



North-South Centre

of the Council of Europe

2018

# MID-TERM REPORT of ACTIVITIES

1 JANUARY – 23 MAY



## INTRODUCTION

Dear Member of the Bureau and Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

1. It is with great pleasure that I, once again, on behalf of the North-South Centre Team, introduce the mid-term report for 2018.
2. I would like to start by praising your continued support and resilience in backing the North-South Centre as an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe, where the basic elements that led to its creation as an institution of our Organisation remain as relevant as ever:
  - to provide a framework for European cooperation for the purpose of increasing public awareness of global interdependence issues;
  - to promote policies of solidarity in conformity with the aims and principles of the Council of Europe;
  - to fulfil the dual political role of “representing the voice of the South” within Council of Europe and of promoting and transmitting the values of democracy, human rights and rule of law in neighbouring regions.
3. However, unfortunately, and among other reasons, the political environment in Europe has been shifting and, with that, not all Council of Europe member States have given or kept the support to the North-South Centre’s needs and deserves. Moreover, the proliferation of other institutions outside the universe of the Council of Europe is creating overlapping, redundancies and divisions. At present, I would like to inform you that we are above the necessary threshold to keep this Enlarged Partial Agreement alive and we are trying to reinforce the membership working with two member States from the North and another one from the South in order to join us. I also believe that the member States of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, and in particular those members of its Bureau, have a special responsibility in this endeavour.
4. In this mid-term report you will see the results of the events already implemented as well as the ones we will deliver until the end of the year. On this point I would like to emphasize the following elements:
  - We have started the introduction of the principle of rotation in order to organise our activities in the member States of the North-South Centre or target member States of Council of Europe, engaging them to see the benefits of its membership;
  - Among other bodies, our relations with DSG, DGII, ODGP, GR-EXT, PACE committees, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities representatives are more active, in both ways, allowing a bigger participation in each others’ events and a better promotion of the North-South Centre; we have also improved the engagement of international organisations in our activities;
  - Our alignment with Council of Europe’s tools and mechanisms and with the UN 2030 SDGs are now more visible in our work and reports;
  - Even if the dimensions of our programmes remain the same - youth cooperation, empowerment of women and global development education – we are updating them to integrate new tools, realities and governance, reaching out to more beneficiaries and developing more concrete projects, all coordinated and facilitated by the North-South Centre in consultation with its partners. I am referring to, for instance, the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship, to the creation of the North-South Centres’ Pool of Experts on Women from the Southern Mediterranean or the North-South Centres’ Global Development Education Network of Coordinators;
  - In this context, we also seek to develop in a complementary way and from a multilateral/regional point of view activities pursued within the Council of Europe bilateral programmes with certain countries of the Southern Mediterranean region.
5. The North-South Centre’s relationship with the EU, a relevant member of this Enlarged Partial Agreement, is key for two of its activities:
  - The funding of the iLegend programme with one million euros to implement, from August 2016 until the end of July 2019, several activities to strengthen Global Development Education in the Balkans, Baltic, South East Europe and Mediterranean and Visegrad regions. The project fosters peaceful and inclusive societies, promoting human rights, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship as essential dimensions of global development education. After the positive evaluation of October 2017 conducted by the EC, we have already started formal contacts with the DG DEVCO to renew the programme, with new elements, in order to start in August 2019, avoiding gaps in the transition and implementation between programmes;

- The funding of the North-South Centres' Lisbon Fora sessions for 2018 and 2019. The North-South Centre negotiated with ODGP a grant of 200 000 Euros from the EU/CoE South Programme III: enhancing sustainable democratic governance and human rights in the Southern Mediterranean, to finance them. Under the overarching team of interconnecting people, the discussion will be narrowed to two specific themes: i) for 2018 Youth, Peace and Security, with a seed funding to call for concrete projects; and ii) for 2019 Democracy, Human Rights and Gender Equality.
6. The fact that Spain was elected last February Chair of the Bureau and the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre has opened possibilities for cooperation with Casa Árabe, Casa do Mediterrâneo and FIIAPP, all Spanish institutions willing to discuss future cooperation with the Centre, which will start soon.
  7. A special word to the Portuguese and Maltese Governments, as well as to the Aga Khan Development Network, which continue to contribute with voluntary contributions, fundamental for the implementation of the activities of the Centre.
  8. As requested by the Executive Committee held in Rabat, on the 7 November 2017, it is my pleasure to inform you that I received the following information from the Human Resources Department of the Council of Europe: "National seconded officials shall be nationals of a member State of the Council of Europe and, in case of an Enlarged Partial Agreement, nationals of a member State of the Council of Europe or of the EPA concerned" (article 3, CM/Res(2012)2). From now on, a member State of the North-South Centre not member of the Council of Europe may second officials to the North-South Centre, paying all the associated costs.
  9. Finally, and besides the sound mid-term financial statement of the North-South Centre, as I informed you before, the North-South Centre was subject to a mission of the External Auditor of the Council of Europe in October 2017. I would like to assure you that most of the recommendations were already implemented, including a future segregation of control within the North-South Centre and DG II; the ones relating to archives and inventories are in course of implementation within a timeline accepted by the Secretariat.
  10. Let me summarize in one sentence how I view today the political role of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe: in implementing Council of Europe soft power principles and tools within its programmes and activities, either in Europe and in the Southern Mediterranean or in a permanent intercultural dialogue between the two regions, bridging the North and the South and trying to foster solidarity and partnerships between them, we are also projecting confidence measures between policy and decision makers and civil society of both shores of the Mediterranean (and perhaps also to the neighbours of our neighbours), contributing to changing perceptions and establishing channels of understanding, thus paving the way for a better Europe and a better Neighbourhood, fundamental for our common desire of Peace, Democracy and Development.

António Gamito

Executive Director of the North-South Centre

(Ambassador)

## THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The **European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity**, more commonly known as the "North-South Centre of the Council of Europe", was created in November 1989, as a result of the European public campaign on North-South Interdependence and Solidarity launched in 1988 by the **Council of Europe** in cooperation with the then European Community.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the North-South Centre is to empower civil society, in particular youth and women, through intercultural dialogue and global citizenship education, in Council of Europe member states and neighbouring regions.

To this aim, and in particular through its multilateral activities, the North-South Centre responds mainly to three priority areas: **global education**, **youth cooperation** and **empowerment of women**.

### OUR METHODOLOGY

Under the principles of dialogue, partnership and solidarity, through a bottom-up approach, the North-South Centre brings together representatives of governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society.

This *quadrilogue* methodology helps build bridges between relevant actors with different cultures, from diverse backgrounds and multiple approaches.

### MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**STATES:** Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Kingdom of Morocco, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Spain and Tunisia.

**OTHER MEMBERS:** European Union, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, European Parliament, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, EU Committee of the Regions, Conference of NGOs and representatives of three civil society organisations.

### PRIORITY REGIONS

The North-South Centre is an instrument for multilateral cooperation of the Council of Europe policy towards its neighbouring regions. Its activities target Council of Europe member states and eastern and southern Mediterranean countries. Its soft power tools promotes confidence building between decision makers and civil society.

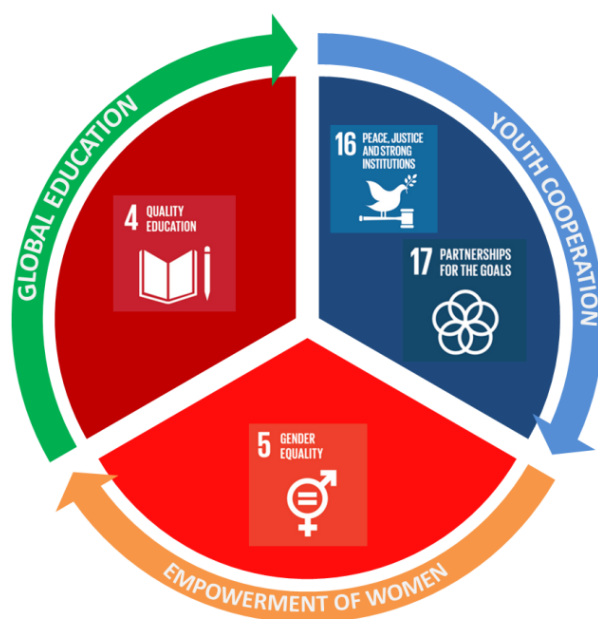
Since its inception the North-South Centre has developed a solid network and close partnerships with representatives of the *quadrilogue* in Europe and beyond.

## PROGRAMMES AND GOALS

The programme of the North-South Centre responds to three priority areas - global education, youth cooperation and empowerment of women - and three main types of actions - advocacy, capacity-building and awareness raising.

The North-South Centre programmes are in line with the Council of Europe values, standards and priorities and the United Nations 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular:

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





## MEETINGS

### STATUTORY MEETINGS: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The **18th Executive Committee meeting of the North-South Centre** took place in Strasbourg on the 8 February. The Executive Committee elected Spain as Chair, the Kingdom of Morocco as Vice-Chair and Greece, Malta, Portugal and Serbia as members of the Bureau to join the other *quadrilogue* representatives for two years. The outgoing Chair, Dr Jean-Marie Heydt, was praised for his commitment and engagement to the North-South Centre. The Executive Director also stated that the Centre has now a solid membership, financial and programmatic situation. He also briefly presented the five main objectives set out for 2018: i) increase the membership; ii) continue the process of alignment with the Council of Europe, bringing to it its specificities and reinforcing its voice in the South; iii) enhance the cooperation with the EU; iv) implement more of its activities in the territories of its members States; and v) reinforce the cooperation with the Southern Mediterranean region and the neighbours of our neighbours (Africa). Ambassador Matthew Johnson, the outgoing Director of the Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, made an overview of the challenges the Council of Europe is facing and suggested some measures to cope with them, praised the recent work of the Centre, anticipating a promising future and encouraged the new leadership of the Centre to continue the successful path already initiated.

### MEETINGS AT THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE IN LISBON



The Executive Director of the North-South Centre, Ambassador António Gamito received the **Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean**, Laurence Païs, at the North-South Centre's premises in Lisbon, on the 16 February. The visit was an opportunity to discuss future collaboration between the two organisations in the fields of Empowerment of Women and Youth cooperation activities.

The North-South Centre hosted a **GREVIO** meeting in its premises from 19 to 24 March.

## MISSIONS

The Executive Director undertook a mission to **Brussels, Belgium**, on the 15 and 16 March where he met: i) Ambassador of Jordan to the EU and CoE: the cooperation that the Centre had established with Jordan was highlighted as well as the standing invitation for the country to become a member of the NSC; ii) European Commission Deputy Head of Unit Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance (DG DEVCO): the positive results achieved so far by the iLegend programme were acknowledged and the first discussion to renew the current programme was initiated; iii) In the President Juncker's office the renewal of the iLegend was also discussed.

The Executive Director undertook a mission to **Strasbourg, France**, from the 19 to 23 March, where the course set to the North-South Centre was confirmed, the funding of the Lisbon Forum 2018/2019 was assured, the increasing cooperation with PACE and Congress was guaranteed, and the preparations for the participation at the GR-EXT on the 31 May and the Bureau and Executive Committee meeting on the 5 June were agreed. Proposals for cooperation with current member and potential states were also discussed.

Meetings took place with: i) members of the Secretariat (DSG, DG II, Director of ODGP); ii) the Head of the Private Office of PACE; iii) the Heads of the Secretariat of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, and the Secretariat of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the PACE; iii) the Secretary General of the Congress; iv) the GR-EXT Chair; iv) the Chair of the Executive Committee; v) several member states of the Centre; and vi) other non-member states of the Centre.

### EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

The North-South Centre participated in the **Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission (GEC)**, on the 12 April in Strasbourg, France. GEC delegates and members of the Council of Europe Secretariat were informed about the renovation of the project North-South Process for the Empowerment of Women (NSPEW) for the period 2018-2019. GEC delegates also obtained a better understanding of the contribution of the North-South Centre to the new Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023 and the Council of Europe's Policy towards its Neighbouring Regions.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & MISSIONS – FROM MAY - DECEMBER

<b>5 JUNE</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Bureau and 19 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting of the North-South Centre
<b>22 JUNE</b>	Participation at the EU COSCE meeting and contacts with DG DEVCO
<b>28 JUNE</b>	Participation at the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
<b>17-18 SEPTEMBER</b>	Participation at the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
<b>25 SEPTEMBER</b>	Coordination meetings with different departments of the European Union and the Council of Europe's liaison office in Brussels
<b>16-17 OCTOBER</b>	Participation at the Council of Europe's Steering Committee (CDJ) and Joint Council on Youth (CMJ)
<b>16 OCTOBER</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Bureau and 20 <sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting of the North-South Centre and Jury of the North-South Prize
<b>25-26 OCTOBER</b>	Participation at the Council of Europe's Steering Committee on Education meeting (CDPPE)
<b>16 NOVEMBER</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the North-South Centre
<b>27 NOVEMBER</b>	Coordination meetings with different departments of the European Union and the Council of Europe's liaison office in Brussels



### Flagship events

## XXIII AWARD CEREMONY OF NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



Awarded each year since 1995 to two candidates, one for the North and another from the South, who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting human rights, democracy and North-South solidarity, the **North-South Prize 2017** distinguished Ms Kristiina Kumpula, Secretary-General of the Finnish Red Cross, and Dr Abbas Gulet, Vice President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Secretary-General of Kenya Red Cross Society. The award ceremony, which counted with 126 guests, took place on the 7 May in the Senate room of the Assembly of the Republic, with the presence of the President of the Portuguese Republic, the President of the Assembly of the Portuguese Republic, the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Vice-President and Head of the Portuguese Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre and the Under Secretary General for Programmes and Operations of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

Ms Kumpula was awarded for her contribution to the North-South dialogue by the promotion of health and social rights both in her home country, Finland, and in East Africa. Ms Kumpula has been actively working with the international components of the Red Cross Movement and is currently serving as Chair of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Constitutional Review Advisory Group. Dr Abbas Gulet was awarded for the instrumental role he played in building the Kenyan Red Cross Society into a leading society both in the African continent and within the Movement, increasing its capacity to respond to humanitarian crises in Kenya and beyond. Dr Gulet currently serves as Vice-President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### COUNTRIES

Portugal	Belgium	Georgia	Netherlands
Finland	Algeria	Timor-Leste	Ukraine
Kenya	Greece	Colombia	Sweden
Spain	Mozambique	Lebanon	Romania
Bulgaria	Cape Verde	Iraqe	Austria
Switzerland	Cyprus	Indonesia	Slovakia
Serbia	France	Argentina	Monaco
United Kingdom	Estonia	Bangladesh	Germany
United Arab Emirates	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kingdom of Morocco	Poland
Andorra	Cote d'Ivoire	Nigeria	Saudi Arabia
Panama	Paraguai	Namibia	South Africa

### QUADRIOLOGUE



62 Government representatives



38 Civil Society Organisations



10 Parliamentary representatives



19 International Organisations

The **North-South Prize 2017** was featured in printed and broadcast media outlets in Europe and Africa: 9 days (7 - 11 May 2018):

- circa 20 articles in online, TV and radio media

#### North-South Prize on Facebook

- 28 external posts and shares
- 4 posts
- 22 700 views
- 1432 post clicks
- 697 post engagement



#### North-South Prize on Twitter

- 8 tweets
- 14 571 impressions
- 190 engagement



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – FROM MAY - DECEMBER

**15-16 NOVEMBER**

2018 Lisbon Forum

**16 NOVEMBER**

29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the North-South Centre



## Global Development Education

### REGIONAL SEMINARS ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION



The **Baltic regional seminar follow-up meeting on Global Development Education (3rd)** took place on the 9 April in Riga, Latvia and counted with 23 quadrilogue stakeholders. The 2018 Programme of Activities was presented, the revision of the Global Eductaion Guidelines, the reference framework on competences for Democratic Culture and an introduction to the Media Literacy Task Force. An overview of the GDE situation in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania since the follow-up meeting in Vilnius (April 2017) was given, in terms of policy making and curricula

development; professional development of educators and quality support; awareness raising and pedagogical tools. Multistakeholder working sessions for further progress on the three main objectives of the overview took place and a discussion in stakeholder groups on common challenges, opportunities, and further possible actions. Good practices, identification of constraints and areas to be improved were acknowledged.

## ONLINE TRAINING COURSES

These online training courses are designed for educators from both formal and non-formal systems, policymakers and media professionals. In 2018 the following online training courses, which cover three different dimensions of global education: human rights (HR), intercultural dialogue (ICD) took place:

### Human Rights dimension

19 February to the 18 March

49 participants, of which 27 certified

### Intercultural Dialogue dimension

2 to the 29 April

47 participants, of which 21 certified

**The democratic citizenship (DC) dimension started on the 14 May and ends on the 9 June.**

## MEDIA LITERACY TASK FORCE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (SUBGROUP A)

**The Media Literacy Task Force for GDE** took place on the 10 April in Riga, Latvia. New insights were shared to further develop the Guidelines and the assessment of the first draft of the Media Literacy chapter of the Global Education Guidelines (GEG) was done. A common understanding and shared approach between the two groups was developed and the harmonisation of the chapter with other chapters of the guidelines and with the Media literacy toolkit. A timeline for the advancement of drafting of this chapter was agreed on. Discussions on the MLTF proposal for the Media Literacy strategy and the campaign were held and the alignment of the proposal with the communication needs of the North-South Centre and objectives of the campaign.




## MEETING OF THE DRAFTING TEAM OF EXPERTS FOR THE REVISION OF THE GLOBAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

**The meeting of the drafting team of experts for the revision of the GEG** took place on the 10 April in Riga, Latvia. It aimed at reviewing the MLTF's first draft proposals for the Global Education Week 2018's communication strategy and Media Literacy social media campaign. It also further developed the MLTF work in alignment with the North-South Centres needs, objectives and capacities.

## FACTS & FIGURES

### BALTIC REGIONAL SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (3RD), RIGA, LATVIA

#### COUNTRIES

	Lithuania	4
	Estonia	6
	Latvia	13

#### QUADRILOGUE



1 Government representatives



15 Civil Society Organisations



5 Local Authorities



2 International Organisations

#### GENDER



4



19

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – FROM MAY - DECEMBER

<b>22 MAY</b>	Visegrad regional seminar follow-up meeting on global development education (2nd)
<b>10 SEPTEMBER-6 OCTOBER</b>	Online training course: the Human Rights dimension
<b>11-12 SEPTEMBER</b>	Meeting of the drafting team of experts for the revision of the Global Education Guidelines
<b>11-12 SEPTEMBER</b>	Media Literacy Task Force for Global Development Education (subgroup B)



<b>15 OCTOBER-10 NOVEMBER</b>	Online training course: the Intercultural Dialogue dimension
<b>16 OCTOBER</b>	Balkan regional seminar follow-up meeting on Global Development Education (2nd) in the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Council of Europe
<b>6 NOVEMBER</b>	South East and Mediterranean regional seminar follow-up meeting on Global Development Education (3rd)
<b>19-25 NOVEMBER</b>	2018 Global Development Education Week "The World is changing, what about us"
<b>6 DECEMBER</b>	North-South Centre Global Development Education Network coordinators annual meeting
<b>7 DECEMBER</b>	Media Literacy Task Force for Global Development Education
<b>7 DECEMBER</b>	Meeting of the drafting team of experts for the revision of the Global Education Guidelines



## Youth Cooperation

### RESIDENTIAL GLOBAL EDUCATION TRAINING FOR TRAINERS (INCLUDING AN OPEN ROUND TABLE) IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CASCAIS - THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL 2018

**The Residential GE training for trainers** (including an open roundtable), took place in the framework of the European Youth Capital 2018, on the 17 to 20 April in Cascais, Portugal. 30 young leaders increased their knowledge on Global Development Education (GDE) and were empowered with tools to promote it locally. A roundtable on GDE socio-economic dimension facilitated interaction with social entrepreneurs/local authorities and a Workshop by the Media Literacy Task Force raised attention on role of media influencers and youth workers to promote inclusive societies.

### MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



**The Network of Universities** agreed for the period 2018-2020 under an umbrella theme, "the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: "peace, justice and strong institutions", which will be broken down into specific annual focuses: 2018: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies; 2019: Access to justice for all; 2020: Build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

On 3 May 2018 the partners of the North-South Centre's **Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship** gathered in Lisbon to reflect about the aim, scope and objectives of the Network and of its different universities. After a constructive meeting, partners agreed on a framework document that will guide the work of the Network in the next three years, clearly stating the commitments of each partner in the process.

### 6TH MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (MEDUNI)

The **6th edition of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship** (MedUni), took place in Tunis, Tunisia from the 7 to the 12 May, where over 160 representatives were present. Eight activities took place, three of which organised by the North-South Centre: 1) 5<sup>th</sup> Training Course on Structured Participation in Democratic Processes; 2) Training Course on Diaspora Youth; 3) Seminar: Enhancing the Quadrilogue approach in the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Cooperation. The other activities were: 1) Bookmarks for Human Rights: training course for combatting hate speech through Human Rights Education (Youth Department of the Council of Europe); 2) Workshop: Tunisian national youth survey (National Youth Observatory of Tunisia, League of Arab States); 3) Workshop: Strengthening Participatory Approaches to Local Governance (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development); 4) Training course: YouthPowerMed: Empower youth participation in the Mediterranean countries (National Youth Council of Italy); 5) Network meeting: Activate YOU(th) in the Mediterranean! (National Youth Council of Catalonia/Spain).



The following outcomes were achieved: i) values, priorities and tools of the Centre and of the Council of Europe were recalled and recognised throughout the different activities. In particular: principles of GDE, the quadrilogue and the bottom up approach, Bookmarks manual, Charter for Human Rights Education, Revised European Charter on the

Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life; ii) partners, guests and participants received first-hand information about the work of the Centre and its youth cooperation programme, including the projects: the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Cooperation and the iLEGEND; iii) reinforced cooperation with the Tunisian Ministry for Youth and Sports and the National Youth Observatory of Tunisia. Confirmation of their willingness to host the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the MedUni in 2018; iv) reinforced cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that showed interest to continue their participation in the framework of the Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship; v) the no hate speech campaign was launched at the national level with the highest institutional support; vi) 30 different youth-related projects presented during the organisations fair on 9 May 2018; vi) the teams of trainers recruited received guidance and support for the development of the activities.

## FACTS & FIGURES

*Waiting for information from partners*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – FROM MAY - DECEMBER

10-15 SEPTEMBER	19 <sup>th</sup> Edition of the University on Youth and Development (UYD)
4 DECEMBER	Meeting of the partners of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship



## Empowerment of Women

### EURO-MED WOMEN NETWORK

**The Euro-Med Women Network (EMWN)**, gathers representatives of the *quadrilogue* (governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society) from the European and Southern Mediterranean regions and contributes to the empowerment of women by providing its members with a platform to facilitate the exchange of best practices, to identify common challenges and to share experiences, as well as to develop projects and partnerships.

### NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE'S POOL OF EXPERTS ON GENDER EQUALITY - TRAINING ON COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES



The **North-South Centre's Pool of Experts on Gender Equality training** took place on the 4 and 5 April in Strasbourg, France, and counted with nine experts and one moderator. The NSPEW project and its programme of activities were presented to the nine North-South Centre's pool of experts from the Southern Mediterranean and the objectives and the respective roles clarified. Representatives of the Secretariat of Gender Equality Unit, Violence against Women Division, Southern Neighbourhood

Cooperation Division, Venice Commission, Congress of Local and Regional authorities and PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination participated in the working group by sharing their work and achievements, answering to experts questions and providing them with relevant information and tools in their field of work. Experts redefined their goals and planning in line with the NSPEW project and set up a roadmap for their action over the next six months under the coordination of the North-Suth Centre.






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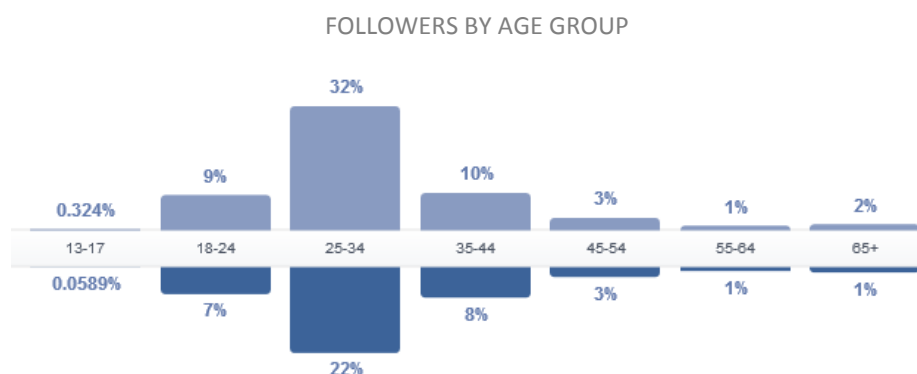
<b>16-22 JULY</b>	Presentation of the movie "Listen to us" in the 5th World Congress for Middle Eastern and North African Studies (WOCMES 18)
<b>25-26 JULY</b>	4th North-South Process for the Empowerment of Women conference
<b>10-11 OCTOBER</b>	Participation at the Union for the Mediterranean High Level meeting on the Empowerment of Women
<b>16-17 OCTOBER</b>	Workshop on Strengthening capacities of women organisations (2nd) (including monitoring meeting of the North-South Centre Pool of Experts)

## COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY






### SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

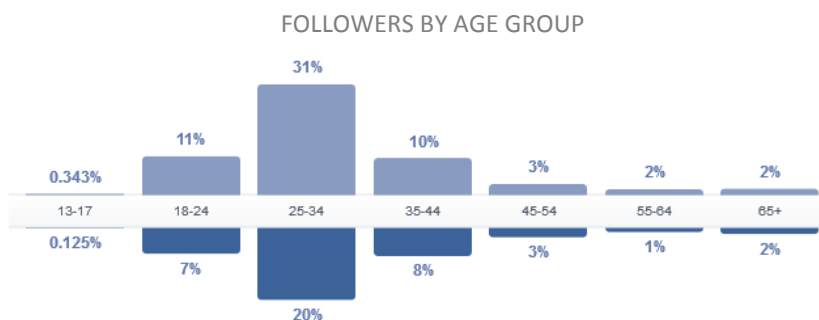
On 21 May, the North-South Centre [Facebook page](#) had a total of 6 796 fans. The number of followers in this period reached a total of 6 824, an average of 6 400 followers compared to the 5 900 of the last period.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Portugal	664	653
 Tunisia	403	400
 Italy	379	380
 Egypt	355	352
 France	273	275








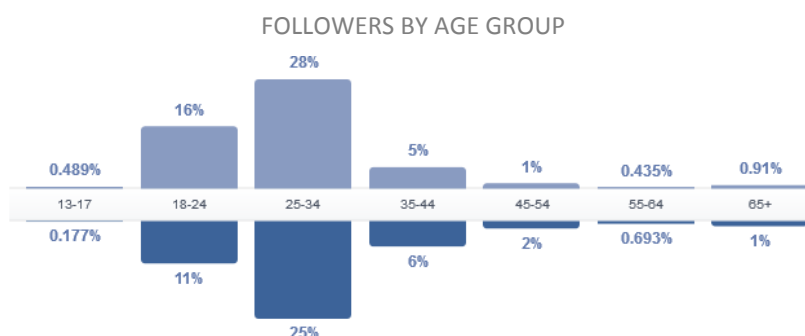
The group of fans and followers of the Global Education network **Facebook page** continued to rise and reached a total of 3 200. An average of 3 100 against the 2 800 from last period. In terms of country distribution, Algeria surpassed the Kingdom of Morocco in terms of number of fans and followers.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Portugal	239	238
 Tunisia	175	173
 Egypt	174	171
 Algeria	162	162
 Romania	110	110








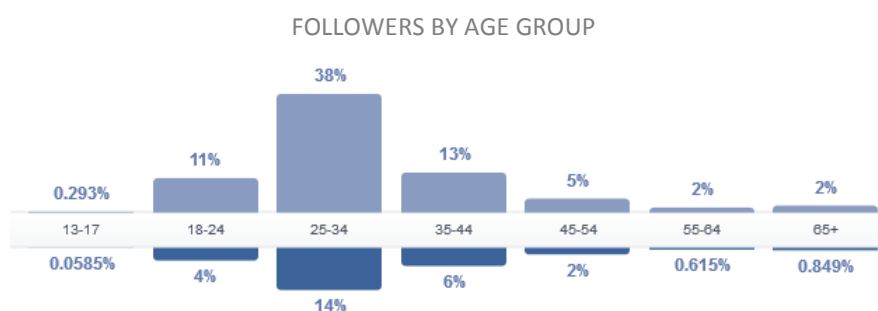
The **Facebook page** of the Youth Cooperation Programme has reached a high of 7 360 followers and 7 330 fans, an average of 7 000 against the 6 700 of last period.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Tunisia	646	642
 Egypt	441	441
 Spain	389	389
 Portugal	320	323
 Turkey	316	315



The **EuroMed Women Network**, the youngest of the social media pages of the North-South Centre, continued its growing path and reached a high of 3 420 followers and 3 407 fans, an average of 3 200 followers an average increase of 100 followers against last period.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Tunisia	445	449
 Egypt	230	229
 Italy	229	228
 The Kingdom of Morocco	199	197
 Portugal	188	188



On January 11 2018, Facebook announced a change in its ranking method with the aim of “bringing people closer together”, in the company’s words. Because space in News Feed is limited, showing more posts from friends and family and updates that spark conversation means they show less public content, including videos and other posts from publishers or businesses. As these updates happen, Pages may see their reach, video watch time and referral traffic decrease. As far as the North-South Centre’s accounts are concerned, even though this change did not affect the number of followers or fans, it impacted mainly the reach and engagement levels of the pages.

**Further information:** Fan: a user who likes a particular Facebook page and receives updates from that page’s administrator.

**Followers:** a user whose newsfeed will display the followed page posts.

## TWITTER ACTIVITY RESULTS

Total audience: 1 547 followers



### Country

Country name	% of audience
France	11%
United Kingdom	9%
Belgium	7%
Turkey	6%
Spain	6%

In this first five months of activity, the twitter account of the North-South Centre earned an average of 14 140 impressions, 877 profile visits, 31 mentions and 21 new followers for an average activity of 10 tweets per month.


## Top Tweets

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TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 10.2K impressions

Happy International Women's Day to all the gender equality supporters out there #8March #InternationalWomensDay [pic.twitter.com/xloNzNapTv](https://pic.twitter.com/xloNzNapTv)




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TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 6,520 impressions

Ceremony of the north-south prize started in Lisbon. Congratulations to our distinguished laureates #nsp2017 #honouringhumanitarianism #globalsolidarity [pic.twitter.com/Dgz5KoMIWU](https://pic.twitter.com/Dgz5KoMIWU)




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Feb 2018 • 28 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 4,554 impressions

Today on the International Day to End Female Genital Mutilation, the @NSCentre reaffirms its commitment to #EndFGM to ensure a better future for girls across the world. [pic.twitter.com/maU5i5x1S6](https://pic.twitter.com/maU5i5x1S6)



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Jan 2018 • 31 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 1,560 impressions

Curious on @NSCentre role in promoting human rights, democracy and the rule of law? Our report of activities is now out: [bit.ly/2DzN0Nq](https://bit.ly/2DzN0Nq) [pic.twitter.com/o8ZLJ2GZ0q](https://pic.twitter.com/o8ZLJ2GZ0q)



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Apr 2018 • 30 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

**Top Tweet** earned 548 impressions

Congratulations again to our member state #BosniaandHerzegovina on the election of the first female Commissioner for Human Rights @Dunja\_Mijatovic, to whom we offer our support in defending and promoting human rights in Europe and beyond. [twitter.com/coe/status/981...](https://twitter.com/coe/status/981...)

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## INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Article	Source	Amount
Receipts	9999000	Contrib Member States	473,100.00
	9999005	Voluntary contributions (Member States and other)	150,000.00
	9999011	European Union	233,900.00
	9999030	Financial Products	3,000.00
	9999200	South Programme II dotation	100,000.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>960.000,00</b>

	Article	Type of Expenditure	Budget	Spent / Committed	Unspent
Expenditure	0000001	CDI Staff	87,300.00	29,174.08	58,125.92
	0000003	Temporary Staff	177,800.00	177,799.36	0.64
	0000013	Secondements	500.00	500.00	
	0000263	Activities financed by VCs and EU funds	869,391.96	409,388.99	460,002.97
	0000378	Contributions to Council of Europe OB	24,000.00	8,000.00	16,000.00
	0000379	Contributions to Pensions	12,800.00	4,266.28	8,533.72
	6511001	Running Costs	66,500.00	26,324.53	40,175.47
	6511002	Programme Expenditure	104,800.00	31,133.83	73,666.17
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1 343,091.96</b>	<b>686,587.07</b>	<b>656,504.89</b>

Group of Expenditure	Budget	%
Staff Costs	278,400.00	20,73%
Programme implementation	974,191.96	72,53%
Running Costs	90,500.00	6,74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 343,091.96</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

## Notes:

1) Expenditure figures are still subject to variation after final closing of Purchase Orders that were still open at the date of production of the financial statement.

2) The figures presented for activities financed by EU funds correspond to the total budget/ expenditure since the start of the project on the 27 July 2016.



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