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ALTERNATIVES

Countering hate speech and injustice through dialogue and human rights education

Training workshop organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department in the framework of the 7th Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship (MedUni)

*9-16 June 2019
Hammamet, Tunisia*

Call for Participants



The background of the training

The Council of Europe's Youth Department, in cooperation with the North South Centre and the national campaign committees of the No Hate Speech Movement in Morocco and Tunisia, is organising a training workshop "ALTERNATIVES - Countering hate speech and injustice through dialogue and human rights education" in framework of the [7th Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship](#) (MedUni). The university will be held in Hammamet, Tunisia, from 9 to 16 June.

The **Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship** 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 other youth serving organisations from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean, within the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship. The Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship is a framework event where different youth-led and youth-oriented organisations have the possibility to run their own activities within a multilateral cooperation context, which encourages networking, peer education, design of common advocacy strategies and sharing of knowledge and opportunities. Since 2013, the 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.

The Council of Europe Youth Department has been a partner in organising the MedUni since its inception. Last year the University was concluded on 11 May 2018, with the launch of the national "[No hate speech](#)" campaign in Tunisia. In 2019 the intention is to further support the ongoing national campaigns by improving the competences and capacities of youth activists from Tunisia and Morocco as well as from European countries in countering hate speech through human rights education and campaigning.

Within the training workshop "ALTERNATIVES" the Youth Department also seeks to establish links with other interconnected activities of the youth sector, including the 7th Euro-Arab Youth Forum in 2019 as well as with the priorities of the MedUni: the umbrella theme "*UN SDG 16: peace, justice and strong institutions*", and the annual focus for 2019: "*Youth and Justice*".

The structure and the programme of the MedUni and the training

The MedUni 2019 will take place from the 9th (arrivals) to the 16th (departures) June 2019. The training forms and integral part of the MedUni that combines elements of a Joint programme with the training sessions organised by the Youth Department and by a variety of other organisations as well:

1. The common pedagogical framework of the **Joint Programme** of the University explores and develops the annual focus (Youth and Justice), giving the opportunity to all the partners organizations and their participants to reflect and interact around this topic, in view of a joint advocacy effort. It connects all the activities implemented in the framework of the MedUni, allow a transversal reflection among

participants involved in different activities, enrich the learning process and provide networking space for everyone experience.

2. The sessions of the training **Alternatives** take place on 10-13 June 2019 and are complemented by the Joint Programme elements and a seminar.
3. The programme in 2019 includes a **Quadrilogue seminar** on youth participation (14-15 June 2019) that the participants of the "ALTERNATIVES" training are expected to follow. This seminar sets out to enhance the structured dialogue between quadrilogue representatives (governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society organisations) in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

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Aims and objectives

The workshop will explore the current issues in relation to hate speech and human rights and develop the competences of youth and human rights activists to combat hate speech, with special regard to support Mediterranean youth work and Euro-Arab youth cooperation.

Specific objectives of the training include:

- To support peer learning and develop the capacity of activists and youth leaders active in the No Hate Speech youth campaigns in Morocco and Tunisia through human rights education based on the manuals We Can! and Bookmarks and in the context of the UNSCR 2250 the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: “peace, justice and strong institutions”
- To facilitate the meeting and consultation of participants with a group of experts in related topics and the possible prospect of the creation of a regional “Think Tank” on hate speech and human rights in the region;

Working language

The working language of the training workshop will be **French** (predominantly). English may be used occasionally, while Arabic will be used in specific break-out sessions. The official working language of the MedUni’s Joint Programme is English, therefore simultaneous interpretation will be provided for plenary sessions.

Methodology

The programme will be a combination of workshops based on non-formal learning, working groups for networking and sharing good practices and learning about the overall themes of the MedUni. The human rights education approach presented in the Compass manual and the content of other publications such as manuals We Can! and Bookmarks will be relied on in the training. The programme will also offer considerable space for the participants to discuss strategic issues related to the campaigns in Morocco and Tunisia and the cooperation with the youth sector of the Council of Europe.

A detailed programme and timetable is under development and will be communicated to the selected participants.

Participants

The training workshop will bring together 20 youth leaders and activists involved in activities organised by the Youth Department around the topic of Youth-Peace- Dialogue, more specifically in the No Hate Speech Movement campaigns in Tunisia, Morocco and other countries with an ongoing campaign.

Participants should:

- a) come from Tunisia, Morocco or a member state of the Council of Europe or state signatory of the European Cultural Convention
- b) be between 18 to 30 years of age
- c) be able to work in French, a knowledge of English is an asset
- d) be involved in a youth work project related to the No Hate Speech Campaign
- e) be able to share their experiences and ideas and be motivated to take full part in the MedUni, the training and the Quadrilogue seminar

The Council of Europe welcomes applications from all young people and youth leaders who fulfil the specific criteria of this call irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

Practical and financial conditions

Accommodation and board

The 7th edition of the MedUni will take place in Hammamet (Tunisia), at the *Centre de vacances et deloisirs pour enfants* a sea-front youth centre of the Ministry of Youth and Sport. The participants will be accommodated free of charge at Centre in double/triple rooms with shared bathrooms and Observatoire National de la Jeunesse (ONJ) will also provide full board at the Centre during the activity.

Travel costs and visa

Travel costs of participants will be reimbursed after the activity by bank transfer by the youth Department of the Council of Europe upon the presentation of required invoices, travel documents and tickets.

A free transfer service from/to Hammamet Airport will also be provided by the Tunisian co-organisers.

Visa costs will be reimbursed by the Council of Europe upon presentation of the necessary evidence and documents. The Council of Europe will also issue invitation letters for visa purposes when needed.

Application procedure and selection of participants

All applications must be completed online at <https://youthapplications.coe.int/> by **19 May 2019**.

Further information and contact

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