

NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES 2022



European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity



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** of the North-South Centre 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).

QUADRIENNUM PROGRAMME & BUDGET 2022-2025

The 2022 Programme of Activities responds to the 2022-2025 Programme and Budget of the Council of Europe with the following ERs:

EXPECTED RESULTS AND INDICATORS

Indicators of the immediate outcomes	Target 2025	Milestone 2023	Annual Baseline
Immediate outcome 1 – Beneficiaries from targeted organisations/institutions, in particular from civil society, gained knowledge, competences, and tools to improve critical understanding and better engage in combatting global threats and promoting peaceful and inclusive societies.			
Number of people trained (online and onsite).	>300	>200	160
Evidence of the broad diversity of the people engaged in the outputs produced (e.g. 50% men – 50% women and depending on the activity/project: at least 2 parts of quadrilogue represented; most countries per target region represented including South-East Europe (6), Visegrad (4), SEE Mediterranean (6), Baltic (3), South Mediterranean (8); at least 30% participants from Africa).			
Number of good practices exchanged.	>50	>25	15
Percentage of participants who considered the activity adapted to their expectations/needs.	>80%	>80%	>80%
Percentage of participants who declared having increased their knowledge.	>70%	>65%	>65%
Percentage of participants who declare to have used the knowledge gained in practice.			
Number of projects supported that took into consideration gender equality and intersectional inclusion criteria. (All call for grants set clear criteria to assess gender equality and intersectional inclusion factors in the proposals).			
Indicators of the intermediate outcomes			
Beneficiaries from targeted organisations/institutions, in particular from civil society, change methods by applying and sharing the knowledge, skills and tools in their professional practice and relaying them.			
Evidence of changes in methods of beneficiaries from targeted organisations/institutions to improve critical understanding and better engage in combatting global threats and promoting peaceful and inclusive societies.			
Evidence of commitment of member States to global interdependence and solidarity (including through new accessions to the enlarged partial agreement).			

BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM

Year	Staff	Non-Staff	CoE contribution to JP/AP	Budgetary resources	EU/JP secured	VC secured	Extrabudgetary resources	Total
2022	312,8	178,5		491.3	423.7		423.7	915.0
2023	319,8	178,9		498.7				498.7

BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM (IN € K)

Type	Project Code	Description	Beneficiary	Begin	End	JP secured	VC secured	Needs
Other projects	2482	iLEGEND II: Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue	Multilateral	24/10/19	23/10/22	370.4		
	2594	SPIV – Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation for the protection of women and girls against violence	Regiona	01/03/20	31/08/22	53.3		
Thematic Action Plan	3096	Peace YP: Promoting Euro-Africa Cooperation to Enhance Youth Participation for Peace	Multilateral	01/01/22	31/12/24			200.0
	3097	All Informed All Concerned: Promoting diversity and equality	Multilateral	01/01/22	31/12/23			80.0
Total						423.7		280.0

Activity	Estimated cost 2022	Estimated cost 2023
Premises are made available by the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs	100.0	100.0

BUDGET OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

Expenditure and Receipts (in € k)	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
Total Expenditure	491.3	498.7
Obligatory Contributions	491.3	498.7
Total Receipts	491.3	498.7

PROJECTS

ONGOING PROJECTS

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

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.

WE Against Gender-based Violence (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.

NEW PROJECTS

All Informed All Concerned: Promoting Diversity and Equality

January 2022 - December 2023

The project intends to raise awareness of the negative consequences of global digital inequalities, communication biases and media misrepresentations. It will do so by creating a platform of intercultural amplifiers/influencers - journalists, media agents and social media influencers- to “give voice or amplify” the voice of the voiceless; as well as by setting up a mechanism to produce an annual analytical report that will feed into the annual campaigns of the NSC and the Lisbon Forum, contributing to relaying the issues to decision-makers.

PEACE YP: Promoting Euro-Africa Cooperation to Enhance Youth Participation for Peace

January 2022 – December 2024

The project aims to strengthen the capacities of youth civil society in their efforts to build peace and achieve the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals through a more coordinated and inclusive Euro-Africa interregional cooperation, as well as enhance interregional youth cooperation to foster cross-sectorial policies and multilevel governance. It will do so through designing training courses, organising grant schemes, an African University on Youth and Development, and an annual meeting in the EMEA region.

PROJECTS IN NEGOCIATION PHASE

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

October 2022 – December 2026

The project aims to enhance interregional cooperation to build bridges between the European youth and youth from partner countries; better integrate global education into formal and non-formal education sectors; reinforce the capacities of strategic stakeholders; and raise public awareness of the relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals, the European Consensus for Development and everyone's co-responsibility to achieve those goals.

Regional Support to Reinforce Human rights, Rule of Law and Democracy in the Southern Mediterranean» (South Programme V)

September 2022 – September 2025

The NSC is working on a new project proposal to be integrated in the next phase of the South Programme: Supporting civic space and a culture of participation in Southern Mediterranean countries.

The new project will aim at supporting quadripartite policy dialogues on a variety of issues of common concern and technical expertise of the Council of Europe and the North-South Centre; supporting educational reform and reinforcing the competences of educators in the formal and non-formal sectors to promote a culture of democratic citizenship and non-discrimination among the younger generations; strengthening the role and capacities of civil society, including human rights defenders, mobilising in particular young women and men to actively contribute to good governance in the region.



ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

THE NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

May 2022 (tbc)

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 laureates who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting North-South solidarity:

- The COVAX Mechanism and Ms. Zarifa Ghafari, former Mayor of Maidan Shar, Afghanistan.

THE LISBON FORUM

November 2022 (tbc)

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.

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.



PROGRAMMATIC AREAS

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

In 2022 the North-South Centre's Women Empowerment Programme is implementing the following activities:

1) 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 Regional Women Empowerment Conference and Closing Seminar

Dates 30 June

Target audience Quadrilogue representatives from Europe and Southern Mediterranean, International and regional organisations, Media, Academia and researchers

Expected results Issues related to the protection of girls against violence, including displaced and unaccompanied girls are raised among relevant quadrilogue 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.

The Conference will also be the framework to close the project and present the results of the beneficiaries of the grant scheme.



2) ALL INFORMED ALL CONCERNED: PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY

January 2022 - December 2023

Voluntary Contribution

The project addresses intersectional forms of discrimination, the negative consequences of the information gap and global digital inequalities, and biases in media representation which lead to the marginalisation of certain groups. The project will do so through an awareness raising campaign that will relay these issues to decision-makers and “give a voice or amplify the voice” of those that are voiceless.

Activity Consultation Meeting

Dates 17 May

Target audience Groups in situation of vulnerability, researchers, professionals in the information, culture, and media sectors

Expected results Identification of pressing situations of inequalities and discrimination.

Activity Annual Report

Dates 30 May- 15 September

Target audience Researchers and professionals from the partner groups

Expected results Research analysis is conducted to provide data and evidence on the issues identified in the consultation meetings.

Activity Intercultural Platform Meetings

Dates 7 June and September

Target audience Members of the partner groups

Expected results A platform of intercultural multipliers / ambassadors is set up to assess the diverse perspectives and sensitivities on how to raise awareness among different groups on the issue identified in the previous phases.

Activity Campaign Development

Dates June to September

Target audience Multipliers (media, information, and culture sectors), Decision makers, Grassroot and Civil Society Workers, Activists

Expected results Communication materials and strategy to raise awareness on the identified issues. The communication materials will be officially launched during the Lisbon Forum gathering influencers or renowned personalities and promoted online. The dissemination of the final information output which will feed into the annual topic of the Lisbon Forum and of the methodology followed during the process will raise awareness on:

- Identifying inequality issues, providing reliable and accurate information on topics of global importance which are frequently under-spoken.
- Importance of reliable and trustworthy information for countering information disorders such as disinformation and misinformation.
- Importance of intersectional data in social sciences and journalism, that are able to capture different life experiences in a more nuanced way.
- Methods and good practices for carrying out inclusive and participatory processes and empowering groups in situations of vulnerabilities.

YOUTH COOPERATION

In 2022, the North-South Centre's Youth Cooperation Programme is implementing the following activities:

PEACE YP: PROMOTING EURO-AFRICA COOPERATION TO ENHANCE YOUTH PARTICIPATION FOR PEACE

January 2022 - December 2024

Voluntary Contribution

The project aims to strengthen the capacities of youth civil society in their efforts to build peace and achieve the SDGs through a more coordinated and inclusive Euro-Africa interregional cooperation. It will also seek to enhance interregional youth cooperation to foster cross-sectorial policies and multi-level governance and will support youth civil society and youth-led initiatives.

Activity Network on Youth and Global Citizenship

Dates April (tbc)

Target audience Organisations of the Network

Expected results To agree on a common road map and key elements of the Summer University 2022. To address needs and concerns of the partners of the events.

Activity University on Youth and Development

Dates 12 – 17 September

Target audience Students, Youth workers, youth leaders, policy makers in the youth field, experts in youth policies

Expected results To build competences on global education. To ensure a space for dialogue and cooperation to increase youth engagements towards the sustainable development goals.

Activity 8th African University on Youth and Development (AUJD)

Dates November (tbc)

Target audience Students, Youth workers, youth leaders, policy makers in the youth field, experts in youth policies

Expected results To build knowledge and skills of youth workers and youth leaders on topic related to the SDGs and the YPS agenda. To foster youth cooperation in the EMEA region for peace and human rights.

Activity Launching the Seed Funding Scheme's Call

Dates 24 October

Target audience Youth association, youth-led organisations, grass.root youth initiatives

Expected results To improve youth organisations' capacities in promoting youth participation. To support youth projects aimed at localising the SDGs and the YPS agenda.

Activity Stakeholders' Meeting

Dates 27 October

Target audience Representatives of youth networks, youth umbrella platforms and youth-related international organisations

Expected results To build knowledge and skills of youth workers and youth leaders on topic related to the SDGs and the YP. To ensure a structured exchange of view for exploring synergies and for sharing good practices within an inclusive and participatory setting.

To promote interregional cooperation and a common understanding of the main priorities and concerns of the Africa-Europe youth cooperation.

GLOBAL EDUCATION

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

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, Southeast Europe and the Mediterranean, and Visegrad regions.

Activity Online training for youth multipliers

Dates 7 – 25 March

Target audience Youth multipliers

Expected results 30 participants from CoE member States gain competences on Global Education concept and methodologies to replicate youth-led awareness-raising / training activities

Activity Micro Grant Call for Youth Initiatives

Dates 15 March – 15 September

Target audience Youth organisations

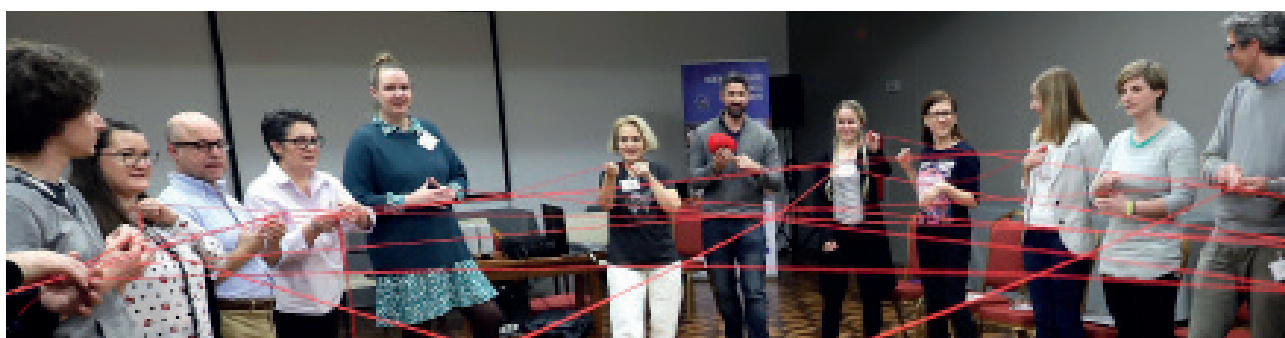
Expected results Support global development education awareness-raising projects among young people within their constituencies to promote the work of youth multipliers and youth organisations as key agents in non-formal education processes

Activity Tutored Online Training Course on Global Education and Media

Dates 18 April – 13 May

Target audience formal and non-formal young educators, youth multipliers, professionals from communication sector and policymakers

Expected results provide new skills and competences on Global Education, Media Literacy and Digital Citizen Education



Activity Global Education Congress

Dates 31 May – 1 June

Target audience Formal and non-formal educators; Institutional/CoE/EU representatives; Local authorities; Parliamentarians and ministerial representatives (MoE, MFA, MoEnv.); NSC institutional partners (Bridge47, CONCORD, GENE, UNESCO); NSC beneficiaries/networks of GE/Youth cooperation and Women programmes

Expected results Hybrid event targeting 250 multistakeholders (onsite and online) from at least 40 member States

Validation of framework of GE/GDE/GCED competences and methodology

Proposal of mechanism to support implementation of GE/GDE/GCED in Europe

Plan of Action for the next four years in terms of professional development of educators, pedagogical support and training mechanisms, and respective supporting policies

Activity Global Education Network (GEN) Annual Meeting

Dates 2 June

Target audience GEN national coordinators

Expected results Assessment of 2021 activities (advocacy, capacity-building, networking)

Preparation of GE Congress, GEW campaign and delineation of priorities for iLegend III cycle

Activity Residential TC GE Network and Closing Meeting

Dates 12 – 17 September

Target audience GEN national coordinators

Expected results Course: 30 participants acquire up to date GE competencies, get familiar with GE advocacy, funding and monitoring mechanisms

Meeting: reflect on GE concept in the current context, get acquainted with iLegend III.

Activity Global Education Week

Dates 14-20 November

Target audience formal and non-formal educators, learning communities, youth multipliers and activists

Expected results support in designing, implementing, and carrying out global education awareness-raising initiatives and learning activities, networking and exchange of good practices



TRAINEESHIPS PROGRAMME



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 2022 - from 01/03/2022 to 31/07/2022

Second Session 2022 - from 06/09/2022 to 31/01/2023

The duties 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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