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1. SUMMARY OF 2004 ACTIVITIES

Activities in 2004 concentrated on two main themes:

- Global education and youth
- Dialogue with countries of the Mediterranean basin ("the Transmed Programme") and Africa

The **Global Education Programme** made substantial progress in 2004. This included the growth of the GENE (Global Education Network Europe) which brings together national structures for the support, funding and co-ordination for global education at a national and European level. In 2004, the number of GENE members grew to 15 member States. The countries in the network met three times in 2004 (Salzburg, Lisbon and Bern).

Global Education Week, which involves 36 member states, was held in November on the subject "Together for a World without Poverty" and all 36 countries participated.

The European Global Education Peer Review process was fully inaugurated in 2004, with international peer review team study visits to Finland, Cyprus and the Netherlands. The Centre published review reports on the national global education systems in these three countries on the basis of the visits. The North-South Centre also began a project to support the increase of global education in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

The **Youth Programme's** activities included the organisation of the 5th Youth and Development University: the Millennium Development Goals (Mollina, Spain). The second Euro-African training course for youth organisations on the subject of "Youth Participation for Poverty Reduction" was organised during the university.

The Centre also organised the activities planned under the Euro-Med Youth Covenant: training for trainers, the launch of a teaching kit, and training courses on subjects such as intercultural learning, human rights education and citizenship.

The North-South Centre and the Directorate of Youth and Sport were joint organisers of the event "Youth, Europe and Globalisation: how big is your world?" in May in Strasbourg.

Following up on the activities organised in 2003, the **Europe-Africa Dialogue Programme** focused on facilitating dialogue between the Pan-African Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe by organising two meetings in Africa (Addis Ababa in March and Cape Town in September) and a visit by a Pan-African Parliament delegation to Strasbourg. A meeting on South African and Portuguese democratic experiences was also organised in Lisbon to complement this dialogue.

With the support of the General Directorate of Social Cohesion, the Centre also organised two workshops in Lisbon on the subject of migration and co-development.

The North-South Centre, in co-operation with Towns and Development and the German organisation InWEnt, organised the Lisbon Forum on Social Cohesion: the role of local and regional authorities and civil society. The Forum focused particularly on the importance of social cohesion in sustainable development and the promotion of good local governance in a context of international cooperation.

The North-South Prize was awarded to the Egyptian writer, Nawal El Saadawi, and Stéphane Hessel, Ambassador of France. Ms Saadawi was chosen for her exceptional work in favour of women's rights and Mr Hessel for his work for peace and the defence of the underprivileged people in his country.

The **Transmed Programme**, in collaboration with network partners, addressed priority themes for the North-South Centre in a complex regional context: intercultural dialogue, the role of women as agents of change and the reinforcement of democratic processes in the Mediterranean region.

The Centre organised a round table in Lisbon on "Democracy and Citizenship in the Southern Mediterranean Countries" in December.

Throughout 2004, the North-South Centre continued to assume the Vice-Presidency of the Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators (COPEAM) and to be a member of its Management Committee. The Centre was part of a COPEAM delegation that visited the Palestinian territories.

With regard to the **communication sector**, in 2004, the Centre focused on improving access to its website, continuing phase one of indexing and cataloguing of its multimedia resources and publishing the North South Centre's newsletter, the Interdependent.

2. ACTIVITIES REALISED IN 2004

Global Education and Youth

	GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK EUROPE (GENE)
	<p>General objectives</p> <p>The GENE network works to strengthen the effectiveness of support, funding and co-ordination of global education at national and European level through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing strategies between existing national structures; - Sharing strategies with emerging structures in other countries; - Developing a common European agenda for strengthened global education.. <p>Context</p> <p>The GENE network was established following the 1999 evaluation of the North-South Centre, which recommended networking and the creation of process and structures to increase the effectiveness of global education.</p> <p>Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cidac (Portugal), - DEA (U.K.), - Development Cooperation Ireland, - Institute of International Relations (Czech Republic), - InWEnt (Germany), - IPAD (Portuguese institute for Aid and Development), - KommEnt (Austria), - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Finland), - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Norway), - Ministry of Foreign Affairs – BMZ/INWent (Germany) - National Board of Education (Finland), - National Committee for Sustainable Development - NCDO (Netherlands), - Rorg (Norway) - The Swiss Foundation for Education and Development - Other national structures for Global Education
7-8 February	<p>5th Round Table on multilateral networking of national structures for the support, funding and coordination of Global Education Salzburg (Austria)</p>
	<p>Context</p> <p>The 5th Round Table, bringing together national structures for the support, co-ordination and funding of global education, took place in Salzburg, (Austria) on 7-8 February 2004.</p> <p>This meeting of GENE was hosted by KommEnt, the Austrian member organisation of the network, thanks to the support of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Komment Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>

Results

Summary national reports presented by Austria, Czech Republic, Ireland, Finland, Germany, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Work was advanced on the 5 work areas of the network

1. Campaign on the Millennium Development Goals ;
2. GENE studies and research;
3. Evaluation and quality in global education;
4. Co-operation with institutions;
5. Sharing experience in the field of training.

Other questions of interest to the network: interaction with other projects and international organisations : COE (European Year of Citizenship through Education), UNESCO, UNECE, OECD (PISA); etc.

Subsequent meetings agreed for Portugal (13-16 May) and Switzerland (13-15 November).

13-16 May

6th Round Table on multilateral networking of national structures for the support, funding and coordination of Global Education Barroca D'Alva, Portugal

Context

The 6th Round Table, bringing together national structures for the support, co-ordination and funding of global education, took place in Barroca D'Alva, Portugal from 13th to 16th May 2004. As with previous annual summer meetings of the network, it included an extra day for in-depth discussion of emerging issues

This meeting of GENE was hosted by the North-South Centre.

Results

Summary national reports presented by Austria, Czech Republic, Ireland, Finland, Germany, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom; as well as reports on the work of the North-South Centre.

Work was advanced on 4 work areas of the network

1. Campaign on the Millennium Development Goals ;
2. GENE studies and research;
3. Evaluation and quality in global education;
4. Co-operation with institutions;

While work was completed in the fifth area:

5. Sharing experience in the field of training.

Other questions of interest to the network: including

- Global Education and the private sector;
- Developing strategies with other international structures and institutions;
- Global Education in a large Europe;
- Identifying space for GE in the curriculum;
- Strategies for GE in higher education;
- The Millennium Development Goals, the European Year of citizenship through education and the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

were discussed and follow-up strategies agreed.

13-15 November	7th Round Table on multilateral networking of national structures for the support, funding and coordination of Global Education de financement et de coordination de l'éducation à la citoyenneté mondiale Bern (Switzerland)
	<p>Context</p> <p>The 7th Round Table, bringing together national structures for the support, co-ordination and funding of global education, took place in Bern, Switzerland on 13-15 November 2004.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Foundation for Education and Development (Switzerland)</p> <p>Results</p> <p>Summary national reports.</p> <p>Work was advanced on 4 work areas of the network:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Campaign on the Millennium Development Goals ; 2.GENE studies and research; 3.Evaluation and quality in global education; 4.Co-operation with institutions.

	INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL EDUCATION PEER REVIEW
	<p>General objectives</p> <p>To develop a programme of peer review and evaluation on global education in Council of Europe member states.</p> <p>General context</p> <p>The Global Education Peer Review process was proposed at the Maastricht Congress (2202). Following a feasibility study in 2003, the process was fully launched in 2004 with Peer Reviews and National Reports on Cyprus, Finland and the Netherlands.</p> <p>Partners of the project</p> <p>InWent and BMZ, Germany Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg National Committee for Sustainable Development (NCDO), Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, National Board of Education, Finland</p>
	REPORT ON GLOBAL EDUCATION IN FINLAND
26-30 April	Visit to Finland
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Coordination of the International Peer Review team visit to Finland; drafting of a National Report on Global Education in Finland.</p> <p>The international Peer Review visit comprised of a team representing the Netherlands and Germany.</p>

	<p>Partners</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Education Ministry of Environment National Board of Education Centre for Development Cooperation (KEPA) Centre for International Mobility (CIMO) Global Challenge Project and other non-governmental Organisations, civil society.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>Meetings with 24 key stakeholders; International Peer Review team drafting of national report.</p> <p>The visit consisted of a series of meetings with key stakeholders in global education in Finland. Preliminary findings and recommendations were presented to, and discussed with the core group of stakeholders by the end of the visit.</p>
4-6 October	Launching of the report on Global Education in Finland Helsinki (Finland)
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>It is intended that national reports, and the peer review processes leading to them, act as a tool for national actors to enhance quality and impact nationally, and as a mechanism for international learning, comparative analysis, benchmarking, policymaking and improvement.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The Peer Review National Report on Global Education (GE) in Finland was officially launched in Helsinki on 4th October 2004. The methodology used in the GE Peer Review of Finland involved both desk research and two visits each involving a series of consultations with a broad range of national stakeholders (Ministries, NGOs, teacher training colleges etc).</p> <p>The international Peer Review team consisted of peer GE experts from the Netherlands and Germany, along with the Peer Review secretariat.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The report was launched in a Press Conference, during the hearing of the Parliamentary Committee on development cooperation on the Peer Review process and a Conference of KEPA (the national umbrella body of Development NGOs) .</p> <p>The report provides an overview of the current state of GE in Finland and provides perspectives on future prospects for increased and improved global education. It outlines key observations and recommendations for the future of global education in Finland. While the report highlights the vast experience and excellence of Finland in the field of GE, it nevertheless advises that a national strategy be developed in this field.</p>
November	REPORT ON GLOBAL EDUCATION IN CYPRUS
	<p>Context</p> <p>In recent years in Cyprus, many teachers and the Ministry of Education, have embraced global education. Following a proposal from the North-South Centre, in 1999, the Ministry identified two pilot schools to take part in "Global Education Week". This interest secured the hosting by Cyprus of the 2001 International Global Education Conference. Following a national Seminar in 2003, the Ministry of Education, the Pedagogical Institute and the Secondary Teachers Association (OELMEK) decided to put Global Education as its first priority as shown by the peer review report.</p>

	<p>Partners</p> <p>Pilot schools of the Global Education Week in Cyprus Ministry of Education The Secondary Teachers Association (OELMEK)</p> <p>The international Peer Review team consisted of representatives from Austria and United Kingdom.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The report gives a summary overview of the current state of global education in Cyprus, drawing mainly on the experience and perspectives of a number of key Cypriot colleagues. The report identified an interest for Global Education from other sectors of non formal education, as well as from the youth non-formal sector and from civil society as a whole.</p>
REPORT ON GLOBAL EDUCATION IN THE NETHERLANDS	
20-25 June	Visit to Amsterdam (Netherlands)
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To elaborate a national report on global education in the Netherlands with a particular focus on the work of NCDO. Follow up to a preliminary visit conducted in Amsterdam from 23 to 25 March 2004.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>This visit included meetings with the NCDO, competent Ministries, NGOs and other actors important in the field of education.</p> <p>The national report will be published in early 2005.</p>

	GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Development of theme-based weeks to draw attention to national global education initiatives, and to co-ordinate initiatives.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>In a number of member state of the Council of Europe, theme-based weeks have been developed to draw attention to national global education initiatives, and to co-ordinate initiatives. The North South Centre, since 1999 and with the involvement of national structures, has facilitated multilateral networking between these national structures.</p> <p>The network, which began in 1999 with 12 countries has been grown to include in 2004 36 member states of the Council of Europe, together with 5 international organisations and one African member – One World Week Ghana.</p>
29 April- 2 May	Annual International Global Education Seminar Stadtschlaining (Austria)
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Preparation of Global Education Week (GEW) 2004 on the basis of evaluation of previous Global Education Week; exchange of good practice between the participating countries.</p>

Context

The network, which began in 1999 with 12 countries has grown in 2004 to include 36 member states of the Council of Europe, together with 5 international organisations and one African member, Ghana.

Partners

36 national co-ordinators
Südwind Agentur- Austria
Komment- Austria
Ministry of Education- Austria
Austrian Agency for Development

Results

- growing number of countries involved.
- greater participation of youth and students at national level
- development of pedagogical materials and resources, made available through the GEW page of the North-South Centre web-site.
- Increased support to global education from the Ministries of Education.
- Development of sub-networks, including the creation of three working groups.

As a result, three sub-networks have been established; one working on German language educational resources (Austria, Germany, Switzerland); a second a network of Global Education in the Balkans (led by Greece) and a third focused on North-south linking (which includes Austria, Italy and the Netherlands).

**15-21
November**

6th Edition of the Global Education Week
Europe

Objectives

The Global Education Week encourages pupils and teachers as well as youth groups to explore educational activities for global citizenship. It is a matter of addressing issues of diversity and inequality at the local as well as at the global level with an understanding of the core issues of global citizenship:

- awareness of the wider world and of our own role as world citizens;
- attitudes of respect for diversity and intercultural communication skills;
- ability to take action to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place;
- responsibility for our own actions.

The Global Education Week encourages young people and teachers to implement a global education project in their schools, reflecting on how to address exclusion and inequality and discussing globalisation.

Context

In 1999, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe launched the first Global Education Week, promoting school activities in the member States with a specific focus on how to overcome poverty and social exclusion. Since, and on the basis of the very positive feed-back from 1999, the North-South Centre invites the 46 member States of the Council of Europe to participate in the Global Education Week each year.

The 6th edition of Global Education Week, facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, was held from 15 to 21 November 2004. It was entitled "Together for a World without Poverty".

All schools, youth organisations and associations involved in education programmes in the Council of Europe member states were invited to participate.

Partners

Albania; Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; F. Y. R. of Macedonia; France; Germany; Georgia; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Latvia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; Moldova; The Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; UK; Ghana.

International organisations: DEEEP network; International association of Educating Cities; Youth for Development and Cooperation; Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions; Foundation for Environmental Education

Results

The impact of Global Education Week is measured on the basis of an evaluation questionnaire sent annually to all national co-ordinators. The impact is also measured through the development of new partnerships, at local or international level. The Global Education e-Bulletin provides a space for sharing best practice and strategies and for finding project partners.

	PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING GLOBAL EDUCATION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC, HUNGARY, POLAND AND SLOVAKIA
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>a. To support national efforts for the improvement and increase of global education in these four countries ;</p> <p>b. Building on the work already ongoing in this field, the programme focuses on five elements :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- National Consultation Process with relevant ministries, parliamentarians, civil society and local and regional authorities;- Increased support of Global Education Week focusing on growing global education at national level;- Support of existing and emerging initiatives in Public Opinion Survey;- Preparation for country involvement in European global education Peer Review and National Reports;- Support the development of national structures for the coordination and funding for global education. <p>Context</p> <p>The Netherlands asked the North-South Centre to develop a project on strengthening global education in four new member States of the European Union.</p> <p>This project is in line with the Maastricht recommendations (Declaration 2002).</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>The project is financed by the Netherlands.</p> <p>The programme is achieved in partnership with a variety of national actors involving governments, parliamentarians, civil society and local and regional authorities.</p>
2-3 November	National consultation on strengthening Global Education in Slovakia Bratislava (Slovakia)
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>National consultation process</p>

	<p>Partners</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, the NGDO platform MVRO, as well as other civil society actors UNDP RC ACU</p> <p>Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A national seminar on Global Education will take place at the beginning of March 2005 ; - Global Education Seed Fund: projects should start with their implementation in April 2005 ; - Participation in the Global Education Week ; - Regional pilot training course on global education for primary and secondary teachers in the region of Košice: April 2005 ; - Participation in the Peer Review Process.
<p>4-5 November</p>	<p>National consultation on strengthening Global Education in Hungary Budapest (Hungary)</p>
<p>Objectives</p> <p>National consultation process</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, HUN-IDA, the NGDO platform HAND and other civil society actors. Mobilitás (governmental agency for youth) Hungarian Youth Council GYOK</p> <p>Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NGDO national consultation meeting on global education scheduled for mid-January; - A national seminar on Global Education late February or early March ; - Implementation of the Global Education Seed Fund ; - Discussion about the participation in the GENE network ; - Discussion about possibilities of developing a pilot training course for youth workers on global education ; - Development of a 'starter global education pack' as a basic educational tool for the different actors working at national and local levels ; - Participation in the European Peer Review Process. 	
<p>7-10 November</p>	<p>National consultation on strengthening Global Education in Czech Republic Prague (Czech Rep.)</p>
<p>Objectives</p> <p>National consultation process</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Environment, Czech Development Centre in cooperation, NGDO platform – FoRS, Children and Youth Institute of the Ministry of Education and Czech Children and Youth Council.</p> <p>Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A national seminar on Global Education in February 2005 ; - Negotiation for a Global Education Seed Fund ; - Strengthening of the Czech participation in the GENE network ; - Development of a pilot training course on global education for youth workers and educators as a contribution to the Global Education Week ; - Discussions about the involvement in the European Peer Review Process. 	

8-10 December

National consultation on strengthening Global Education in Poland
Warsaw (Poland)

Objectives

National consultation process

Partners

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NGDO platform - Zagranica, Polish Humanitarian Organisation in charge of teachers training on global education in Poland, National Youth Agency and other civil society actors.

Results

- a national seminar on Global Education to take place in March 2005 ;
- Global Education Seed Fund ;
- Interest in participating in the GENE network ;
- Interest in taking part in Global Education Week and support for a project supporting the publication of a training manual for teachers contributing to Global Education Week in Poland ;
- Discussions about the development of a pilot training module on global education for youth leaders ;
- Interest in the European Peer Review Process: nomination of a contact-point.

Youth dimension

	COVENANT ON EURO-MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH TRAINING
	<p>Context</p> <p>The Council of Europe and the European Commission have agreed to develop a common project on Euro-Mediterranean youth training (2003-2005). The aim of this partnership is to provide further quality training and learning opportunities for youth workers and youth leaders active in Euro-Mediterranean youth projects</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . To develop and further sustain the training of young workers and youth leaders with a view to increasing the quality and quantity of Euro-Med intercultural youth projects and develop their skills and abilities to deal with issues of common concern, such as human rights, citizenship and democracy, women's rights and minority rights, environmental protection, etc; . To foster the development of intercultural learning projects based on participation and citizenship of young people; . To provide educational tools and support for youth workers and leaders of youth groups in Euro-Med youth work; . To sustain and develop the existing network of trainers and youth workers active in Euro-Med projects; . To create synergies and seek complementarities between the experiences of the Council of Europe and the European Commission - and their governmental and non-governmental partners in Euro-Med issues; . To provide possibilities for dialogue, based on intercultural learning, of issues of major concern for young people in the Mediterranean area; . To develop a common offer of training in co-operation with SALTO-Euro-Med. <p>Partners</p> <p>Directorate of Youth and Sport, European Youth Centre Budapest, Council of Europe North-South Centre, Council of Europe Youth Unit, Directorate-General Education and Culture, European Commission</p> <p>The Covenant is monitored by the European Commission and the Council of Europe. in co-operation with Salto EuroMed Resource Centre, the European Youth Forum and the Euro-Med Youth Platform.</p>
15-28 February	<p>Training course Participation of youth and intercultural apprenticeship through Euromed projects Budapest (Hungary)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>This pilot course was aimed at developing intercultural apprenticeships and young people's participation through exchange programmes between young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region by developing the ability of youth workers to prepare, set up and evaluate viable projects designed to promote young people's democratic participation.</p>

	<p>Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the 27 participants developed their competences and motivation to become more involved in Euro-Med youth projects ; - 27 local youth projects on participation and citizenship were set up ; - later phases of the training course were planned ; - awareness of intercultural apprenticeship, participation and citizenship was increased among the participants who are now ready to act as multipliers ; - substantially increased competence of the Council of Europe in Euro-Med youth work ; - a network of young people working on local Euro-Med projects ; - interim meetings and projects visits are foreseen during the practical phase.
<p>19-29 April</p>	<p>Training course «Questions of citizenship: participation of women and minorities in the development of citizenship and the active participation of young people in Euro-Mediterranean projects» Alexandria (Egypt)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To develop a common understanding of the challenges to the participation of women and minorities in youth projects ; - To identify the main education principles in order to promote the global citizenship of young people in Euro-Med projects <p>Partners</p> <p>Swedish Institut, Alexandria.</p> <p>Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge and understanding of rights of women and minorities as universally recognised rights ; - Identification of the obstacles and challenges to the participation of young women - and minorities in the Mediterranean countries ; - Methodological tools for the use of human rights education and intercultural apprenticeship ; - Sharing of experiences and projects ; - Providing contacts and information on Euro-Med youth projects.
<p>24 May</p>	<p>2nd Monitoring Group Meeting Partnership on Euro-Mediterranean Co-operation in the field of youth training Lisbon (Portugal)</p>
	<p>Context</p> <p>This was the second meeting of the monitoring Group following the first^t meeting in October 2003 in Budapest.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>The Covenant is monitored by the European Commission and the Council of Europe, in co-operation with Salto EuroMed Resource Centre, the European Youth Forum and the Euro-Med Youth Platform.</p> <p>Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information update and feed-back on the implementation of the Partnership: long-term Training course "Youth participation and intercultural learning through Euro-Med youth projects" ; training course "Citizenship matters: the participation of young women and minorities in Euro-Med youth projects" ; training-Kit on Euro-Med ; internet page and promotion materials ; training of Trainers course ; • Information on the budget implementation (mid-term implementation of the Covenant) ;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> external evaluation of the Euro-Med Youth Programme; Perspectives for a new Covenant from May 2005 onwards (exchange of views on objectives and possible content)
25 May 29-30 September	<p>Partners' Meeting for Training of Trainers Partnership on Euro-Mediterranean Co-operation in the field of youth training Lisbon (Portugal) Budapest (Hungary)</p>
	<p>Objectives of the Partners' meetings for Training of Trainers</p> <p>As part of the programme, under this partnership, and implemented in co-operation with the SALTO Euro-Med resource Centre, this training course will develop and consolidate the skills and competence of 30 trainers active with projects in the region with the view of developing the quality of training and the existing informal pool of trainers. The introductory phase of the course was held in November/December 2004 at the European Youth Centre Budapest, Hungary. A second phase of this course is foreseen in 2005.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>SALTO Euro-med Resource Centre</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The Partners' meetings established the programme outline of the course, the presentation of the course, and decided on the composition of the trainers team, the calendar of preparations and the proceedings for dissemination and selection of participants.</p> <p>Two preparatory meetings of the trainers' team took place: the first on 20-21 June in Lisbon and the second on 29-30 September in Budapest.</p>
26 May	<p>1st meeting of the Editorial Team of the T-Kit on Euro- Med Youth Work (Pedagogical Training Kit) Lisbon (Portugal)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Based on the successful model of the "T-kits", produced in the framework of the Partnership on Training, a T-Kit on Euro-Med youth work will bring together educational experiences and methods used in the programme of activities for future users of the programme. This T-Kit will be produced together with the Partnership on Training.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The team conceptualized the training kit, establishing a calendar of preparation and writing and editing the publication. A clear division of tasks was also established for the writing, research and adaptation of the various components of the T-Kit. The T-Kit will be published in 2005.</p>
21 November-2 December	<p>Training Active Trainers in Euro-Mediterranean (TATEM) youth work Long-Term Training Course- initial Seminar Budapest (Hungary)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The aim of this training course is to develop and strengthen the know-how and skills of 30 trainers involved in projects in the Euro-Mediterranean region.</p>

Concrete objectives

- To maintain and develop the quality and quantity of the training courses organised in the Euro-Med Youth field;
- To develop and reinforce the trainers' capacities to contribute to activities organised by youth organisations within the framework of the Euro-Med Youth Programme;
- To contribute to the development of a Euro-Med network of skilled trainers who share common values and experiences;
- To create bonds between trainers and multipliers in the Euro-Med Youth network (e.g. the Salto Euro-Med training courses) and those in the Euro-Med Youth Partnership;
- To identify and analyse the specificities of training in the Euro-Med Youth context;
- To set up an informal network of skilled trainers in the Euro-Med Youth context, including the priority themes of the European Commission's Euro-Med Youth Programme;
- To lay the foundations for the future development of a trainer and multiplier training strategy in the Euro-Med context.

Context

The training for active trainers in the Euro-Med Youth Programme is a long term training course. It started in November 2004 and will continue until September 2006. This course forms the backbone of the Partnership programme as it brings together the most experienced and active trainers involved in the Euro-Med projects, with the aim of developing their competences and consolidating the already existing pool of trainers.

Two preparatory meetings of the trainers' team took place: the first meeting on 20-21 June in Lisbon and the second on 29-30 September in Budapest.

Partners

SALTO EuroMed Resource Centre

Results

This first seminar was the starting point of long-term process of training and personal development for the participants, especially in view of their future contribution to the training activities in the Euro-Med Youth programme and co-operation activities of the Council of Europe in the Mediterranean region.

Concretely, the seminar served to:

- Clarify and establish a common level of knowledge and communication in the group of participants and trainers ;
- Develop participants' knowledge about the priorities and policies of the European Commission and the Council of Europe in respect to Euro-Med cooperation;
- Achieve a common perception about the methodologies and objectives of the training ;
- Develop a collective awareness about the realities of youth work across the Mediterranean as represented by the participants and their organisations ;
- Initiate the definition and development of thirteen training projects to be developed and implemented by the participants, with a specific emphasis on human rights education, gender equality, minority rights and cultural diversity ;
- Commit the participants to the long-term training process and enable them to use self-evaluating and assessment as a form of learning, as well as setting learning objectives for themselves ;
- Demonstrate and put into practice the commitment of the Council of Europe and the European commission to this project.

The seminar was attended by 29 participants from 19 countries, equally distributed between European and non-European ("Meda") countries.

5-9 May	CONFERENCE "EUROPE, YOUTH AND GLOBALISATION" Strasbourg (France)
<p>Objectives</p> <p>To prepare the conference on Europe, Youth and Globalisation, whose goal is to give young people and youth organisations the opportunity to discuss the consequences of development in a context of globalisation and to establish a common platform and effective action with regard to the effects of globalisation on young people's lives, focusing on the promotion of good governance and the globalisation of human dignity.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>Globalisation affects young people's daily lives in a number of ways and the players working with youth need to have a better understanding of these effects on the young people themselves. Young people and players involved with youth at a local, national and international level need to meet, set up networks and exchange knowledge on globalisation to be able to trigger reactions to the consequences and promote intercultural dialogue and solidarity. Players working with youth need more opportunities to reflect on how the instruments traditionally used to promote and apply measures should be adapted to the new, changing context of globalisation.</p> <p>From 5-9 May 2004, the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe, in collaboration with the North-South Centre, welcomed more than 400 young people in Strasbourg to engage in a critical dialogue with decision makers, experts, representatives of international institutions and of international non-governmental youth organisations on how young people live with, perceive and imagine globalisation.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The North South Centre was mainly responsible for the participation of non-European participants, guest lecturers and experts.</p> <p>An Evaluation meeting of the Steering Group of the Event took place on 16-17 August in Barcelona in the framework of the 3rd World Youth Festival and a follow-up meeting was organised in the framework of the University on Youth and Development (9-17 October, in Mollina, Spain) hosted by the North-South Centre.</p> <p>The various outcomes of this event are being dealt and integrated into the youth programme of the Centre.</p>	

8-17 August	WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL Barcelona (Spain)
<p>Objectives</p> <p>The North-South Centre used the opportunity of the World Youth Festival, availing of the presence of programme partners, to hold a number of preparatory and evaluative activities, to give further visibility to the youth work of the North-South Centre and Council of Europe (through a joint stand).</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The 2004 World Youth Festival was held in Barcelona on 8-14 August 2004. It was launched with youth organisations in October 2003 at the 4th University on Youth and Development organised by the North-South Centre in Mollina.</p>	

Partners

Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe
Regional and International Youth Organisations and structures.

Results

The North-South Centre used the festival as an occasion to organise the preparatory trainers meeting of the 2nd Africa Europe Training course (held in October, under the theme "Poverty Eradication").

During the days of the Festival, the North-South Centre together with the Directorate of Youth and Sport, had an information stand at the festival, which was well attended.

The North-South Centre made a keynote speech at the Plenary Panel of the Festival entitled "Youth Organisations and Development Co-operation".

The World Youth Festival also presented the opportunity to hold a number of parallel meetings with partners of the Centre, such as the Asia Europe Foundation, UNESCO's Youth Coordination Unit, the Spanish Youth Council, the European Youth Forum.

Following the Festival (16-17 August), the North-South Centre, together with the Directorate of Youth and Sport, organised an evaluation meeting of the "Europe Youth and Globalisation Event: How Big is your World".

9-17 October

5th UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT
2nd AFRICA-EUROPE TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS
Mollina, Spain

Objectives

- To create spaces for debate for young people and youth organisations from north and south, enabling them to discuss their experiences and learn from the experience of others and reinforce their role as actors in local, national, regional and international development ;
- To encourage and lead the discussion and analysis of the role of youth in global development and to facilitate the preparation and implementation of development projects in the youth sector.

Context

The University on Youth and Development, which was held for the first time in 1999, is a meeting place for players from different movements and institutions and civil society working with young people on issues of global development. It represents a key moment in the reinforcement of the capacities of youth multipliers and of action focussing on youth and development policy.

Nearly 200 participants representing youth organisations from different geographical, cultural, social and political environments met in Mollina in Spain, from 9 to 17 October 2004 for the 5th edition of the University on Youth and Development.

The theme of this year's University joint programme was "Youth and the Millennium Development Goals".

The NSC facilitates the University both in terms of its preparation, joint programme as well as in the administrative and logistic dimensions. Apart from this facilitation, this year the NSC also organised, in the framework of the University, the 2nd Africa Europe Training Course for Youth organisations: "Youth Participation on Poverty Reduction" and two Regional Interim Meetings of the Long Term Training Course- part of the Euro-Med Covenant.

Partners

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg (for the Europe-Africa 2nd training course)
Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE)

European Youth Forum (EYF)
Latin-American Youth Forum (FLAJ)
Spanish Youth Council (CEJ)
Youth for Development and Co-operation (YDC)
Regional Youth Platforms

Youth for Understanding (YFU) and Youth Express Network (YEN) joined the partners this year hosting their own activities at the University.

Results

The impact of this activity is the reinforcement of the know-how of 200 multipliers in youth organisations.

Surrounded by a team of international trainers, 40 participants were thus able to take part in the 2nd Africa-Europe training course for youth organisations : "Youth Participation on Poverty reduction", organised by the North-South Centre.

The partners' activities developed during the University were the following:

- Africa-Europe training course for youth organisations : Youth Participation on Poverty reduction (NSC) ;
- International School on Development Education (CJE) ;
- Euro-Latin American Youth Forum (EYF, FLAJ, INJUVE) ;
- European Volunteers Meeting (EEE-YFU) ;
- Working for youth work development today: Youth and the MDG's (YDC/YEN) ;
- Board meeting of the Association of Community Colleges ;
- International Consultations on the Spanish National Plan 2005-08 (INJUVE) ;
- Regional Interim Meeting of the long term training course on Euro-Med Cooperation (NSC/ EYC-Budapest).

Europe-Africa Dialogue

	EUROPE-AFRICA MEETINGS
18-19 March	Europe-Africa Round Table Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue the Europe-Africa dialogue which began in 2003; - To attend the first session of the Pan-African Parliament; - To provide an informal platform for European and African parliamentarians to discuss issues of common interest in the framework of Nepad and the Cairo Declaration ; - To prepare the Europe-Africa Conference, which was held in Cape Town in September 2004. <p>Context</p> <p>A round table on the role of parliamentarians and civil society in reinforcing the Europe-Africa dialogue on governance and human rights was organised in Addis Ababa on 18-19 March. There were 25 participants, including representatives of 15 African parliaments. Representatives of the UNDP and the United Nations Economic Committee for Africa also took part in the discussions.</p> <p>Organised on the sidelines of the first session of the Pan-African Parliament, the work of the round table was dominated by issues linked to the construction of the Pan-African Parliament and the reinforcement of its cooperation with similar institutions in Europe (European Parliament and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe).</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg AWEPA</p> <p>Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of participants and drawing up of a provisional agenda for the Cape Town conference; - Identification of fields of collaboration and dialogue with the South African Parliament; - Reinforcement of the Europe-Africa dialogue network; - Visibility of the work and values of the Council of Europe.
6 July	Conference "Transition to democratic governance: South African and Portuguese cases" Lisbon (Portugal)
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To examine questions related to the construction and consolidation of democracy in South Africa and Portugal.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>In the framework of its Europe-Africa Dialogue programme, the North-South Centre, in partnership with the South African Embassy, organised a meeting on the lessons to be learnt from the process of transition towards democracy in Portugal (30 years of democracy in 2004) and South Africa (10 years of democracy in 2004).</p>

	<p>Representatives of the diplomatic corps based in Lisbon, together with personalities from the academic world and civil society participated in the conference.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>South African Embassy in Lisbon, Afrika Institut (South Africa), Coimbra University, European Institute for International Studies (Portugal). Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The participants started by examining the progress achieved in South Africa in building a rainbow nation, as well as the challenges still to be faced in this country, ten years after the organisation of the first free and non-racial elections.</p> <p>The conference then focused on Portugal's transition to democracy and the positive impact of Portugal's integration into European regional organisations on the Portuguese democracy building process.</p> <p>This meeting highlighted and identified in both cases certain strategic choices which have helped a skilful and peaceful development towards democracy in both countries including the reinforcement of human rights norms, the consolidation of democratic institutions, the establishment of mechanisms to help the participation of civil society in managing public affairs, the promotion of a democratic culture, State modernisation as well as economic choices which take account of both macro-economic stability and social cohesion.</p>
<p>21-24 September</p>	<p>Interparliamentary Conference «The rights of children orphaned and made vulnerable by Aids in Africa » Cap Town (South Africa)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To draw attention to the rights and conditions of children orphaned and made vulnerable by Aids in Africa.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The Conference marked the launch of an international campaign of awareness raising on this issue. It was preceded by an interparliamentary meeting on NEPAD and the resolution of conflicts in Africa.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg AWEPA Nelson Mandela Foundation UNICEF</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The Conference brought together 200 participants from Europe and Africa. The proceedings of the meeting were enhanced by the presence of many personalities such as Mr Peter Schieder, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mg Desmond Tutu and Mrs Mary Robinson.</p> <p>The participants prepared an Action Plan with measures to be implemented in order to take up this challenge.</p>
<p>4-7 octobre</p>	<p>Visit from a delegation of members of the Pan-African Parliament to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Strasbourg (France)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enable African Parliamentarians to familiarise themselves with the functioning of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe ;

- To reinforce the dialogue between the two institutions begun by Mr Schieder when he visited South Africa in March 2003.

Context

Following a request from the Speaker of the Pan-African Parliament and at the invitation of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Assembly received, during the 4th part of its 2004 session (4-8 October, Strasbourg) a delegation of 6 members from the Pan-African Parliament, headed by its Speaker, Mrs Gertrude Mongella.

The North-South Centre, in collaboration with the Parliamentary Assembly helped with the organisation of this visit to Strasbourg.

Partners

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Pan-African Parliament
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg

Results

Mrs Mongella addressed the plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly, on October 4th. The delegation was welcomed by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Secretary General, the Commissioner for Human Rights, the President of the European Court of Human Rights, the Chairman of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre and the Chairperson of the Committee of Culture, Science and Education of the Parliamentary Assembly. Ideas for an eventual co-operation agreement between the PAP and the PACE were discussed during this visit.

24-26 October

Lisbon Forum « Social cohesion and local and regional Sustainability Strategies: the role of civil society and local authorities »
Lisbon, Portugal

Objectives

Organised every year since being launched in 1994 by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Lisbon Forum offers a space for reflecting on human rights in the North-South Dialogue. Bringing together actors from different backgrounds - government representatives, parliamentarians, civil society organisations and local and regional authorities, dealing with human rights protection in Europe and Africa. The Forum facilitates the dialogue and contributes to a better collaboration among them.

Context

The 11th session of the Lisbon Forum took place in Lisbon from 24-26 October gathering 30 participants from Europe and Africa.

Partners

Towns and Development
InWent
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg

Results

The Forum addressed the importance of social cohesion in relation to sustainable Development and how to promote good local governance within the framework of international cooperation. Participants shared views on building partnerships between local authorities and civil society within the framework of international cooperation. Experiences from practice in international cooperation (barriers and opportunities) were given.

	<p>DIALOGUE ON MIGRATIONS AND CO-DEVELOPMENT- Project carried out in partnership with the DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SOCIAL COHESION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (DGIII)</p>
	<p>General objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support the Council of Europe’s political platform on migrations - Follow-up to the Lisbon Forum on migrations (2003) <p>Context of the project</p> <p>In 2002, the 7th Conference of Ministers responsible for Migration Affairs of the Member States of the Council of Europe (16-17 September, Helsinki) recommended that the Committee of Ministers implement a Plan of Action that included the establishment of a regular dialogue and partnership between countries of origin, transit and destination. The Committee of Ministers has since established a Political Platform of the Council of Europe on migration for this purpose.</p> <p>With a view to supporting the Political Platform and, in particular, to stimulate cooperation with governments, parliamentarians, local authorities and NGOs from the many African countries with close migratory links with Europe, the Directorate General of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe in cooperation with the North-South Centre decided to organise a pilot series of technical workshops over two years. The general theme of these workshops is migration and co-development.</p> <p>Partner of the project</p> <p>Directorate General of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg</p>
<p>23-24 April</p>	<p>Migrations and co-development, Thematic Workshop I : Migrants, actors of development here and there Lisbon (Portugal)</p>
	<p>Objectives of the Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To examine concrete cooperation issues ; - To exchange examples of good practices, especially in the field of micro-projects ; - To draw up proposals for projects and, as far as possible, help to find the necessary funds. <p>Results of the Workshop</p> <p>On 23-24 April, the North-South Centre, in partnership with the Directorate General of Social Cohesion, organised a workshop entitled “Migrations and Co-development: migrants, actors and partners in development, here and there”. The workshop was opened by the Portuguese Secretary of State for European Affairs, Mr Costa Neves and by the Director General of the Directorate of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe a.i., Mr Alexandre Vladychenko.</p> <p>Three main issues were addressed by the participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Factors and conditions of success of micro-projects undertaken by migrants in their countries of origin; 2. Integration of migrants in their host countries and their reintegration on returning to their country of origin; 3. Co-development policies as an instrument for inter-regional regulation of migrations.

3-4 December	Migrations and co-development: Thematic Workshop II : the role of local authorities Lisbon (Portugal)
<p>Objectives of the Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examine the role of local authorities in the process of migration ; - Examine what works and what does not ; - Examine the co-operation between local authorities in countries of origin and destination and the contribution they can make to the process of co-development. <p>Results of the Workshop</p> <p>The discussions were based on the presentation and analysis of current projects and initiatives with a view to identifying and sharing good practice.</p> <p>The following questions were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The role of migrants in the process of co-development ; - The role of local authorities in this process, here and there ; - The definition of a framework of reference for co-development. <p>A series of proposals were elaborated by the participants to be sent to the European Committee of migrations of the Council of Europe in order to promote co-development.</p>	

25 October	THE AWARD CEREMONY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE Lisbon (PORTUGAL)
<p>Objectives</p> <p>To honour two personalities – one from the North, one from the South - for their exceptional commitment to the protection of human rights, the defence of pluralistic democracy, partnerships and North-South solidarity</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The North-South Prize has been awarded every year since 1995. The North-South Prize Jury is composed of the Members of the Bureau of the North-South Centre and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, under the presidency of the Chairman of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre. The Jury is helped in its task by the Secretariat of the North-South Centre.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Portuguese Parliament</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The North-South Prize 2004 was awarded by the Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament to Mrs Nawal El Sadaawi, Egyptian writer and researcher and to the French Ambassador, Mr Stéphane Hessel during an official ceremony with the participation of Mr Peter Schieder, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mrs Maud de Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General, Mr Claude Frey, Chairman of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre, as well as international and national personalities.</p>	

Transmed dialogue

	<p>PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF MEDITERRANEAN AUDIOVISUAL OPERATORS (COPEAM)</p>
	<p>Objectives of COPEAM</p> <p>Copeam's aim is to reinforce cooperation and partnerships between the countries on both sides of the Mediterranean (Europe/Maghreb/Mashrek/south-eastern Europe). It also serves as a tool for this co-operation through exchanges and partnerships between different audiovisual bodies, the media and civil society.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>Copeam (Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators) was set up in 1994 and was reinforced by the European Commission after the implementation of the Barcelona process. The North-South Centre is a founder member and Vice-President.</p>
<p>30 April 1-2 May</p>	<p>Copeam Annual Conference and General Assembly Perpignan (France)</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <p>To define co-operation projects between the different media resources (audiovisual, radio and newspapers) of the Mediterranean countries</p> <p>Context</p> <p>The North-South Centre was one of the partners in the organisation of the 11th conference, mainly in terms of content. The subject of the conference was «The media, vectors of dialogue in the Mediterranean: media and religion». The conference brought together 350 participants from the whole of the north, south and east Mediterranean region, representatives of governments and parliaments, chairpersons of television companies, journalists, academics and international organisations.</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Copeam, France TV</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The debates were not only very fertile but also tense because of the inclusion of the Near East conflict in the debates and media approach. The meeting made it possible to define cooperation projects between the different media (audiovisual, radios and newspapers) of the Mediterranean countries in order to contribute to a positive approach to the dialogue between cultures and peoples.</p> <p>The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe was made a "privileged partner" so that it could contribute its expertise to the dialogue and cooperation between the two sides of the Mediterranean.</p> <p>At the General Assembly, the North-South Centre was unanimously re-elected Vice-President of Copeam and a member of the Steering Committee.</p>
<p>9- 15 July</p>	<p>Working visit to Palestinian Territories by a COPEAM delegation</p>
	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To reinforce the dialogue in the Mediterranean region; - To support Palestinian media as a tool for strengthening democracy in the Palestinian territories

Context

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe is Vice-president of Copeam (Permanent Conference of Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators) and, as such, its duties essentially involve the reinforcement of dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region. It was within this framework that a delegation composed of a representative from the North-South Centre and the Secretary General of Copeam, Alessandra Paradisi, from RAI, went on a working trip to the Palestinian territories. The delegation visited Ramallah and Gaza, by decision of the Board of Directors of Copeam and at the invitation of Palestinian Television (PBC).

Results

During the different meetings, the delegation was received by the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mr Yasser Arafat, who thanked Copeam for its support of the PBC. Numerous meetings were held between the members of the delegation and the heads of the Palestinian television, radio and press.

This was how they identified the priority sectors for which effective initiatives could be rapidly launched for co-operation between European institutions and the Palestinian media. The sectors for which Copeam has undertaken to provide support to the PBC and the Palestinian media are:

- training;
- the exchange and production of programmes;
- technical equipment.

Simultaneously with the work done within the framework of Copeam, the North-South Centre had a series of meetings with Israeli and Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem and Ramallah about projects to promote dialogue and peace between the two peoples.

6-9 June

CONFERENCE ORGANISED AT THE HEAD OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES "WOMEN IN THE ARAB WORLD"
Cairo (Egypt)

Objectives

- To reinforce the role of women as full citizens in Arab countries
- To develop mechanisms in order to allow women to promote their rights in society in the Mediterranean region
- To emphasise the central role played by women in Arab society as much at international level as at national and regional level
- To develop solid partnerships between European and Arab countries in order to formulate programmes destined to reinforce womens' rights in the region.

The emphasis was placed on the important role which the Council of Europe could play in this partnership.

Context

The League of Arab States supported this activity which took place in the presence of Ms Suzanne Mubarak (First Lady of Egypt and President of the « Suzanne Mubarak Women International Peace Movement ») and Mr Amr Moussa, Secretary General of the League of Arab States.

They reaffirmed the role of the League and of governments in order to increase the participation of women in both public and political life, and the development of Arab societies.

The North-South Centre, as a partner of the League of Arab States and the International Arab International Women's Forum, focused on the experience of the Council of Europe in the protection of womens' rights and the need to reinforce dialogue between European and south Mediterranean countries.

The conference brought together 200 participants from 35 countries, government and parliament representatives, academics, female NGO leaders and representatives from International Organisations (European Parliament, United Nations, World Bank).

Partners

The League of Arab States and the International Arab Womens' Forum

Results

- An examination of the current state of play of the situation of women in Arab countries
- A plan to develop joint projects between European and Arab partners was agreed
- The interest to reinforce dialogue and partnership with the Council of Europe and North-South Centre was expressed by many participants.

The results and recommendations of the conference will be used for planning and developing activities concerning womens' rights in the 2005 Transmed Programme.

The proposal to organise a European conference on this theme, with joint partnership between the North-South Centre and the the International Arab Womens' Forum, in the spring of 2005 was confirmed.

**10 -11
December**

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION « DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENSHIP IN SOUTH-MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES
Lisbon (Portugal)

Objectives

The round table served to define the priorities and tendencies of society in Arab countries with regard to democratic reform. It also served to determine the possible forms of partnership and co-operation that could be developed between the Council of Europe, the European Union and Arab countries, with the aim of strengthening democratic reform in Arab countries.

The results of the Round Table will be used to prepare the agenda and content of a large conference on the same theme which the North-South Centre will organise in a arab country in the spring of 2005.

Context

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe organised from 10 to 11 December 2004 in Lisbon a Round Table on « Democracy and citizenship in south-mediterranean countries ».

The Round Table brought together about 20 participants (parliamentarians, representatives of NGOs, etc) from European and Arab countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Palestinian Territory, Jordan, Libya and Syria).

Partner

Panorama Center for Democracy

Results

The participants took stock of the obstacles facing democratic transition in the Arab world, as well as the possible factors which can play a role in this processus.

An analysis of the mechanisms necessary for democratic reforms in Arab countries was prepared.

It was decided that the partnership between the Council of Europe and Arab societies would concentrate on the theme of democratic transition for the time being. One of the recommendations of the round table was the North-South Centre should organise a "Transmediterranean platform for democracy" . This recommendation will be discussed and possibly finalised at the 2005 conference.

Communication Sector

In 2004, the work of the communication sector, in close collaboration with the appropriate services of the Council of Europe (DIT, DRC and the publication department), involved:

Publications

- **The Interdependent** : It was decided by the Bureau at their meeting of 7-8 May to maintain a printed version of the Interdependent, 4 pages in length. Four issues of the Interdependent were published in 2004 ;
- **Newsletters of programmes** : harmonising the presentation and publishing these newsletters on line ;
- **North-South Centre's Publications** (see appendix)
- **Annual Report of the North-South Centre** : It was decided by the Bureau at their meeting of 7-8 May to print only a limited cost version of the report of activities in 2004 and to use more costly printing jobs for the tri-annual reports only (e.g. 2002-2004).

Web Site

- Updating the North-South Centre's homepage every week and regularly sending information to the Council of Europe to facilitate the publication of North-South Centre news on the Council of Europe website (major events organised by the North-South Centre were published on the home page of the web site of the Council of Europe;
- Publishing online reports on the activities of the North-South Centre;
- Providing a structure ensuring better access by partners to the North-South Centre website ; following a meeting with the Communication Directorate in Strasbourg in September, the North-South Centre will restructure parts of its website;
- Analysis of the report on the North-South Centre's internet audience, provided by the Directorate of Communication and Research;
- Launching a virtual project community on Europe-Africa dialogue

Multimedia Resources

- Continuing the first phase of indexing Multimedia Centre resources;
- Cataloguing resources.

Press

- In partnership with the Press Department of the Council of Europe, preparation of press releases on the activities of the North-South Centre
- Journalist recruited for the Ceremony of the North-South Prize and the inauguration of the new premises of the North-South Centre

Database

Regularly updating the Gesint database

Information technology

- The North-South Centre's move resulted in the installation of structured cabling at the new premises, the change to Windows 2003 and the replacement of two servers by a more powerful one;
- The migration towards the XP system took place in December thanks to the collaboration of the Computer Department of the DIT.

Activities

- Organisation of the North-South Centre's office move
- Organisation of the inauguration of the new premises of the North-South Centre on 25 November in the presence of the President of Portuguese Parliament, the representative of the Portuguese Secretary of State for European Affairs, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Chairman of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre and national and international personalities.
- Co-organisation of the North-South Prize Ceremony with the Europe-Africa Unit.

3. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2004

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE
February	7-8	5 th Roundtable on multilateral networking of national structures for the support, funding and coordination of Global Education	Salzburg (Austria)
February	15-28	Euro-Med Long term training course – Projects for youth participation and Intercultural Exchange - 1st phase	Budapest (Hungary)
March	18-19	Europe-Africa Round Table	Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
March	23-25	Global Education Peer Review Process Initial visit	Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
April	19-29	Euro-Med training course: "Citizenship Matters: promoting the participation of women and Minorities"	Alexandria (Egypt)
April	23-24	1 st Workshop on Migrations and Co-development "Migrants: actors of development here and there"	Lisbon (Portugal)
April	26-30	Global Education Peer Review Process Visit to Finland	Helsinki (Finland)
April	29/04 -02/05	Global Education Week Seminar	Stadtschlaing (Austria)
April	30/04 – 1-2/05	COPEAM General Assembly and Conference	Perpignan (France)
May	5-9	Youth and Globalisation Event	Strasbourg (France)
May	13-16	6 th Roundtable on multilateral networking of national structures for the support, funding and coordination of Global Education	Barroca d'Alva (Portugal)
May	24	2 nd Monitoring Group Meeting of the Euro-Med Convention	Lisbon (Portugal)
May	25	Partners' Meeting Training of Trainers	Lisbon (Portugal)
May	26	Training of Trainers – First Seminar	Lisbon (Portugal)
June	6-9	Conference organised at the head of the League of Arab States "Women in the arab world"	Cairo (Egypt)
June	20-25	Global Education Peer Review Process Visit to The Netherlands	Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
July	6	Conference on "Transition to democratic governance: South Africa and Portugal cases"	Lisbon (Portugal)
July	9-15	Working Visit by COPEAM to the Palestinian Territories	Palestinian Territories
August	13-14	Prep Meeting 5th University on Youth and Development	Barcelona
August	8-14	World Youth Festival	Barcelona (Spain)
August	16-17	Evaluation meeting of the Conference "Europe, Youth and Globalisation"	Barcelona (Spain)
September	21-24	Interparliamentary Conference «The rights of children orphaned and made vulnerable by Aids in Africa »	Cape Town (South Africa)
September	29-30	2 nd Partners' Meeting Training of Trainers	Budapest (Hungary)

October	4-6	Launch of the Global Education National Report in Finland: Press launch/Hearing of the parliamentary committee on development cooperation on the Peer review process/NGDOs conference	Helsinki (Finland)
October	4-7	Visit from a delegation of the Pan-African Parliament to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe	Strasbourg (France)
October	9-17	5th University on Youth and Development 2 nd Euro-African training course for youth organisations	Mollina (Spain)
October	25	North-South Prize Inauguration of North-South Centre's premises	Lisbon (Portugal)
October	24-26	Lisbon Forum 2004: "Social Cohesion: the role of civil society and local authorities"	Lisbon (Portugal)
November		Peer Review Global Education National Report in Cyprus	
November	2-3	National consultation on the strenghtening of Global Education in Slovakia	Bratislava (Slovakia)
November	4-5	National consultation on the strenghtening of Global Education in Hungary	Budapest (Hongrie)
November	7-10	National consultation on the strenghtening of Global Education in Czech Rep.	Prague (Czech Rep)
November	13-15	7 th Roundtable on multilateral networking of national structures for the support, funding and coordination of Global Education	Bern (Switzerland)
November	15-21	Global Education Week	Europe
November	21 Nov-2 Dec	1 st session of training for trainers	Bupapest (Hungary)
December	3-4	2 nd Workshop on Migrations and Co-development "the role of local authorities"	Lisbon (Portugal)
December	8-10	National consultation on the strenghtening of Global Education in Poland	Varsaw (Poland)
December	10-11	Round Table "Democracy and Citizenship in the South-Mediterranean countries"	Lisbon (Portugal)

APPENDIX

List of publications

The Interdependent

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