

# PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

# 2021



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*European Centre for Global  
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# ABOUT THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE



## WHO WE ARE

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The EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND SOLIDARITY, more commonly known as North-South Centre, is an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe created in November 1989. The North-South Centre was the result of a European public campaign which aim was to raise public awareness of the complex structural relationship which affected European and Southern countries, and to promote policies of solidarity.

The North-South Centre has over 30 years of experience in raising awareness about global interdependence and solidarity on the principles of global education and intercultural dialogue. It provides a platform for constructive dialogue between Europe and other parts of the world from a win-win perspective.

The North-South Centre gathers people from different backgrounds and cultures to learn from each other and together build stronger, more resilient, and critically aware societies grounded on the values of human rights, democracy, and equity. In doing so, the North-South Centre acts as an interface of the Council of Europe in Europe and abroad, a window to the South, and an instrument of its policy towards neighbouring regions.

The North-South Centre develops multilateral, regional, and interregional cooperation projects that include field activities around three main programmatic areas: global education, youth cooperation and women empowerment. The main mechanisms of intervention are:

- advocacy and confidence-building: encouraging a structured dialogue among elected representatives and other sectors of society to act on legislation for everyone to enjoy their universal rights in a more sustainable planet.
- capacity building: expanding expertise, knowledge and critical understanding through dialogue, peer education and intercultural learning.
- awareness-raising: spreading the message that every individual has a role and responsibility in building inclusive and sustainable societies.

The activities of the North-South Centre gather four main partners: governments, parliaments, regional and local authorities, and civil society. The latter is especially relevant to the work of the North-South Centre, which aims at taking its lead from experiences at the grassroots level by empowering, supporting, and working hand in hand with civil society, in particular with women and youth organisations.

# WHICH ARE OUR PROGRAMMES

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The Women Empowerment (WE) programme leads two projects aiming at building effective national, regional and international cooperation between the relevant stakeholders to advance gender equality and women's rights through capacity building, awareness-raising and networking.

Within the Joint programme between Council of Europe and the European Union, South Programme IV, the programme is strengthening the capacities of civil society to reinforce the protection and support of women victims of gender-based violence in the Southern Mediterranean. Simultaneously, its second project aims at promoting gender mainstreaming in the inter-regional relations by combating multiple discrimination against women and girls in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

## YOUTH COOPERATION

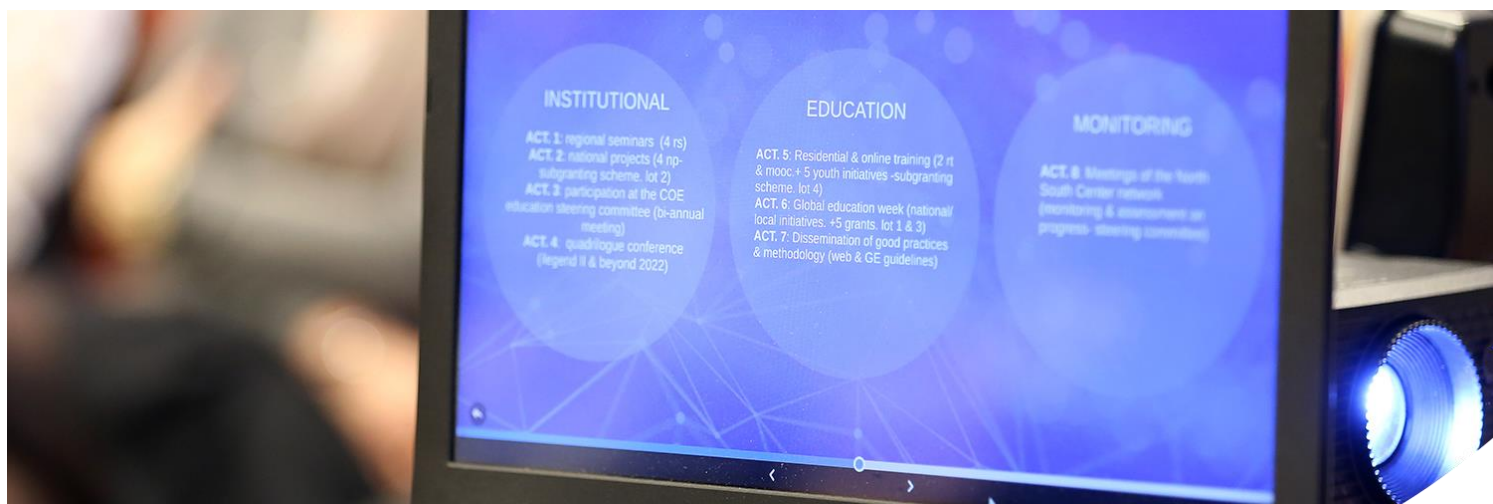
The Youth Cooperation Programme of the NSC provides training and capacity building for young people and youth organisations and facilitates their participation in decision making. The programme helps to build young people's confidence and gives them the tools to make real changes in their lives and the lives of those around them.

The Programme is developed in close cooperation with various youth led and youth serving organisations, with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, the European Commission and the European Union-Council of Europe youth partnership and with other relevant institutions working in the youth field.

## GLOBAL EDUCATION

The NSC's work for the development of global education started in 1991 with pioneer regional multistakeholder seminars on the issue. They led to the drafting of the Global Education Charter in 1997, which became its reference background document, later consolidated by the recommendations from European GE multistakeholder congresses and regional seminars, as well as a capacity building scheme for formal and non-formal educators.

Ever since, the North-South Centre has been contributing to global education advocacy and pedagogical support through a number of initiatives, at institutional and education levels.



Global Education Network Meeting - January 2020

# BI-ANNUAM PROGRAMME & BUDGET 2020-2021

## EXPECTED RESULTS AND INDICATORS

		Target 2020-2021	Baseline 2018
EXPECTED RESULT 1	<b>“Quadrilogue” representatives have exchanged knowledge and good practices through a bottom-up approach on issues mainly related to global interdependence and solidarity.</b>		
	Number of capacity building, networking, awareness raising, and advocacy activities involving <i>quadrilogue</i> representatives carried out by the North-South Centre and/or in the framework of North-South Centre activities.	> 30	-
	Degree of diversity of participants ( <i>quadrilogue</i> , gender)	At least 2 parts of <i>quadrilogue</i> represented 50% men-50% women	At least 2 parts of <i>quadrilogue</i> represented 40% men -60% women
	Number of guidelines/recommendations produced.	> 10	-
	Number of good practices exchanged.	> 25	> 15
	Percentage of participants satisfied with the quality of the activities carried out by the North South Centre.	> 70%	-
	Percentage of participants attending the North South Centre activities that declare increased knowledge.	> 60%	-
EXPECTED RESULT 2	<b>Targeted institutions/organisations, through relevant multipliers (educators, youth and women activists and media), have gained knowledge, competences and tools in respect of global citizenship education, democratic participation, gender equality and intercultural dialogue.</b>		
	Number of multipliers trained and equipped with tools and methodologies in relation to global citizenship education, intercultural dialogue, structured participation and gender equality.	120	-
	Degree of diversity of participants (geographical origin, gender).	All countries per target region represented 50% men-50% women	Most countries per target region represented 40% men-60 % women
	Percentage of participants satisfied with the quality of the activities carried out by the North South Centre.	> 70%	-
	Percentage of participants in training activities who said they used in practice the knowledge gained.	> 70%	-

# BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM

## SECRETARIAT

2020: 2 posts (2B)

2021: 2 posts (2B)

## STRUCTURES

Executive Committee

Bureau of the Executive Committee

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE (IN € K)

Year	Staff	Non-Staff	CoE contribution to JP/AP	Budgetary resources	EU/JP Amount secured	VC Amount secured	Extrabud. resources	Total
2020	310	425		735	358		358	1 093
2021	316	430		745	333		333	1 078

## EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

► Extrabudgetary resources will help develop, enhance and sustain strategies and capacity-building for global education, targeting institutions and practitioners in the formal, non-formal and informal sectors. Global education encompasses development, human rights and intercultural education, education for sustainability, as well as for peace and conflict prevention. In the framework of the Council of Europe policy towards its neighbouring regions, extrabudgetary funding will also allow further action to promote dialogue, networking, capacity building and exchange of good education practices, in particular focusing on youth and women in the Southern Mediterranean region, thus contributing to processes of democratic consolidation in the countries concerned.

## NEEDS FOR THE BIENNIUM (IN € K)

Type	Project Code	Description	Beneficiary	Begin	End	JP Amount secured	VC Amount secured	Needs
Other Projects	2040	SP III C5 - Interconnecting People: Lisbon Fora	Regional	01/03/2018	29/02/2020	15		
	2446	Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize	Multilateral	01/01/2020	31/12/2021			40
	2482	iLEGEND II: Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue	Multilateral	26/07/2019	25/07/2022	667		
	2595	Promoting diversity and equality	Regional	01/01/2020	31/12/2021			100
	2606	Global Youth - Interregional Co-operation for Youth Participation and Global Citizenship	Multilateral	01/01/2020	31/12/2023			400
		Co-ordination				9		
<b>Total</b>						<b>691</b>		<b>540</b>

## Budget of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)

€K	2020 budget	2021 budget
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>745</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>743</b>
Member States' Contributions	483	493
Voluntary contributions - Portugal	100	100
Other Voluntary contributions	50	50
Contribution European Union	100	100
<b>Financial products</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>745</b>

## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (IN € K)

Activity	Estimated cost 2020	Estimated cost 2021
Premises are made available by the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs	100	100

# ANNUAL ACTIVITIES



XXV Lisbon Forum - 2019

## 1) THE NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE

*Dates to confirmed*

The North-South Prize is awarded each year since 1995 to two candidates who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting North-South solidarity. The candidates, preferably a man and a woman, must have distinguished themselves in the following areas: protection of human rights, defence of pluralist democracy, public awareness raising on issues of global interdependence and solidarity.

### Target audience

**Decision makers, civil society organisations (CSO), local and regional authorities, parliaments**

### Expected results

- Recognition of the work of two organisations who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting North-South solidarity:
  - International Commission against the Death Penalty and The Network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate Environmental Change (MedECC) of the Union for the Mediterranean

## 2) THE LISBON FORUM

*Fall 2021*

The Lisbon Forum is an annual distinctive platform for dialogue for policy makers and activists from around the world on issues related to global interdependence and solidarity. It allows networking, sharing of knowledge and mainstreaming of good practices among people from different areas of expertise who can work together on solutions to respond to global challenges. In 2021 the Lisbon Forum will be the concluding event of an annual campaign structured around a series of online activities throughout the year.

### Target audience

**Representatives of governments, civil society, local and regional authorities, parliaments, and international organisations**

### Expected results

- Dialogue for policy makers and activists on issues related to global interdependence and solidarity.
- networking, sharing of knowledge and mainstreaming of good practices among people from different areas of expertise and regions.



North-South Prize of the Council of Europe Award Ceremony 2019 - 2020

# PROGRAMMATIC AREAS

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

For 2021 the North-South Centre *Women Empowerment Programme* is implementing the following activities under two projects.

### 1) PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

January 2020 - December 2021

Voluntary Contribution

The project addresses intersectional forms of discrimination against women and girls to promote the gender mainstreaming in intercultural dialogue aiming to reach a minimum of 30 000 people (audience) in Europe, the Middle East and Africa through an awareness raising campaign.

Activity	Dates	Target audience	Expected results
<b>Core Group meetings</b>	9 September 2020 to 30 June 2021	Youth advocates from Europe, Middle East and Africa	Six youth multipliers from diverse backgrounds are provided with the means to reflect on the message and content of the campaign and innovative ways to raise awareness about multiple discrimination and intersecting inequalities.
<b>Training of journalists</b>	1 December 2020 to 30 June	Journalists from the broadcasting sectors, journalism students, social media influencers and civil society activists in Europe and Southern Mediterranean countries	30 journalists, students and activists are trained on the development of non-sexist and non-discriminatory media content and the promotion of cultural and gender diversity.
<b>WE for diversity and Equality Campaign</b>	1 October to 30 December 2021	Public opinion and decision makers in the Europe, Middle East and Africa	A campaign and related actions are developed and implemented to raise awareness on the multiple and intersecting discrimination targeting women and girls.



## 2) WE AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (WITHIN SOUTH PROGRAMME IV)

March 2020 - March 2022

EU/CoE Joint Programme

The project supports the on-the-ground enforcement of key practices focusing on the protection of victims/survivors of violence against women in the Euro-Mediterranean region, through capacity-building and cooperation activities while supporting the implementation of eight sub-grants in Southern Mediterranean countries.

Activity	Dates	Target audience	Expected results
<b>Regional Grant scheme: Strengthening civil society organisations</b>	16 September 2020 to 1 November 2021	Civil society organisations working on the protection of victims of gender-based violence (grantees) and governmental representatives acting as national governmental focal points in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight national awareness actions on the protection of women victims of violence in Southern Mediterranean region are organised;</li> <li>• Multi-sectorial and regional cooperation is reinforced and the work and expertise of CSOs is recognised as significant in the support and protection of victims.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional Grant Scheme: Monitoring and Coordination</b>	1 April to 1 November 2021	Civil society organisations working on the protection of victims of gender-based violence (grantees) and governmental representatives acting as national governmental focal points in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cooperation between public authorities and CSOs is reinforced in the framework of the implementation of the regional grant scheme. Furthermore, the peer-cooperation between civil society organisations is strengthened in the region.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional online training on protection of victims in the Southern Mediterranean</b>	July to September 2021	Experts and trainers from civil society and governmental representatives acting as national governmental focal points in Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 18 experts are trained on CoE standards, namely on the Istanbul Convention into the context of the Southern Mediterranean;</li> <li>• Peer-exchanges of expertise and interaction between practice-based knowledge and legal expertise, at national and regional levels are reinforced;</li> <li>• The creation of a pool of certified trainers on gender-based violence and domestic violence in Southern Mediterranean region is initiated.</li> </ul>
<b>Regional WE Conference</b>	September to December 2021	<i>Quadrilogue</i> representatives from Europe and Southern Mediterranean, International and regional organisations, Media, Academia and researchers	Issues related to the protection of girls against violence, including displaced and unaccompanied girls are raised among relevant <i>quadrilogue</i> actors and public opinion of the Euro-Mediterranean region; Recommended action for national and cross-border cooperation with regards to domestic violence, multiple discrimination, exploitation and trafficking of girls are put forward.
<b>Closing Seminar Strengthening CSOs</b>	15 February 2022	Beneficiaries of the regional grants scheme, representatives of the <i>quadrilogue</i> in the Southern Mediterranean region, Council of Europe and European Union	Key national stakeholders are encouraged to pursue the collaboration with CSOs and North-South bottom-up cooperation is reinforced.



# YOUTH COOPERATION

For 2021 the North-South Centre *Youth Cooperation Programme* is implementing the following activities under the project *Global Youth*.

## GLOBAL YOUTH

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January 2020 - December 2021

Voluntary Contribution

The project supports cooperation between regions and helps greater coordination among people who work in the youth sector in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. It encourages the engagement and participation of young people in democracy, particularly their cooperation to build a stronger global citizenship and to ensure the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Its two main areas of intervention are:

- Spaces for coordination and cooperation: Global YOUth aims at increasing and improving opportunities for cooperation and coordination in the international youth sector to avoid duplications and overlapping initiatives and favouring synergies and partnerships instead.
- Reinforcement of specific competencies: to build the capacities of professionals who facilitate moments of dialogue, consultation and sharing among people from the youth sector (policy makers, researchers, youth representatives, international organisations, etc.) to ensure a high level of engagement among all of them.

Activity	Dates	Target audience	Expected results
<b>Meetings of the Network on Global Citizenship and Youth</b>	26 April & December	Members of the Network: youth networks from Europe, Africa and Latin America as well as government officials from youth ministries	The Network performs as a steering body of the project that works to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• set a common agenda;</li><li>• identify common challenges and priorities, including the annual focus of the meta-university;</li><li>• disseminate the initiatives and results of the project;</li><li>• monitor and assess its results</li></ul>
<b>Meeting of international stakeholders in youth</b>	July	Representatives from youth networks, government officials from youth ministries, international organisations working on sustainable development/global citizenship with youth as a target group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• exchange of views on the latest developments affecting the international youth agenda;</li><li>• mapping of initiatives, activities, and projects;</li><li>• identification of synergies.</li></ul>
<b>Online Training of facilitators</b>	August to October	Young trainers from Europe, Middle East, and Africa	Online course aiming to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a pool of professional facilitators for youth dialogue processes and multi-stakeholder events who will in turn provide expertise and support events where young people and policy makers interact and cooperate.</li></ul>

Meta University

18 to 22  
October

Young people, youth-led organisations, civil society, and decision-makers responsible for youth policies.

Online platform that comprises and ensures coordination among several simultaneous activities run by different partners to:

- Guarantee interaction and mutual understanding addressing the current needs and challenges of the youth sector.
- build capacities, innovate, share knowledge and gather insights among peers;
- share good practices, mainstream new projects and find new partners.
- contribute to the developments of the global youth agenda;

**Study: 10 years of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship**

November

General public

On the 10th anniversary from the establishment of the Network, the publication aims at presenting its work, achievements, and contribution for the strengthening of the international youth cooperation and for the development of the youth work and youth policies.



MEDUNI - 2019

## GLOBAL EDUCATION

For 2021 the North-South Centre *Global Education Programme* is implementing the following activities under the project ILEGEND.

INTERCULTURAL LEARNING EXCHANGE THROUGH GLOBAL EDUCATION, NETWORKING AND DIALOGUE (ILEGEND)

October 2019 - October 2022

EU/CoE Joint Programme

The project entails different capacity building, advocacy and awareness activities to strengthen Global Development Education in the Balkans, Baltic, South East Europe and Mediterranean and Visegrad regions.

Activity	Dates	Target audience	Expected results
<b>Visegrad GDE Expert meeting</b>	16 March	Visegrad partners, members of the GE Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional state of play in the field of GDE capacity-building and advocacy is shared;</li> <li>policy frameworks and processes relevant for GDE development in the region are shared (GENE programmes, Envision 4.7 Roadmap);</li> <li>regional involvement in the above-mentioned policy frameworks and processes is discussed and gaps identified;</li> <li>regional needs and priorities are defined in terms of GDE policy processes;</li> <li>GDE policy development follow up mechanisms and roadmap are advanced until the 2022 GE Congress;</li> <li>prospects for longer term engagement in the form of a multistakeholder forum to advance GDE in the national context are discussed with experts, based on existing practices in Visegrad or elsewhere.</li> </ul>
<b>GE Network meeting</b>	6 & 7 April	GE Network members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National coordinators exchange expertise in advocacy, pedagogical support and networking mechanisms;</li> <li>Recommendations are issued to reinforce:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advocacy multistakeholder mechanisms</li> <li>- Capacity-building scheme based on residential and on-line trainings;</li> <li>- Partnerships (with sister organisations/initiatives, formal and non-formal educational structures, associations);</li> <li>- Outreach (communication strategy with particular emphasis on the GEW campaign );</li> </ul> </li> <li>GE pedagogical practices are gathered and compiled for the North-South Centre's GE resource page</li> </ul>
<b>Grants for GDE national/regional projects (lot 2)</b>	June ( <i>launching of the call for lot 2 and 3</i> )-)	Members of the GE Network (governmental and non-governmental)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launching of call for Sub-granting mechanism for the design, coordination and management of national/regional GDE advocacy projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Grants for projects to be developed during the 2021 Global Education Week (November) (lot 3)</b>		and other practitioners and/or youth multipliers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support national and/or local initiatives carried out in the framework of the annual Global Education Week with the objective to raise awareness about global development education in Europe.</li> </ul>

<b>GE MOOC Self-learning on-line platform</b>	launching of the new GE MOOC June	Formal and non-formal educators, public officers, CSOs, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide competences and tools to promote and disseminate the principles of GDE among peers and the general public by equipping them with tools, methodologies and good practice to increase the commitment of EU/candidate and potential candidate citizens to global interdependence and sustainable development.</li> </ul>
<b>GE on-line Master-Classes</b>	July		
<b>Residential Training course for the GE Network (within the Meta University)</b>	18 to 22 October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide key multipliers of the Global Education community (formal and non-formal educators, public officials from relevant ministries, CSOs, etc.) with competences and tools to promote and disseminate the principles of GDE among their peers and the general public by equipping them with tools, methodologies and good practice to increase the commitment of EU/candidate and potential candidate citizens to global interdependence and sustainable development</li> </ul>
<b>Global Education Network meeting</b>	18 October	GE Network members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assessing the state of implementation of lot 2 projects, highlighting projects key outcomes in view of the reporting phase (December 2021), and anticipating elements of discussion to be integrated in the 2022 GE congress agenda;</li> <li>• assessment of the GE on-line training-course (planned in September);</li> <li>• foster among the GE Network, an exchange of planned practices/projects/activities to be implemented during the GEW 2021 edition – in particular the GEW grant projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Global Education Week</b>	15 to 21 November	Global education practitioners and activists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support global education practitioners and activists to successfully design, implement and carry out global education initiatives and learning activities</li> </ul>
<b>Global Education Week grant activities</b>	15 to 21 November	Global education practitioners and activists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional, national and/or local initiatives raise awareness about global development education in Europe.</li> </ul>



Global Education Network Meeting - January 2020

## PARTICIPATION IN PARTNER EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

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27 January	Interview: Global Citizenship Education overview in Europe and North-America, Alberta & Bologna Universities - Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding survey
28 January	Interview: Platforma 2020 qualitative review on Local and Regional Governments actions in Development Education and Awareness, Raising Programme/Global Citizenship Education (DEAR/GCE) on the road towards 2030
March - November	Cooperation with the EU Delegation to the Council of Europe in the joint campaign “Together in the distance: Building new solidarities in a changing world.”
9 March	Bridge 47 advocacy working group meeting
16 March	Consultation on the Union for the Mediterranean Youth Strategy
16-18 March	KARAMA conference on Women’s leadership in law, politics, & peace
24-25 March	Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (DEAR) Multi-Stakeholder Group meeting, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), European Commission
15 April	Strategic Roundtable on The Role of the Internet in Fueling the Growth of Human Trafficking by the African Legal Think Tank on Women’s Rights
15 April	EuroMeSCo Annual Conference 2021 “Setting the New Agenda for the Mediterranean in motion - Shaping post-Covid Euromed relations”
18-19 May	IPDAL: the Institute for the promotion of Latin America and Caribbean has a new initiative: First Mafra dialogues “Strategic Dialogues for Peace Diplomacy”.
25 May	Bridge 47 panel discussion on transformative education
8 June	Joint Council on Youth thematic debate “Youth, peace and security today: successes and challenges”.
14 June	Global Education Network Europe (GENE) event Launching event of the declaration process Global Education to 2050
18 June	Online Open Day Council of Europe DGII Partial Agreements
22-23 June	EU Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (DEAR) Exchange Hub
22 June	SDG Target 4.7 global policy working group meeting
23 June	Visit of Mr Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
October	Fundamental Rights Forum 2021 (tbc)

## TRAINEESHIP PROGRAMME

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Besides reaching out to young people in our programmes the North-South Centre also offers traineeships which are a career-development opportunity for nationals of non-member states of the Council of Europe, members of the North-South Centre, such as Algeria, Cape Verde, Morocco, Tunisia, and those from Council of Europe member states. The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe ensures a monthly flat-rate grant as well as an insurance coverage.

Applications for traineeships are only open for specific periods, depending on the session they wish to apply for:

Traineeship sessions:

First Session 2021 - from 01/03/2021 to 31/07/2021

Second Session 2021 - from 06/09/2021 to 31/01/2022

The duties to which trainees are assigned include assisting with the preparation of activities, research, different types of drafting and other day-to-day administrative tasks.



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