

# 7<sup>TH</sup> MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (MedUni)

9-16 June 2019

Hammamet, Tunisia

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## CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

**Deadline for proposals: 16 March 2019**

### The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship and its “Universities”

The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship is a partnership facilitated and coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe that gathers youth-led organisations, youth platforms, governmental and intergovernmental institutions from Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and beyond.

The Network encourages the definition of a common agenda and the implementation of common actions in order **to foster democratic participation and global citizenship among young people**, whilst upholding the principles, values and standards of the Council of Europe and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Every year the Network promotes international youth events called “Universities”** which provide 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.**

In the year 2019 the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship organises two Universities:

- 7<sup>th</sup> MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (MedUni)  
Hammamet (Tunisia), 9-16 June 2019.
- 20<sup>th</sup> UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT (UYD)  
Mollina (Spain), 15-22 September 2019.

The educational model implemented in the MedUni is largely inspired by the [Global Education Guidelines](#) and based on non-formal education methodologies. It follows the Council of Europe’s [Recommendation on Education for Global Interdependence and Solidarity](#) and aligns with the [Reference framework of competences for democratic culture](#).

## 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 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.

Main objectives:

- To enhance youth cooperation, youth work and youth empowerment through peer-learning, networking and the exchange of good practices.
- To 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.
- To engage with young people in decision and policy making, building together recommendations on youth-related issues.
- To improve the capacity of youth organisations to contribute to the global agenda on youth participation being able to identify and address new challenges.
- To foster a structured dialogue among governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities' representatives and youth organisations and youth leaders.
- To promote human rights, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship as essential dimensions of global development education.

The MedUni is based on the bottom-up approach for the development of the youth agenda and aim at involving all the actors of the quadrilogue (representatives of the governments, parliaments, regional and local authorities and civil society).

## The annual theme

For the period 2018-2020 the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship agreed on a **three-year cycle under the umbrella theme “the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: “peace, justice and strong institutions”**.

The umbrella theme is the overarching topic of the Network for the cycle 2018-2020 and represents the thread that connects all the activities, the advocacy efforts and the awareness raising initiatives taking place in the framework of the universities, ensuring coherence and greater impact in the medium-term.

Every year, the umbrella theme is broken down into specific annual focuses with the aim to unfold different but complementary elements of it. The annual focus represents the priority of the universities happening in the same year. Within the umbrella theme “UN SDG 16: peace, justice and strong institutions, the annual focus for 2019 is: “Youth and Justice”.

[Please see the concept note “Network of universities on youth and global citizenship 2018-2020” to explore in detail the three-year umbrella theme and the 2019 annual focus.](#)

## The structure and the programme of the MedUni

The Meduni 2019 will take place from the 9<sup>th</sup> (arrivals day) to the 16<sup>th</sup> (departures day) June 2019.

During this week different organisations have the possibility to develop their own activities (training, workshop, seminars etc...) within a common pedagogical framework: the Joint Programme.

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.

The Joint Programme 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.

The “Joint Programme” is developed by the Joint Pedagogical Team, which works transversally to all the partner activities taking place within the University and engage with all participants, encouraging synergies and peer-education moments.

The Joint Pedagogical Team is composed by experienced trainers and professional youth animators mastering non-formal education methodology and with multifaceted creative competences which guarantee an interactive pedagogical approach on global education for a fruitful intercultural learning experience.

### The Schedule of the MedUni 2019:

Day / Time	09 June 2019	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	16 June 2019	
09.30	Arrivals and reception	Opening ceremony	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Departures	
11.00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
11.30		Partner activities	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		
13.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
15.00		Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Free afternoon	Partner activities	Final Plenary		
16.30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break			
17.00		Partner activities	Networking & good practices	Partner activities		Partner activities			
19.00		Free time	tapas dinner	Free time	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner
20.00		Dinner		Dinner		Dinner	Dinner		Dinner
21.30	Welcome evening	Joint thematic activities	“Ubanda” evening	Joint thematic activities	Free evening	Joint thematic activities	Interaction with local community		

Partners activities	Activities organised independently by each organization who applied through the present call for activities. Each activity takes place in an independent room, with their own trainers, participants and resource persons, following their own programme and counting on their own financial and human resources.
Joint programme	<p>Plenary sessions coordinated by the North-South Centre and implemented by the Joint Team, gathering all the people involved in all the activities (organizers, trainers and participants, volunteers...) around the annual theme “Youth and Justice”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Welcome evening: informal gathering to introduce the event and to get to know each other.</li> <li>➤ Opening ceremony: high-level event with representatives from governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities, civil society organisations and international organizations.</li> <li>➤ Joint thematic activities: non-formal education activities aiming at exploring the annual theme through collaborative playful creative methods.</li> <li>➤ Networking &amp; good practices buffet dinner: an opportunity for everyone to mingle building partnership and presenting their work related to the annual theme, while eating typical Tunisian dishes.</li> <li>➤ “Ubanda” evening: sharing of stories through music and dance with an emphasis on empathy and intercultural dialogue.</li> <li>➤ Joint session: central session of the week where the annual theme is greatly explored with guests and experts from the field.</li> <li>➤ Final plenary: opportunity to share the outcomes of each partner activity and connect all of them to the annual theme.</li> <li>➤ Interaction with local community: informal event where the local community and the University’s participants meet for a social and cultural interaction following a “glocal” approach.</li> </ul>

The synergies and the common framework the Universities allow, bring different dimensions of the global debate to the daily work of grassroots organisations and contribute in building confidence between young people and all the actors of the *quadrilogue*.

### Logistic details

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the MedUni **will take place in Hammamet (Tunisia), at the Centre *de vacances et de loisirs pour enfants*** a sea-front youth centre of the Ministry of Youth and Sport.

The participants of the MedUni 2019 will be accommodated free of charge at *Centre* in double/triple rooms with shared bathrooms. Accommodation in nearby hotels will be also available for a limited numbers of staff and guests at the expenses of each organizer.

All activities organized in the framework of the MedUni will have a dedicated training room. Open air spaces are also available for outdoor sessions.

## Financial Provisions

Each organisation is responsible for covering the expenses related to the travel of its own group (staff and participants).

The Observatoire National de la Jeunesse (ONJ) will provide to **board and** lodging at the *Centre* free of charge.

The Observatoire National de la Jeunesse (ONJ) will also provide a **free transfer service** from/to Hammamet Airport.

The North-South Centre, in partnership with ONJ, provides:

- ✓ All the elements related to the Joint programme (Joint team, guests, institutional representatives etc.);
- ✓ translation service (English, French, Arabic);
- ✓ a media team in charge of covering and produce audiovisual material of the event with all its partner activities;
- ✓ a group of musicians supporting the joint team with musical inputs (Ubanda);
- ✓ the training material for all activities (flipcharts, markers, papers, tapes etc.);
- ✓ welcoming and farewell desks proving support to all the participants;
- ✓ support for visa applications;
- ✓ the overall coordination, the contact with local service providers and the liaison among all the partners involved.

## Procedure for submission of proposal for activities and selection criteria

Organisations wishing to take part to the 20<sup>th</sup> UYD integrating their activities in the programme of the event should fill in the [Activity Form](#). **Deadline for submission of the proposals: 16 March 2019.**

- Organisations can apply with one or more activities.
- The activities have to have the same length of the University: 6 days (from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019), having the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as travel days.
  - It is possible to accommodate longer activities (1 extra day) as long as they align with the starting day of the University.
  - It is possible to accommodate shorter activities: they have to be 3-day long, having as arrival day the 9<sup>th</sup> June and as departure day the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The main selection criteria of the activities are:

- to be organised by youth-led/youth-serving organisations or other entities having young people as main target group;
- to meet at least two of the main objectives of the University as stated in the present call for activities;
- to be connected and constitute a relevant contribution to the Umbrella theme 2018-2020 of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship or to the **annual focus “Youth and Justice” as develop in the attached Concept Note;**
- to have a global or regional scope either in terms of the participants or contents;
- to seek gender balance and the inclusion of vulnerable groups in the composition of the group of participants;

- to be aligned with the North-South Centre’s Global Education Guidelines, with the Reference framework of competences for democratic culture and with the Council of Europe’s Recommendation on Education for Global Interdependence and Solidarity.

The selection will be done by the North-South Centre in consultation with the partners of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship. **The selection results will be communicated by the 22 March 2019.**

### Commitments of the selected organisations towards the University

The organisations that will be selected to run their activity within the 7<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship become partner organizations of the MedUni 2019 and will contribute the process closely collaborating with the the North-South Centre and the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship.

The selected organisations are expected to:

- participate at the **preparatory meeting that will take place on the 9-10 April in Hammamet;**
- attend the on-line meetings with all the relevant stakeholders;
- contribute to the joint programme: propose and mobilise guest and experts, connect with the Joint Team, organise side event/activities;
- participate with trainers and staff members at **the on-arrival coordination meeting that will take place on-spot on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019;**
- promote the University and support its media coverage collaborating with the media team;
- participate at the final evaluation meeting, compile the final report and guarantee the filling of the final evaluation form by all the people involved in their MedUni activity;
- **contribute to the overall coordination of the event** (financially, in kind or with human resources) in accordance to their capacity;
- respect procedures and deadlines as set by the North-South Centre and the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship.

### The role and of the North-South Centre and of the local hosting partner

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe acts as coordinator of the University on the behalf of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship; it collects, connects and coordinates the efforts of the youth-led organizations and institutions willing to participate in the UYD and it deals with the local hosting partner for all the financial and logistics aspects.

In consultation with the partners of the Network, the North-South Centre develops the strategic objectives, designs the joint programme, manages the governance of the whole event and guarantee the sustainability of the University.

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