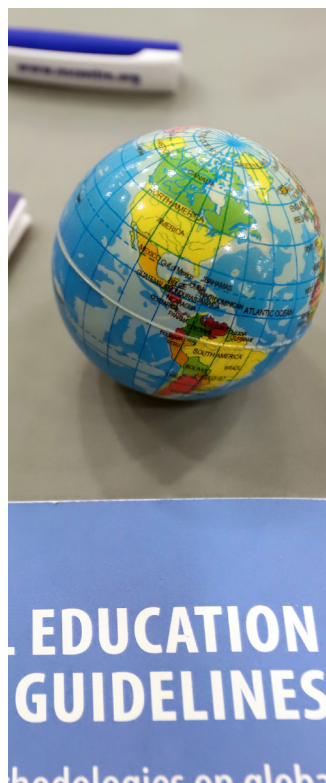


# NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2021



# INTRODUCTION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Having taken charge of my duties as Executive Director only on 2 November 2021, I can but only praise the North-South Centre's team for their accomplishments in such a difficult environment. As we reflect on what was a year riddled with challenges, we are reminded of the relevance and the utmost importance of our shared values of democracy, rule of law and human rights, as we continue to strive to uphold and safeguard them.

Fostering cooperation between all members States and parties of our quadrilogue system, from Europe and beyond, the Centre has made a valuable contribution towards gender equality and the rights of women, education for a global citizenship and youth participation in democratic processes, through the means of intercultural dialogue and in a spirit of interdependence and solidarity.

Having transitioned its activities to an increasingly digitalised space, the North-South Centre's team has demonstrated its adaptability. As such, the NSC was successful in preserving the positive impact of its projects and in pursuing its general purpose and specific objectives. The smooth and effective organisation of the North-South Prize and the Lisbon Forum that took place last December, back-to-back, is an undeniable proof of the team's unwavering commitment to the NSC's mission.

As we enter a new year, preparations are underway for the upcoming activities. 2022 will see the continuation of iLegend, a project that seeks to strengthen Global Development Education in the Balkans, Baltic, Southeast Europe, and Mediterranean and Visegrad regions through capacity building, advocacy, and awareness-raising activities, and South Programme, a project supporting on-the-ground enforcement of key practices focusing on the protection of victims/survivors of violence against women in the Euro-Mediterranean region; as well as the introduction of new activities within the Women Empowerment and Youth Cooperation programmes: All Informed, All Concerned, and Peace YP, respectively.

On the occasion of my first institutional mission to Strasbourg last November, I had the opportunity to understand the North-South Centre's current position in the overall context of the Council of Europe, as well as the relevance of the work the Centre does with its quadrilogue partners. Attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, on 19 of November, allowed for a fruitful exchange of views with its members and provided a space for dialogue to be sparked about the future role of the Centre as a tool for the Council of Europe's external and neighbouring cooperation policy within its quadrennial framework.

It is with a true sense of commitment that I continue to embrace this new mission as its purpose and scope lie at the very core of my beliefs. I take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to all actors involved in this Enlarged Partial Agreement and to highlight the efforts and tremendous commitment of the North-South Centre's team.

Afonso Henriques de Azeredo Malheiro

# ABOUT THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

## WHO WE ARE

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.

# WHAT ARE OUR PROGRAMMES



The **Women Empowerment Programme** aims to build effective national, regional, and international cooperation between relevant stakeholders to advance gender equality and women's rights through capacity building, awareness-raising and networking. The main beneficiaries and stakeholders of the WE programme include disadvantaged groups, academia, decision-makers, and members of the quadrilogue, CSOs and International Organisations.

The **Youth Cooperation Programme** aims at increasing participation and international cooperation in the youth sector to build more peaceful societies and more inclusive decision-making processes.

The activities fall under three complementary dimensions:

- Capacity-strengthening: improving the ability of youth workers and youth-multipliers to address challenges related to human rights, democratic participation, peace and intercultural dialogue.
- Networking: providing opportunities for youth-led organisations and youth-related institutions to meet, share good practices and cooperate to enhance a global youth partnership for development.
- Confidence building: facilitating a structured dialogue between youth leaders and institutional representatives creating a common ground on youth policies based on an increased awareness about each other's roles, challenges and priorities.

All activities are developed in close cooperation with youth-led umbrella organisations and youth-serving institutions. The North South Centre acts as a facilitator providing a common framework of cooperation and interaction, privileging the interregional dimension.

The **Global Education Programme** is aimed at bringing together different stakeholders, among which are practitioners and institutional representatives, to strengthen global development education through the means of intercultural learning, dialogue, and networking in the Council of Europe's member States and its neighbouring regions. The primary beneficiaries and stakeholders include formal and non-formal educators and academia, civil society organisations, and members of the quadrilogue, amongst others. The programme unfolds through three pillars, i) advocacy (through multistakeholder experts' meetings and policy recommendations), ii) capacity-building (offering pedagogical resources, online and onsite trainings), and iii) awareness-raising and networking (through campaigning, interactive webpage, and online data base).

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

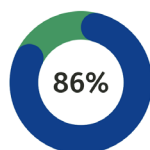
## Data on the activities carried out by the North-South Centre in 2021



Number of capacity building, networking, awareness raising, and advocacy activities involving quadrilogue representatives.



Percentage of participants that declare increased knowledge.



Percentage of participants in training activities who said they used in practice the knowledge gained.



Gender representation

55% Women

45% Men



Number of multipliers trained and equipped with tools and methodologies in relation to global citizenship education, intercultural dialogue, structured participation and gender equality.



Represented countries

### References

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# PROJECTS

## COMPLETED AND ONGOING PROJECTS

### WE for Diversity and Equality

*January 2020 - December 2021*

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

### Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue (iLEGEND)

*October 2019 - October 2022*

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

### Global YOUTH

*January 2020 - December 2021*

The project fosters Interregional cooperation and a greater coordination among youth stakeholders in Europe, the Middle East and Africa to promote youth participation and global citizenship for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

### WE against gender-based violence (within South Programme IV) Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation for the protection of women and girls against violence

*March 2020 – Extended until August 2022*

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, aiming to support the implementation of eight sub-grants in Southern Mediterranean countries.



# STATUTORY MEETINGS

## Bureau Meeting

*26 March, online*

In 2021, the Statutory Bodies of the North-South Centre continued to be ensured online.

At the first Bureau meeting of the year, the 2021 programme of activities and its adjustments were presented to the Members. The secretariat also shared updates on the ongoing preparations for the future operational programme 2022-2025 and communication strategy. Synergies with partners were also highlighted, namely with the World Forum for Democracy, the Union for the Mediterranean, PACE and IPDAL-The Institute for the promotion of Latin America and Caribbean.

Members also received information about the Centre's collaboration with the EU Delegation to the Council of Europe in the project, "Together in the Distance: Building New Solidarities in a Changing World", which consisted of a worldwide call for a photo contest to submit pictures showing solidarity in this pandemic. The campaign connected with the #SolidAction campaign of the previous year, which the NSC showcased.

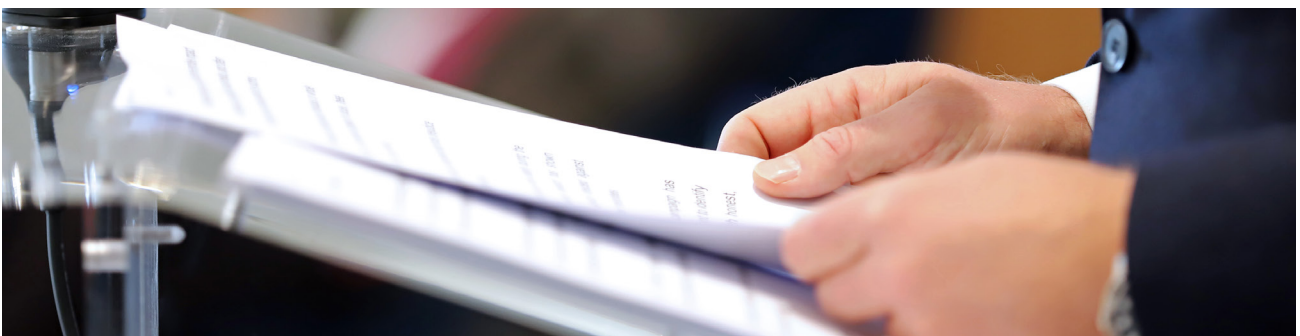
## Executive Committee Meeting

*2 July, online*

Both the Chair and the Executive Director shared an intermediary report of activities, covering the period until the beginning of July.

During the meeting Executive Committee members shared perspectives on the draft Programme and Budget presented by the secretariat, paying special attention to: i) the identity and added value of the North-South Centre in an evolving strategic framework of the Council of Europe, ii) the role of the North-South Centre in the review of the policy towards neighbouring regions and the Council of Europe contribution to global governance and iii) mobilisation of resources to finance the operational implementation of the Centre's future programme.

The 2021 Lisbon Forum was presented, announcing that this year's edition relates to the challenges to intercultural dialogue in the era of the infodemic.



## Bureau Meeting

*8 October, online*

On the occasion of their second annual meeting of the year, the Bureau congratulated Ambassador Silva Lopes on his time as Executive Director of the North-South Centre and wished him the best in his future endeavours.

During the meeting, the Centre's interim report of activities, ongoing projects as well as a brief overview of the 2022-2025 programme of activities was presented to the members. The Deputy Executive Director also informed the Bureau that the Centre had managed to close a procurement process that led to the recruitment of over 200 experts in different fields of knowledge across the world.

In this meeting, the Bureau also acted as Jury of the 2020 North-South Prize and the voting took place. The Chair acknowledged the quality, quantity, and relevance of the nominations that were put forth this particular year. The COVAX Mechanism and Zarifa Ghafari, former Mayor of Maidan Shar in Afghanistan were unanimously elected laureates of the 2020 North-South Prize.

## Executive Committee Meeting

*19 November, online*

The Executive Committee of the North-South Centre's second annual meeting was held in a hybrid format, allowing for a partial return to face-to-face interactions after what had been over two years of virtual communication.

The new Executive Director of the North-South Centre, Ambassador Malheiro, introduced himself and expressed his satisfaction with his new assignment, a mission that he undertakes with honour and enthusiasm.

Members of the Executive Committee reported on recent developments including the Rapporteur Group on External Relations' (GR-EXT) reflection process on the Council of Europe's contribution to global governance and international order and the revision of the CoE's policy towards neighboring regions. Members also reflected on the NSC's future challenges including the implementation of an enlargement strategy, and expanding its scope of programmatic areas to promote more Sustainable Development Goals

The Centre's draft programme and budget for the 2022-2025 was presented and updates on the Lisbon Forum and North-South Prize ceremony, that were held in early December, were provided to the Members.



# 2020 NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The North-South Prize is awarded each year since 1995 to two candidates, one from the North and another from the South, who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting human rights, defending pluralist democracy, raising awareness on issues of global interdependence, and promoting North-South solidarity.

The 26th Edition of the North-South Prize took place in the Senate Room of the Portuguese Parliament on 9 December 2021.

The two laureates were the International Commission Against the Death Penalty (ICDP) and the Network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC) of the Union for the Mediterranean. The ceremony, hosted by the President of the Portuguese Parliament, Mr Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, was attended by 90 guests, including the President of the Portuguese Republic, the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Chairman of the Portuguese Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, Commissioner Marta Santos Pais (representing the International Commission Against the Death Penalty), as well as Dr Joël Guiot and Professor Wolfgang Cramer (representing MedECC).

The MedECC was awarded the 2020 North-South Prize as it constitutes a leading example for both the potential for collaboration between States and a concrete example of the vision of the Mediterranean Sea as a shared space of peace, development, and human rights. The International Commission against the Death Penalty was awarded the North-South Prize as its objectives, that include promoting the abolition of capital punishment in law, promoting the establishment of a death penalty moratorium in all regions of the world, and intervening in specific cases where local legislation restricts its application, align with the values of the Council of Europe on a global scale.



# FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE 2020 NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE

The Ceremony was attended by 90 guests, hailing from over 27 different countries.

38 Government Representatives

51 Civil Society Organisations

0 Local and Regional Authorities

1 Parliamentary Representative



52% male and 48% female

The North-South Prize 2020 was featured in printed and broadcast media outlets in Europe and Africa: articles in online, TV and radio media, including El Pais, SicNoticias, and Swiss Info for instance. Below is a sample report regarding social media interaction the week of the Ceremony.



# LISBON FORUM 2021

The Lisbon Forum 2021 was held in the Luso-American Foundation in Lisbon on 9 and 10 December under the title “Intercultural Dialogue in the Infodemic Era”.

The hybrid event gathered government representatives, decision makers, experts, activists, organisations, institutions, and other members of the quadrilogue from around the world, in Lisbon and online, providing them with a shared space to discuss, debate and raise awareness about the urgent necessity to support intercultural dialogue to counter disinformation, misinformation, and hate speech. The slogan of the campaign that accompanied the Forum, «Break your bubble», was designed to draw attention to the concept of the “infodemic” and the whole critique of algorithmic-based personalisation of the internet based on ‘echo chambers’ and ‘filter bubbles’. The ‘bubble’ refers here also to the worldviews, cultures and social classes living together without entering into dialogue.

The slogan was a call for action that inspired the four perspectives that guided the discussion throughout the course of the Forum:

1. Break your bubble with Dialogue;
2. Break your bubble for Human Rights;
3. Break your bubble for democratic internet;
4. Break your bubble for global solidarity and social justice

Exacerbated by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the proliferation of misinformation may prove to be a significant threat to peace, stability and sustainability in our modern democracies having already led to a rise in xenophobia and hate speech. Interlocutors that attended the Lisbon Forum agreed that acknowledging the transformative power of education, promoting tolerance and respect through intercultural dialogue, and safeguarding human rights – both in digital and non-digital spaces – could pave the way for countering the pressing issues our societies are facing.



# ACTIVITIES OF PROGRAMMATIC AREAS

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Core Group of Young Experts on Intersectionality and Awareness-Raising Campaign

*May - December 2021*

In the framework of the project “Promoting diversity and equality” within the Women Empowerment programme for 2020-2021 the North-South Centre continued during 2021 with a core group of six young experts on intersectional discrimination in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

The Core Group contributed to develop an awareness-raising strategy that includes a document on recommended actions and messaging about intersectionality and recommendations for an upcoming public awareness campaign.

After finishing the work with the Core Group, the North-South Centre worked with different partners on creating materials for the campaign.

From September to December, the recommendations developed by the Core Group were used to design the campaign with a communication organisation, selected from our pool of experts, based in Jordan. A video designer was also involved in this process to produce audio visual material aiming to promote the concept and fundamentals of intersectionality adapted to the MENA region.

As the main target group was Youth, the material of the campaign was presented to students in communication and gender equality of the Padova University in November to compile their perceptions and their feedback.

Training of journalists and media professionals on gender equality in the media

*March - July 2021*

As part of the project “Promoting Diversity & Equality”, the North-South Centre funded a training course implemented by COPEAM (Conférence Permanente de l’Audiovisuel dans la Méditerranée). The training “Gender Equality in the Media” focused on gender-sensitive journalism and media production and introduced participants to cross-media production techniques and smart forms of journalism such as mobile reporting. For four months, a total of 16 journalists and media professionals from Southern Mediterranean countries participated in the training. They appreciated the quality of the modules and the expertise of trainers.

North-South Centre staff training on intersectionality and gender mainstreaming

*April 2021*

A training on intersectionality and gender mainstreaming was developed for the staff of the North-South Centre. All members of the staff took part in a four-days training aimed at improving the implementation of intersectional and gender approaches into the North-South Centre’s work, tailoring it to its specific needs and projects.

A second workshop on intersectional approaches to campaigning, policy and project management was also conducted in September 2021.

## South Programme IV: Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation for the protection of women and girls against violence

In the framework of the joint programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe «Regional Support to Reinforce Human rights, Rule of Law and Democracy in the Southern Mediterranean» (South Programme IV) the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe leads a project which aims at strengthening the capacities of civil society in the region to improve the protection and support provided to victims of violence against women and domestic violence.

On the one hand, the project is promoting regional cooperation and exchange of good practices, and on the other hand, it strengthens multi-sectoral coordination efforts. Both human rights-based and victim-centered approaches are used as methodology to ensure that women and girls victims of violence have greater access to protection structures and services.

Eight civil society organisations specialised in the provision of protection services for women victims are benefitting from a grant and a training on the protection of victims in the Southern Mediterranean based on the Istanbul Convention provisions, as well as guidance to implement a project related to the current challenges.

The projects that are being supported as part of this regional grant scheme, until the end of the year 2021 are:

- Improved access for women victims/survivors of gender-based violence to basic services necessary for their protection-Translated from French- (Association Djazairouna des familles victimes du terrorisme islamiste, Algeria)
- Strengthen multi-sectoral partnership to combat gender-based violence (Edraak Foundation for Development and Equality, Egypt)
- Improving the Quality of Services provided to Abused Women (The Egyptian Center for Women's Rights, Egypt)
- Improve the implementation of national gender-based violence protection and support mechanisms in Jordan (Journalists for Human Rights)
- Supporting survivors of Economic gender-based violence against women in a marginalized community in Lebanon - Raising awareness and Creating a Women Led Solidarity Group (Collective for Research and Training on Development Action, Lebanon)
- Contribute to respect for the right of the population to a life free of violence and to a better enjoyment of the highest possible level of physical, mental, and social well-being (Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale de l'Oriental, Morocco)
- Training Duty-Bearers to Support Violence Survivors (Sawa Organization- All Together Today and Tomorrow, Palestine\*)
- Empowering single mothers to protect them from violence and improve their living conditions (Kadirat for parity and solidarity, Tunisia)

A webpage site for the project was created :

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/north-south-centre/euro-mediterranean-cooperation-for-the-protection-of-women-and-girls-against-violence>



# YOUTH COOPERATION

## Meeting of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship

*26 April, online*

The Network gathers Youth networks from Europe, Africa and Latin America as well as government officials from youth Ministries in order to:

- set a common agenda;
- identify common challenges and priorities, including the annual focus of the meta-university;
- disseminate the initiatives and results of the project;
- monitor and assess its results

During the meeting all members shared updates of their activities and how they adapted them to the pandemic situation. The activities of the project “Global youth” for 2021 were also discussed and opportunities for collaboration and synergies were explored.

## Research study “The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship: ten years of youth cooperation and youth participation through its Universities”

The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship celebrates ten years and at this occasion, the North-South Centre launched a research study “The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship: ten years of youth cooperation and youth participation through its Universities”.

Since mid-August trainers, speakers, participants, or partners of our Universities from the last ten years were invited to contribute to a short survey, which is the starting point of the study.

The survey focuses on the experiences of its protagonists and comes back to the follow-up and cooperation initiatives that resulted from the various Universities organised by the North-South Centre and a series of interviews and focus groups are foreseen to enrich the study research with further qualitative data from institutional representatives, participants, Network members or trainers of the activities led during the Universities.

The final publication will measure the added value of the Network and its Universities, so that the North-South Centre continues to improve its programmes and to contribute to the global youth agenda and the youth sector at large.



## Training of Facilitators on Online Youth Policy Dialogue

*August to November 2021, online*

The course took place between August and November 2021 alternating synchronous group sessions and asynchronous self-guided learning moments for a total of 44 training hours.

The course sought to:

- develop the skills of professionals facilitating virtual moments of dialogue, consultation and sharing amongst youth leaders and institutional representatives; and
- improve the quality of interactions between youth organisations and institutional representatives, increasing awareness about each other's roles for the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The course was articulated around three pillars:

- facilitation competences,
- policy making and policy dialogue knowledge,
- technical expertise to set up quality online spaces for dialogue.

Participants from 22 countries across Europe, Middle East and Africa were engaged in practical workshops, interactive presentations, case studies analysis, and group discussion with policy makers and other experts from the field.

Guest speakers provided an overview on the state-of-art of the youth policy sector and explored the elements necessary to ensure an inclusive and meaningful policy dialogue online.

At the end of the course, a short handbook was produced gathering the resources, tools and insights shared by the trainers and the participants. The handbook contains tools and tips to set up and facilitate online policy dialogues, ensuring a high level of engagement among all youth stakeholders following the Council of Europe's human-rights approach.



## Meta University 2021

18 to 22 October, online

The Meta-University is a new initiative promoted with the purpose to keep working on youth cooperation and youth participation amid the Covid-19 pandemic while exploring the possibilities of digital youth work. The 2021 edition was an online event for networking, capacity building and peer learning among youth workers, youth policy makers and organisations' representatives active in the youth field.

The programme was built together with partner organisations from different regions of the world, representing youth constituencies at different levels: youth-led organisations, governmental bodies, international umbrella networks and intergovernmental institutions.

For four days, 282 participants from 70 countries had the opportunity to choose among 19 different activities, including...

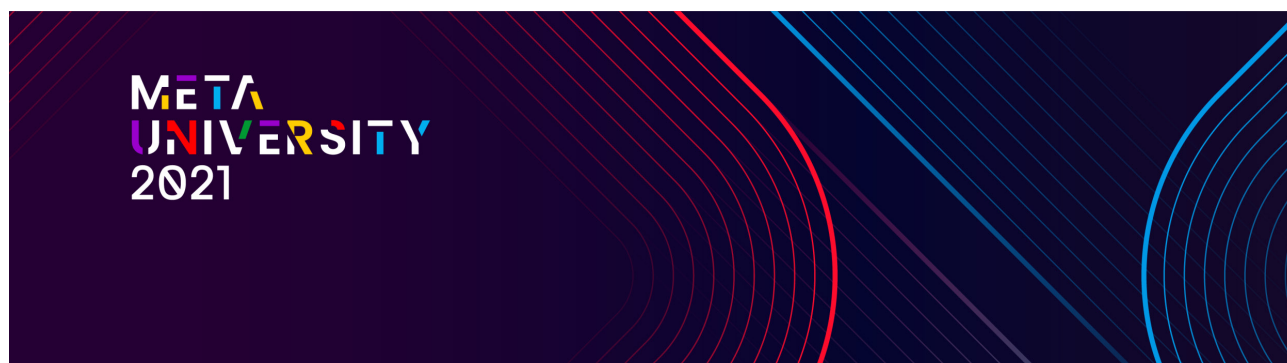
3 plenary sessions where experts and institutional representatives addressed the current challenges of the youth sector:

- "National concerns and global citizenship"
- "Intercultural dialogue in an online setting"
- "Interregional cooperation for a global youth agenda"

And 10 workshops promoted by partner organisations to build capacities, share knowledge, and mainstream youth works' achievements and concerns:

- What is Europe doing to combat online hate speech?
- Youth Rights among the pandemic in Southern Europe
- Youth e-participation matters: transferring youth participation to the digital sphere
- Prevention of violent extremisms through youth employment in WB6 and MENA region
- Boosting online intercultural competence through gamification
- Let's learn about the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda!
- 10-year implementation plan for the continental framework on Youth, Peace and Security
- Youth development and global citizenship
- Youth work and resilient communities in transition times
- Women in crisis: impact and consequences of a global pandemic on women

Besides the formal sessions, the Meta-University offered other types of less structured activities: a variety of informal gatherings (online coffee-breaks, group chats...) facilitated group interactions and digital tools (expo Area, activity challenges...) allowed a multi-level experience where participants mingled among peers, discovering new resources for digital youth work, and practicing intercultural dialogue.





# GLOBAL EDUCATION

## Visegrad Expert meeting

*16 March, online*

29 practitioners and decision-makers from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia met to jointly discuss existing perspectives and further developments on the support and practice of GDE- focusing on advocacy, competences development and pedagogical support of practitioners and decision-makers, awareness-raising and networking- taking into consideration the challenges arise in the context of to the current pandemic situation and the contribution of Global Development Education in this context.

Through plenary and working sessions, and through the inputs from keynote speakers from GENE and Bridge47, participants reviewed the state of advancement of advocacy, professional development, and pedagogical support to educators and institutional stakeholders in the region and Europe.

Moreover, participants advanced ideas and recommendations for a potential roadmap to increase GDE advocacy and capacity-building at national and regional level.

## Global Education Network meeting

*6 & 7 April, online*

27 network representatives from 23 countries (Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, North-Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and United Kingdom) and 2 keynote speakers took part in the meeting.

The annual meeting provided an opportunity for the Global Education Network to meet at the midpoint of the iLegend II programme and following a year in which the Covid-19 pandemic had impacted work and activities, but also provided opportunities for innovation and new lenses and urgency for the need for Global Education.

The meeting provided opportunity to review and reflect on progress under the advocacy, capacity-building, and networking priorities, as well as identifying areas in which programme elements and processes could be fine-tuned. Area of work that are currently in development, such as the new Global Education E-Learning scheme, or the new Global Education Week campaign were discussed, and the network members looked forward to opportunities to build on progress achieved so far in the iLegend II cycle as well as key staging points in the future, such as a further GEN meeting later in 2021, and the preparation of the GE Congress in 2022.

The meeting attested to the network's strengths and resilience, in particular adapting work to the challenges of 2020, and using the experience to create vision for future possibilities.

Grants to support Global Education/Global Development Education national strategies and policy reforms in Balkan, Baltic, Visegrad and South-East Europe & Mediterranean countries.

*9 June*

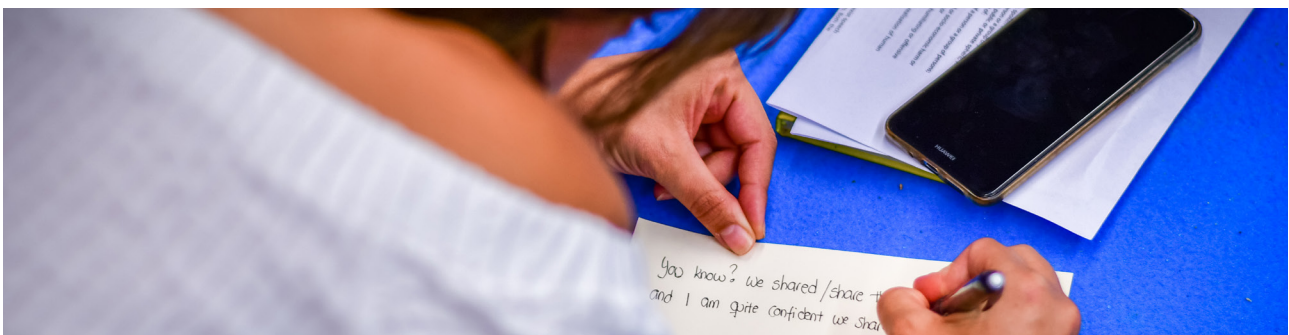
A call was launched for the attribution of grants to support the development and implementation of Global Education/Global Development Education (GE/GDE) national strategies and/or policy reforms in Balkan, Baltic, Visegrad and South-East Europe & Mediterranean countries. Six grants were attributed to support the development and implementation of GE/GDE national strategies and/or policy reforms. The grants aim at promoting spaces of dialogue and collaborative work between different stakeholders from institutional and pedagogical levels. It seeks to guarantee a continued approach involving different stakeholders to sustain current education reforms undertaken in Balkan, Baltic, Visegrad and South-East Europe and Mediterranean countries to consolidate the competences of educators from the formal and non-formal sectors in the field of GE/GDE.

Grants to take action during the Global Education Week 2021.

*16 June*

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe launched a grant scheme to support initiatives carried out in the framework of its annual campaign Global Education Week (GEW) from 15 to 21 November 2021, with the objective to raise awareness about global education/global development education in Europe, under the overarching GEW motto “It’s our world, let’s take action together!”.

Five grants were attributed to practitioners and activists to design, implement and carry out global education awareness raising initiatives and learning activities, during the GEW.



## *Objectives set and results achieved in attributing each grant*

### **Grants to support Global Education/Global Development Education national strategies**

- FoRS- Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

To create a momentum on the eve of the Czech presidency of the EU so that genuine implementation of National GDE strategy becomes relevant topic on the agenda of decision-makers, sectoral officials, CSOs, and educators.

- Pedagogical Centre of Montenegro

To establish the necessary mechanisms for further development of teachers' competencies in education for global development.

- Open Education Centre, Bulgaria

To promote GCED and institutionalise it in the formal education sector, and to further global education activities in the non-formal education sector.

- NGO Support Centre, Cyprus

To invest in the capacity of educators and trainers in Cyprus to create learning spaces and opportunities for all learners, become familiar with global education and invest in the awareness of policy makers.

- Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation LAPAS

To promote national intersectoral and inter-ministerial coordination of GE by involvement of different stakeholders in the development of the National Global Education Strategy for the Sustainable Future.

- HAND- Nemzetközi Humanitárius és Fejlesztési Civil Szövetség, Hungary

To empower teachers to use methods of participatory learning in global education by providing spaces for multistakeholder exchange and promoting the activities of NGOs.

### **Grants to take action during the Global Education Week 2021**

- Fundación Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir, Spain

To develop youth leadership's competences for democratic culture, fostering dialogue between young pre-service teachers, multimedia young professionals, and youth volunteering civil society activities.

- Global Citizens' Academy (GCA), Lithuania

To increase awareness of the importance of global justice and sustainability in Lithuania through the promotion of global education and the demonstration of practices leading young people to more conscious and sustainable personal lifestyles.

- Grupa Zagranica, Poland

To widen activities in the area of global education in schools and educational institutions across Poland during 2021 Global Education Week.

- Camila Gonzalez Lopez (Co-organiser, Non-formal Educator) and Sibel Hakyemez (Co-organiser, Non-formal Educator) – "ImGlobalCitizen" Workshops, France

To contribute to the participants' development of knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes required for intercultural understanding.

- Bulgarian Platform for International Development

To plan and organise Bulgaria GE awareness raising initiatives and learning activities in partnership with three public libraries, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals.

## New Global Education e-learning course for all

*6 July*

The North-South Centre launched a new online self-eLearning course.

This course, designed for educators and policy makers, but open to everyone, offers presentations, interactive information, videos, podcasts, reflective exercises, and self-learning assessment tools divided into four thematic modules providing the knowledge and competences needed to best implement and practice Global Education and inspire people to become active agents of global change!

- Module 1- Initial introduction to Global Education in meaning and value.
- Module 2- Global Education in Practice.
- Module 3- The Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture.
- Module 4- Learning through Global Education in different contexts.

Each module is estimated to be completed in 60 minutes. The finalisation of the four modules offers a certificate delivered by the Council of Europe.

The implementation of this course is done in collaboration with the Council of Europe's HELP (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals) platform.

This self-eLearning course has been complemented by a tutored course to be delivered along 2022 to design, implement and carry out global education learning activities.



## Global Education Week

*15 to 21 November*

Global Education Week was designed to support global education practitioners and activists in successfully designing, implementing, and carrying out global education initiatives and learning activities. The 2021 edition of Global Education Week had a total outreach of approximately 397,855 people. Its target groups were formal and non-formal educators, high school communities (teachers and learners), local communities and authorities, primary school communities (teachers and learners), young multipliers, and the wider public. The organisations involved and represented included 2,099 schools, 214 NGOs, 178 public sector representatives, and 16 universities.

Throughout the course of the week, over 9,537 activities were organized and held by, for and with government agencies, Higher Education Institutions, libraries, local communities, NGOs, schools (kindergarten, primary and secondary education), start-ups, vocational schools, and youth organisations.

The types of activities ranged from blog writing and literary work, campaigns, conferences, exhibitions, seminars and training courses to concerts, festivals (art, food, music), film screenings, global escape rooms, quizzes (online/apps/live), workshops on topics such as Global Citizenship Education, climate change and sustainability, diversity and migration, gender equality, protection of minorities, information technologies and global citizenship, intercultural dialogue, and media literacy, amongst others.

# TRAINEESHIP PROGRAMME

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe offers traineeships twice a year for a period of three (minimum) to five (maximum) months in different units:

- Global Education
- Youth Cooperation (5 months traineeship period compulsory)
- Women Empowerment
- Communication and archives
- Central Unit- Events and administration

Duties trainees are assigned range from assisting with the preparation of activities, research, different types of drafting to other day-to-day administrative tasks. Traineeships are open to nationals of all 21 member States of the North-South Centre.

In 2021, the NSC received 260 applications jointly across both sessions hailing from 18 different countries.

In the first session of 2021, the North-South Centre welcomed two trainees.

**Wadhah Ouerghi** started his traineeship in April of 2021 becoming the first ever Tunisian national to integrate the NSC team. He undertook his experience under the Youth Cooperation Programme.

**Samuele Barazzoni**, an Italian national, started his internship in March of 2021, performing his duties, which were intricately tied with the Communication Unit of the Centre, within the Global Education Programme.

From September 2021 to January 2022, the Centre opened its doors to two new trainees.

**Nour Mehadji**, a Moroccan national, undertook her traineeship under the Youth Cooperation unit performing tasks related to project management such as the logistic organisation of the MetaUniversity 2021 as well as the Lisbon Forum 2021.

**Fiona Oliveira**, a French national, pursued her traineeship under the Central Unit, assisting with the organisation of the ceremony of the North-South Prize 2020.



# INVOLVEMENT IN PARTNERS' EVENTS

27 January: Interview: Global Citizenship Education overview in Europe and North America

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: 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 and peace

24-25 March: EU Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (DEAR) Multi-Stakeholder Group meeting

15 April: Strategic Roundtable on The Role of the Internet in Fueling the Growth of Human Trafficking

15 April: EuroMeSCo Annual Conference 2021 "Setting the New Agenda for the Mediterranean in motion - Shaping post-Covid Euro-med relations"

18-19 May: IPDAL 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

11 - 12 October: Fundamental Rights Forum

22 October: Meeting of international stakeholders active in the field of Youth

January to October:






World Forum for Democracy task force member. Monthly meetings with different units of the Council of Europe to contribute to the "12 months, 1 question" campaign – Can Democracy Save the Environment?



# DIGITAL PRESENCE

## Facebook

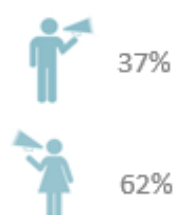
By the end of 2021, the North-South Centre Facebook page had a total of 8,662 fans and a total of 8,858 followers.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Portugal	904	884
 Italy	524	514
 Tunisia	516	502
 Egypt	454	434
 Romania	396	384








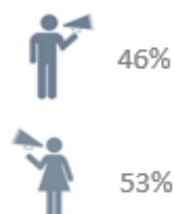
The group of fans and followers of the Global Education network Facebook page reached a total of 3,700 fans and 3,759 followers.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Romania	359	335
 Portugal	259	255
 Egypt	183	179
 Algeria	157	157
 Tunisia	155	153



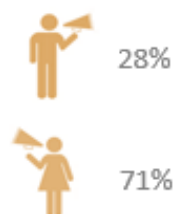
The Global YOUth Facebook page of the Youth Cooperation Programme has reached a high of 10,256 fans and 10,421 followers.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Tunisia	983	976
 Egypt	547	537
 Spain	491	486
 Portugal	467	411
 Italy	421	371



The fan base of the EuroMed Women Network reached a high of 4,317 fans and 4,380 followers.

Country	Followers	Fans
 Tunisia	556	554
 Italy	306	302
 Egypt	301	297
 France	275	271
 Morocco	255	251



## Twitter

2,083 followers

## Number of visits on the North-South Centre website

Global Education: 3,871 visitors

Youth Cooperation: 906 visitors

Lisbon Forum 2021: 1007 visitors

Women Empowerment: 2,480 visitors

North-South Prize: 1,453 visitors

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (January-December 2021)

	Article	Source	Amount
Receipts	9999000	Contrib Member States	489.300,00
	9999005/7/10	Voluntary contributions (Member States and other)	150.328,00
	9999011	European Union (3 years programme)	299.277,95
	9999200	South Programme IV	195.500,00
	9999030	Financial Products	7.197,17
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1.141.603,12</b>

	Article	Type of Expenditure	Budget	Spent	Balance
Expenditure	0000001	CDI Staff	94.600,00	94.583,88	16,12
	0000003	Temporary Staff	123.200,00	119.027,41	4.172,59
	0000013	Secondements	1.000,00	602,07	397,93
	0000046	CDD Staff	44.000,00	39.100,56	4.899,44
	0000263	Activities financed by VCs and EU funds	451.203,98	242.448,52	208.755,46
		Activities financed by South Programme IV	195.500,00	114.266,62	81.233,38
	0000378	Contributions to Council of Europe OB	26.100,00	26.100,00	0,00
	0000379	Contributions to Pensions	17.800,00	17.800,00	0,00
	6511001	Running Costs	52.003,13	40.238,10	11.765,03
	6511002	Programme Expenditure	136.196,01	134.775,24	1.420,77
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1.141.603,12</b>	<b>828.942,40</b>	<b>312.660,72</b>

Group of Expenditure	Budget	Spent / Committed	% of Total Spent/ Committed
Staff Costs	306.700,00	297.213,92	35,85%
Programme implementation	782.899,99	491.490,38	59,29%
Running Costs	52.003,13	40.238,10	4,85%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.141.603,12</b>	<b>828.942,40</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

Notes:

1) The project financed by the European Union will run until 23rd October 2022 and the one financed by South Programme IV until 31 August 2022.



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