



6th Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship

UN SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

The role of young people in promoting peaceful and inclusive societies

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General Presentation

The Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship (MedUni)

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

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

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

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

Main objectives:

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

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

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

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

The Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship

The Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship is a partnership facilitated and coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe that gathers youth organisations, youth parliamentarians, youth representatives of local and regional authorities and governmental institutions from Europe, the South Mediterranean and beyond.

The Network:

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

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

Peace, Justice and strong institutions: the three-year cycle umbrella theme (2018-2020)

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

For the period 2018-2020 the Network agreed for a three-year cycle under an umbrella theme: the United Nations Sustainable Development [Goal 16: “peace, justice and strong institutions”](#).

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

The annual focuses are:

- 2018: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies
- 2019: Access to justice for all
- 2020: Build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions

Joint programme

The Joint Programme is a major component of the activities of the MedUni. It is a creative common space which gives participants the opportunity to interact informally, to network and to share and reflect upon different perspectives around a common topic. It is the thread that connects all the activities and participants of the University.

Day Time	6 Mav	7 Mav	8 Mav	9 Mav	10 Mav	11 Mav	12 Mav	13 Mav
09.00-11:00	Arrivals and reception	Opening ceremony	Partner activities	Partner activities	Roundtable: The role of young people in promoting peaceful and inclusive societies	Partner activities	Partner activities	Departures
11.00-11:30		break	break	break		break	break	
11.30-13:00		Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		
13.00-15:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
15.00-16:30		Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		
16.30-17:00		break	break	break	break	16:00 Final Plenary		
17.00-18:30		Partner activities	Partner activities	Organisations Fair	Partner activities		Departures	
18.30-19:30		Free time	Free time	Dinner	Free time			
19:30-21.00		Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner		
21.00	Welcome evening	Joint thematic activities	Free evening	Joint thematic activities	Free evening	Cultural evening		

- Joint programme
- Partners' activities

Activities

Training course
North-South
Centre

Diaspora Youth
5 days

Content

A group of 15 young participants will dwell upon the role of diaspora youth in migration contexts and closing societies – a transnational role as catalysts and connectors between migrants' countries of origin and settlement. Among other things, participants will analyse situation and challenges faced by diaspora youth in Europe, as well explore issues related to inclusion and migration from the perspective of diaspora

Training course
North-South
Centre

Structured participation in Democratic Processes
5 days

Content

The course will seek to reinforce the competences of 15 youth organisations' representatives in relation to democratic citizenship and participation in public life. The sessions will be based on the non-formal education approach and peer-to-peer education. Thematic discussions as well as experimental learning activities will stimulate in-depth reflections on the topic at stake.

Quadrilogue Seminar
North-South
Centre

Structured participation in Democratic Processes
2 day

Content

The seminar will bring together representatives of governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities, civil society, international organisations, researchers and academia. As a complement to the training course, the seminar will be a means to map good practices on youth participation mechanisms and structures in the Euro-Mediterranean region, as well as put forward recommendations on youth, peace and structured participation.

Workshop

National Youth Observatory of Tunisia

Youth Participation in Public Life

5 days

Content

The workshop will gather twenty-five participants and trainers from Tunisia, Morocco and Jordan. The workshop will be organised in partnership with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) within the framework of a regional project on youth participation in public life

Training course

Youth Department of the Council of Europe

Combating hate speech through human rights education

4.5 days

Content

During the course, a group of 20 young participants will be introduced to the concept of hate speech, and will develop competences in relation to this concept as well as that of human rights education with young people. The course will also be a means to enable participants to devise activities for the national "No Hate Speech Movement" campaigns, as well as support inter-regional cooperation among participants and their organisations.

Training course

Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya

Activate YOU(th) in the Mediterranean!

5 days

Content

25 participants coming from the South of Europe and the MENA region will gather together to further develop their partnership within the EuroMed Youth Network. The activity's aim is to foster the Network by improving its internal structure, as well as to develop its Strategic Plan in the interest of promoting Youth Participation, Active Citizenship and Social Entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean Region.

**Training
course**
Forum
Nazionali dei
Giovani (FNG)

**YouthPowerMed:
Empower youth
participation in the
Mediterranean
countries**

5 days

Content

15 young participants from both shores of the Mediterranean Sea will gather to establish an active and fruitful dialogue on priority topics that challenge their lives and their communities. The activity plays an important role in empowering youth participation and in promoting global peace and continuous youth policy networking.

Activity Organisers

1. The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) – www.nsc.org
2. National Youth Observatory of Tunisia – www.onj.nat.tn
3. Youth department of the Council of Europe – www.coe.int/en/web/youth
4. Forum Nazionali dei Giovani (FNG) – www.forumnazionalegiovani.it
5. Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya – www.cnjc.cat

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