocco)

Overall Objective
To provide representatives of civil society, activists in the domain of women’s rights and/or gender equality in the Mediterranean region with tools that will enable them to fight violence, as presented in the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (in particular, articles 11 and 12) through sharing experiences and good practices.

Results
A online raising awareness campaign launched promoting the Istanbul Convention as a tool for NGO

Tunisia, Morocco, Turkey, France, Denmark, Sweden, Algeria, Cyprus, Jordan, Palestinian National Authority, Syria

4 experts
Libya, Tunisia, France, Italy

20 participants
14 members of the Euromed Rights Gender Working group
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Raising Awareness about migrant and refugee women

Roundtable
“Women Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean”
25 November 2016, Lisbon (Portugal)

Overall objective
The overall objective was to raise awareness among the quadrilogue actors of the Lisbon Forum 2016 on the gender-sensitive measures to ensure the safety of women seeking asylum and on the issues and situations faced specifically by refugee and migrant women and women asylum seekers in Europe and in the Southern Mediterranean.

7 recommendations
that quadrilogue actors should implement.

1. Promote the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

2. Implement comprehensive policies and specific measures to ensure that women and girls refugees, migrants and asylum seekers are protected and facilitated access to the services needed, in particular legal support and access to justice in relevant languages.

3. Raise awareness about violence against women refugees, migrants and asylum seekers through data collection and information shared between all relevant non-governmental and governmental agencies, and international organisations.

4. Ensure effective implementation of gender policies, legislation and international standards aiming at to respond immediately to the specific needs of women and girls refugees migrants and asylum seekers.

5. Include women in the decision-making processes in order to increase effectiveness and efficiency of implementation of gender policies, which should be reinforced by providing effective access to education, language classes and labour market, in order to enable women to have equal work possibilities and benefits.

6. Eliminate discriminatory laws such as child marriage and unregistered temporary marriage.

7. Provide specialised training and sharing of good practices in order to increase the capacity and expertise of humanitarian actors and the number of gender-sensitive trained personnel.
Overall objective
To contribute to the empowerment of women by providing its members with an online platform, which facilitates the exchange of good practices, the identification of common challenges, the sharing of experiences and the identification of projects and partnerships.

Good Practices Database
The Database aims to give visibility to the work of the EMWN members through videos, photos and articles shared on the online platform.

Statistics
2003 members of the EMWN
2 743 followers on the EMWN Facebook Page
From 45 different countries

In 2016
658 New Followers
510 New Subscriptions
3900 Likes

EMWN Campaigns

No Sexist Hate Speech
Combating Sexist Hate Speech
The NSC promoted the No hate Speech movement in the Southern Mediterranean Countries on the occasion of the International Day of Women.

#16Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
25 November -10 December 2016

Impact of the Campaign
More than 2000 likes, 130 shares, almost 30,000 people reached and 120 new followers!
International Women’s Day  
8 March 2017  
“8 March, 8 Days to celebrate Inspirational Women”

On this occasion, the North-South Centre gave visibility to role-model women from the EMWN and to their words and commitment in order to promote a non-stereotyped image of women and to raise awareness on equality between women and men and on the need of preventing and eradicating sexism and gender discrimination.
North-South Process for the Empowerment of Women
Future Activities

Programme of Activities 2017

- “Training of experts: Preventing and Combating Violence against Women”, Tunis, Tunisia
- Session on Political Identity of Women and the New Challenges in Mediterranean, Mollina, Spain
- National workshop on Strengthening Capacities of Women Organisations, Amman, Jordan
- International Conference on Migrant and Refugee Women, Berlin, Germany

2018 - 2019
NSPEW will aim to reinforce multilateral and multilevel co-operation between the relevant stakeholders through the sharing of relevant tools, methodologies and best practices in order to develop a context that facilitates the empowerment of women and girls in Southern Mediterranean.

Focus on

Gender Stereotypes, Sexism and Multiple Discrimination

Refugee, migrant and asylum-seeking women
Access to rights through entrepreneurship
Thank You!

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