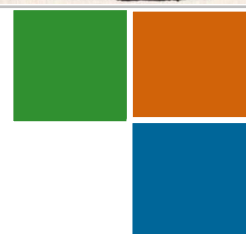




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2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe and the 30th anniversary of the North-South Centre. In 1989, in quite a different time and world, the North-South Centre, was born as the right and appropriate response of the Council of Europe to the urgent question of inequalities and the need for solidarity on a global scale.

Three decades ago the recognition of humankind's diversity with equal opportunities for development for all was fundamental in the context of the disparities in both hemispheres, with people aspiring at the same rights in a peaceful and sustainable manner in all corners of the Earth.

We have since productively pursued our work, in a constructive trend, bridging cooperation between people, governments, parliamentarians, local and regional authorities and civil society, from Europe and beyond. The Centre has always worked towards more peaceful and inclusive societies, with justice for all, in line with the universal principles of human rights, through dialogue, education, pedagogical tools and technical expertise.

We encourage and promote not only fundamental institutional, regional and multilateral cooperation between countries but also put particular emphasis on a bottom-up approach, working hand in hand with civil society organisations, fostering dialogue and partnerships with non-governmental actors, influencing policy and decision-makers, at the regional, national and local level, promoting change for a meaningful and positive impact.

We work closely and pay special attention to the new and youngest generations, for a better world and future for all. Different generations of participants in the North-South Centre's events, workshops, conferences, gatherings and informal youth universities, have benefited from our numerous projects. Throughout our international well established activities we have a remarkable positive transforming and spill-over effect on generations of young people, revealing the transforming effect and the long lasting results, in their personal perception and minds, where it really matters and positive change should begin, in such many young women and men, of diverse nationalities and backgrounds,

We enthusiastically pursue our work in all our programmatic dimensions - youth cooperation, global education and empowerment of women - strengthening our commitment to the principles and values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Thirty years, passing through different moments, living all sort of challenges, some ups and downs, with lesson learned, we gained long and vast experience and resilience capacity useful to understand what we are facing in the world right now, taking into account the evolution and current dynamics in Europe and beyond. The new and difficult global challenges are testing the stability and peaceful development of our democratic societies. Current threats, such as the growth of extremism, radicalism, terrorism, populism, misleading nationalisms, racism, xenophobia, harassment and hate speech manifestations and attacks of all sorts to men and women jeopardize human dignity and the respect for justice.

The purpose, role and activities of the Centre are indeed more needed than ever, through the promotion of the Council of Europe's fundamental values, beyond its geographical boundaries, with a particular focus in the Mediterranean and the Eastern Europe regions, in the geographical neighbourhood of the Council of Europe and beyond.

As the current Executive Director and following the work of my predecessors and relying in the tremendous and generous Team, I feel particularly honoured, proud and strongly motivated to embark with you all on this remarkable and enjoyable journey, so that the Centre fulfils its role of utmost relevance well embedded in our slogan: "One World Our World".

José Rui Velez Caroço
Executive Director of the North-South Centre

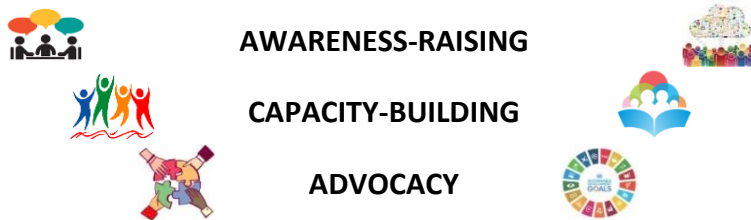
WHO ARE WE

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 an Enlarged Partial Agreement, to spread the universal values upheld by the Council of Europe – human rights, democracy and the rule of law – in Europe and beyond.

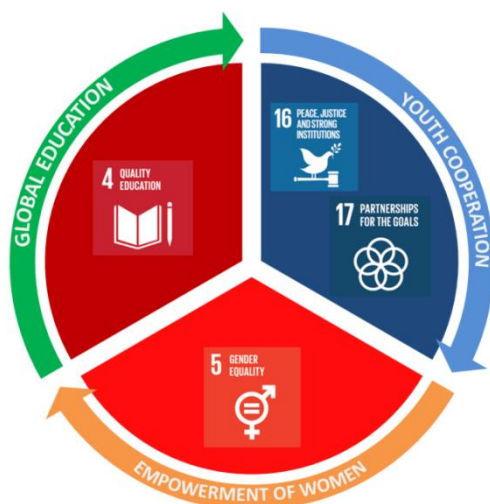
WHAT DO WE DO

The North-South Centre promotes active global citizenship among governments, parliaments, local & regional authorities and civil society, by raising awareness of global interdependence in Council of Europe member states, neighbouring regions and beyond.

HOW DO WE DO IT



Under the principles of **dialogue**, **partnership** and **solidarity**, we build bridges between governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society representatives from different cultures, backgrounds and with multiple approaches. These principles are put into practice through a **bottom-up** approach.



WHICH ARE OUR PROGRAMMES

GLOBAL EDUCATION

YOUTH COOPERATION

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS

21 Member 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 stakeholders: 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.

TRANSVERSALITY

Council of Europe values, standards and priorities and the United Nations 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular:

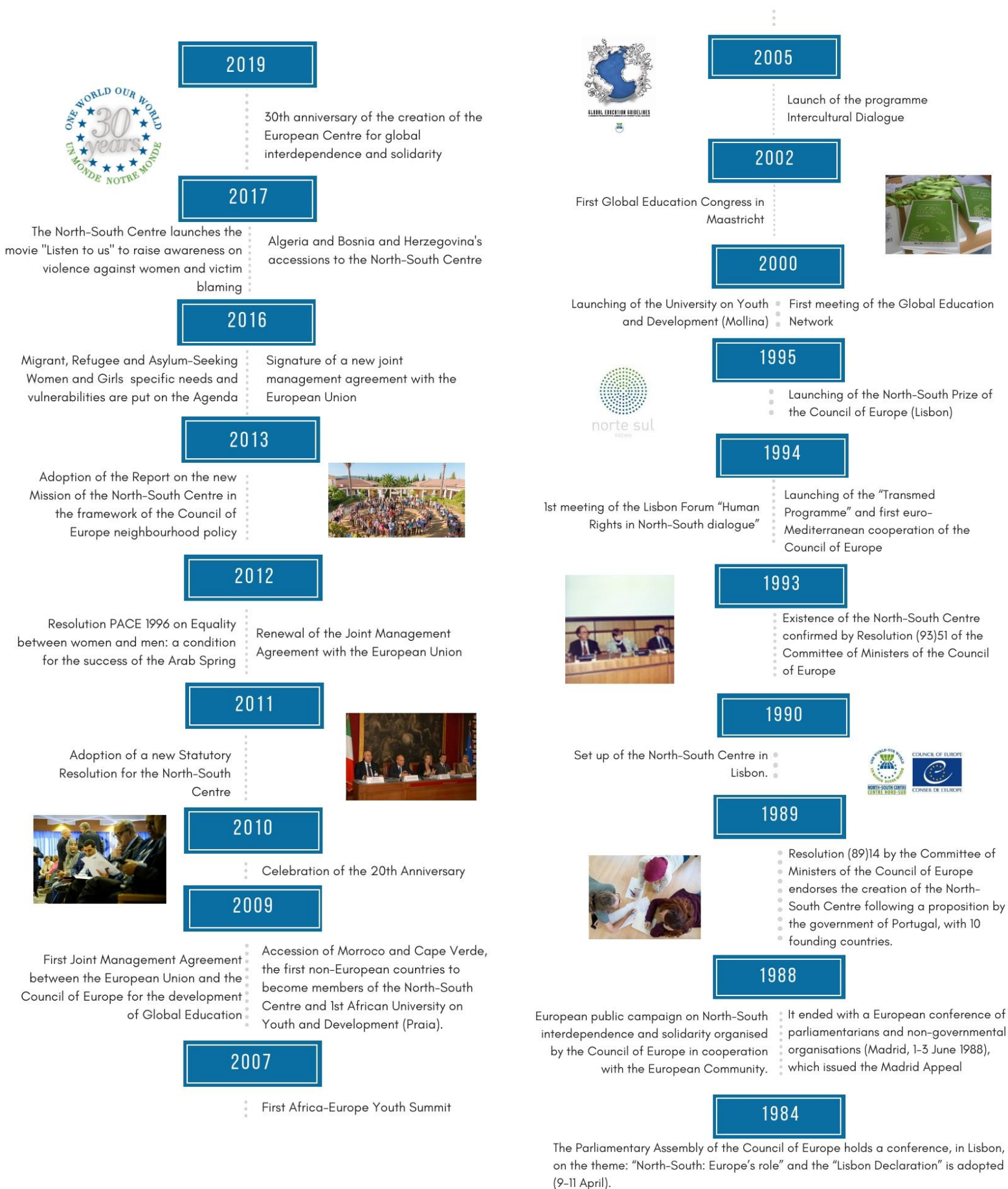
Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all.

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

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.

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE'S KEY DATES



Activity	Type		
	Capacity Building	Awareness raising	Advocacy
Global Education Network annual meeting			✓
North-South Centre Empowerment of Women Pool of Experts' working meeting			✓
eLearning course - global education the Citizenship dimension	✓	✓	
Visegrad regional seminar follow-up meeting on Global Development Education (3rd)		✓	✓
7th Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship "Youth and Justice"	✓	✓	
Diaspora Youth Training Course	✓	✓	
Quadrilogue seminar on youth participation and multilevel governance	✓	✓	
Balkan regional seminar follow-up meeting on Global Development Education (3rd)		✓	✓
3 rd Workshop for the Empowerment of Women		✓	✓
Youth for Gender Equality	✓	✓	

**We
organised
10 activities**

**with
445
partakers**

**participated
in 17 partner
activities**



In this programme we work with educators to enhance their competences on global development through **pedagogical support and training, promoting intercultural and peer-learning** in Council of Europe member states and neighbouring regions.

121 participants from **31** nationalities

Europe: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Southern Mediterranean: Morocco



Find out more:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/north-south-centre/global-education-activities>

GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING

When & where? 25-26 February Lisbon, Portugal

Who? 26 national coordinators of the GE network, practitioners and institutional representatives

Achievements: To share experiences and practices on issues related to Global Education advocacy, partnerships, outreach and funding. Based on the recommendations of the 2017 meeting and building on the 2018 progress assessment the network coordinators concurred to set up three task forces to cover the three areas - advocacy, partnerships and outreach – which will meet regularly, allowing a greater involvement of the GE network coordinators throughout the year.

The meeting was also an opportunity to choose the theme for the Global Education week 2019 edition: “Wake Up! This is the final call for climate.”



ELEARNING COURSE GLOBAL EDUCATION: CITIZENSHIP DIMENSION

When? 4 February - 3 March

Who? 23 educators, social transformers, researchers, youth activists, civil society practitioners, social innovators, social entrepreneurs, new media journalists, policy makers and civil servants.

Achievements: An online training course which inspires and strengthens democratic citizenship - through conceptual and methodological approaches and tutored individual and collective assignments, as well as a discussion forum - among learners, aiming at transformation towards social justice and sustainability in a globalized world.

The course complements the Global Education Guidelines, a pedagogical tool for educators and policy makers to understand and implement global education.

VISEGRAD REGIONAL SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (3RD)

When & where? 23-24 May Budapest, Hungary

Who? 24 stakeholders representing educators, academia, CSOs, Ministries of Education, Foreign Affairs and UNESCO national commission

Achievements: Discussions on the state of play in each country and on the contribution of research in the field of global education and how to reinforce the work with academia in the field of teacher training, continuing professional development and impact measurement.

The level of implementation of the recommendations in the field of GDE policy and curricula development, pedagogical support and advocacy in the region, since the last follow-up meeting, was assessed.



BALKAN REGIONAL SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (3RD)

When & where? 27-28 June Podgorica, Montenegro

Who? 36 stakeholders: including educators and representatives from youth organisations, CSOs, Ministries of Education, Parliamentary education commission and the Council of Europe office in Montenegro

Achievements: Through working sessions on policy development, professional development of educators, pedagogical tools and awareness-raising, the GDE state of play in Balkan countries since the last follow-up meeting was discussed, good practices shared and expertise in the field of advocacy, policy support, competence development of educators and awareness raising.

The testing phase of the Reference Framework on Competences for Democratic Culture in the region was also shared. It was also an opportunity to present the iLEGEND II draft project and the draft revised version of Global Education Guidelines.



In this programme we provide **capacity building and networking opportunities** bridging institutional and youth representatives to increase **youth participation and interregional cooperation on youth policies.**

200 participants from **50** nationalities

Europe: Albania, France, Georgia, Greece, Italy, North Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Southern Mediterranean: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Lebanon, Libya, Tunisia

Other: Angola, Armenia, Benin, Cameroon, Columbia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Republic of Congo Togo



Find out more:

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7TH MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: “YOUTH AND JUSTICE”

When & where? 9-16 June Hammamet, Tunisia

Who? 200 youth policy/cooperation quadrilogue representatives from Europe and the Southern Mediterranean, international organisations, academia and researchers, diaspora groups in Europe

Achievements: 11 activities*, promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice

Diaspora youth for inclusive decision making and global citizenship *

ALTERNATIVES - Countering hate speech & injustice through dialogue & human rights education

Quadrilogue seminar: Broadening the space for Youth, Peace and Security *

Youth empowerment through local youth councils

Ending sexual violence in the Mediterranean region

African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Simulation

Youth Innovation for Political Participation

Training for leaders of Peace Clubs

The role of Youth in achieving sustainable development goals

Annual Meeting of International and Regional Stakeholders

Blind Football for inclusion and social justice

*organised by the North-South Centre

Organising partners: Youth Department of the Council of Europe, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Catalan National Youth Council, Model African Union, Tunisia, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Regional Bureau for Arab States, Observatoire National de la Jeunesse, Tunisia Search For Common Ground, British Council, International Centre for Sport Security - Save the Dream



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, it 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.

Its main objectives are to:

- 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 and address them 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.





In this programme we provide a **platform for cooperation** for women and women organisations across the Mediterranean to **achieve gender equality and deconstruct stereotypes and combat violence against women.**

124 participants from **26** nationalities

Europe: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom

Southern Mediterranean: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine*, Tunisia, Syria



Find out more:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/north-south-centre/activities-empowerment-of-women>

NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE POOL OF EXPERTS' WORKING MEETING

When & where? 20-22 February Lisbon, Portugal

Who? North-South Centre pool of experts on women's rights in the Southern Mediterranean - eight experts from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine* and Tunisia

Achievements: Inputs were collected for the development of a Handbook for Victims' protection which provides guidelines for coordinated action in combating violence against women built on the expertise of women civil society organisations from the Southern Mediterranean. A roadmap was therefore defined.

HANDBOOK ON THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Who? Actors of public, private and associative sectors

Achievements: Developed by experts from Southern Mediterranean civil society, who are working in close cooperation with the North-South Centre since 2018, the handbook will provide guidelines for a coordinated national action based on regional examples of good practices, tools and field experiences.

The handbook is anchored to the reality of the field, since it is based on the inputs of experienced women's organisations from Southern Mediterranean countries. The latter will also offer points for consideration in future policy debates on the paramount issue of the fight against violence against women and domestic violence.



3RD WORKSHOP FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

“NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN RHETORIC AND PRACTICE TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE”

When & where? 2-3 July Madrid, Spain

Who? 60 actors from civil society and governments of the Southern Mediterranean and European regions. International organisations such as the the International Organisation for Migration and United Nations agencies operating in the region (UN Women and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia).

Achievements: The Workshop, organised in partnership with THE Government of Spain and Casa Árabe and with the support of the Government of Portugal, delved into two focus topics: the cross-border cooperation in protecting refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls and the domestic implementation of the victim-centered approach.

The protection of women and girls against gender-based violence to bridge the gap between existing solutions and international standards and their effective implementation, as well as the current potential of the regional and multi-stakeholder cooperation was explored.



YOUTH FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Conclusions collected among youth representatives in the Euro-Mediterranean region in the framework of the North-South Centre's Workshops for the Empowerment of Women. Young representatives of European and Southern Mediterranean civil society were invited to draft common conclusions and recommendations for region's decision makers and to drive the future projects of the North-South Centre in relation to women's rights and gender equality. Through these exchanges of grassroots experiences and challenges faced and future priorities, young people from the North and South of the Mediterranean shared their perspective on how to achieve gender equality through cooperation, intercultural dialogue and media.

Accordingly, the preparatory meeting should enable relevant organisations, which pursue the same objective of promoting gender equality and North/South cooperation, to have an in-depth reflection to capitalise respective work to achieve greater results.

PARTNER EVENTS

5 February, Lisbon, Portugal

Faculdade de Direito, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Project "Challenges for Global Citizenship: Migration as a pillar to the construction of peaceful and inclusive societies"

21-22 February, Belgrade, Serbia

Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean
13th Plenary Session

8 March, Lisbon, Portugal

Faculdade de Direito, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Conference: "Igualdade de Género e Mobilidade: Desafios e oportunidades para o Desenvolvimento na Lusofonia"



8 May, Bonn, Germany

Deutsch-Afrikanische Jugendinitiative
Symposium "European-African Youth Exchange: Making the case for active citizenship and solidarity"

18-20 March, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe
Steering Committee and joint Council on Youth

21 March, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe
Steering Committee on Education



9 April, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe
Education and Culture Committee Spring Session

2-3 May, Baku, Azerbaijan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan
5th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue
'Building dialogue into action against discrimination, inequality and violent conflict'

6 May, Lisbon, Portugal

Instituto para a promoção da América Latina e Caraíbas
"Triângulo Estratégico: América Latina - Europa - África"





22 March, Warsaw, Poland

Council of Europe
Warsaw Conference on the role and position of NGOs in the Council of Europe

28 March, Lisbon, Portugal

Dialogue Café
"It's time for gender equality"

22-25 May, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe
15th Gender Equality Commission

© Estoril Conferences

22-24 May, Barcelona, Spain

Union for the Mediterranean
Regional Dialogue "Shared views on key issues in the Mediterranean"

27-29 May, Carcavelos, Portugal

Estoril Conferences
"Empowering Humanity: from global to local justice"

28-29 May, Lisbon, Portugal

Direção-Geral da Educação, Ministry of Education of Portugal
International Conference "Education, Citizenship and the World"



21-22 June, Lisbon, Portugal

Conselho Nacional de Juventude, Portugal
World Conference of Ministers for Youth and Youth Summit
(Youth +21)

3 July, Lisbon, Portugal

OXFAM Italia
"Walk the Global Walk" SDG Summer School on "Sustainable Cities and Communities"

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

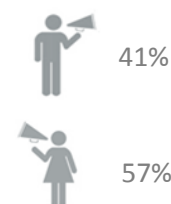
By 31 August 2019 the North-South Centre **Facebook page** had a total of 7 678 fans and a total of 7 767 followers, an increase of 6% respectively since last year.

The group of fans and followers of the Global Education network **Facebook page** reached a total of 3 333 fans and 3 344 followers, an increase of 1% respectively since last year.

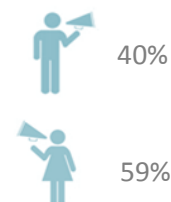
The Global YOUTH **Facebook page** of the Youth Cooperation Programme has reached a high of 9 901 followers and 9 791 fans, an increase of 22% and 23% respectively since last year.

The fan base of the **EuroMed Women Network** reached a high of 3 795 followers and 3 760 fans, an increase of 4% and 6% respectively since last year.

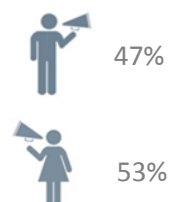
Country	Followers	Fans
Portugal	779	764
Tunisia	485	477
Italy	444	440
Egypt	413	405
France	296	296



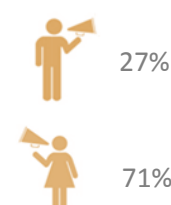
Country	Followers	Fans
Portugal	257	255
Egypt	193	189
Tunisia	177	175
Algeria	159	153
Romania	144	143



Country	Followers	Fans
Tunisia	1 030	1 019
Egypt	580	575
Spain	453	454
Portugal	441	440
Morocco	397	395



Country	Followers	Fans
Tunisia	484	487
Italy	257	255
Egypt	249	246
Morocco	213	211
France	205	198



TWITTER

Total audience: 1 815 followers, an increase of 140 since last year



Country

Country name

% of audience

France	10%	<div></div>
Belgium	8%	<div></div>
Spain	7%	<div></div>
United Kingdom	6%	<div></div>
Portugal	6%	<div></div>
Italy	5%	<div></div>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (January-August 2019)					
	Article	Source	Amount		
Receipts	9999000	Contrib Member States	473.100,00		
	9999007/10	Voluntary contributions (Member States and other)	210.000,00		
	9999011	European Union	304.919,09		
		South Programme III dotation	100.000,00		
	9999030	Financial Products	3.000,00		
		Total	1.091.019,09		
	Article	Type of Expenditure	Budget	Spent / Committed	Unspent
Expenditure	0000001	CDI Staff	88.600,00	58.735,14	29.864,86
	0000003	Temporary Staff	176.800,00	159.645,15	17.154,85
	0000013	Secondements	1.000,00		1.000,00
	0000263	Activities financed by VCs and EU funds	614.919,09	378.227,00	236.692,09
	0000378	Contributions to Council of Europe OB	24.000,00	18.000,00	6.000,00
	0000379	Contributions to Pensions	13.000,00	8.589,14	4.410,86
	6511001	Running Costs	67.900,00	46.406,60	21.493,40
	6511002	Programme Expenditure	104.800,00	84.874,07	19.925,93
	Total	1.091.019,09	754.477,10	336.541,99	
		Group of Expenditure	Budget	Spent / Committed	%
		Staff Costs	303.400,00	244.969,43	32,47%
		Programme implementation	719.719,09	463.101,07	61,38%
		Running Costs	67.900,00	46.406,60	6,15%
		Total	1.091.019,09	754.477,10	100,00%
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.					

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