

NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



Promoting dialogue and cooperation around
the values, standards, and tools of the
Council of Europe beyond the continent



Key instrument of the external dimension of the Council of Europe, the North-South Centre (NSC) serves as a vector for transmitting its values, standards, and tools beyond the European continent through political dialogue, networking, and the implementation of cooperation projects.

As an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe, it brings together several European and African countries to exchange ideas and take action on shared issues.

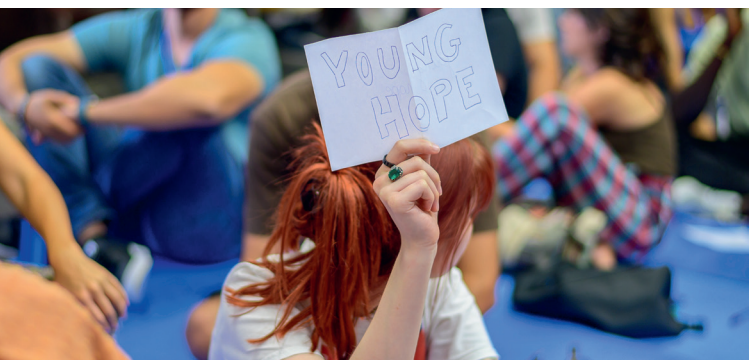
COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES...

■ The **institutionalised “quadrilogue”** engages high-level representatives from governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities, as well as civil society from different regions of the world to work together on issues of common interest.

■ The **forefront role played by civil society**, thanks to a robust network of youth organisations, ensures a structured, inclusive and sustainable participation with a multiplier effect.

■ A solid 34-year expertise in the fields of **global education, intercultural dialogue, and youth sector cooperation** in Europe and beyond.

■ A **broad geographical mandate** with a focus on the Southern Neighbourhood and Sub-Saharan Africa.



...DRIVING HIGH-LEVEL FLAGSHIP EVENTS:

■ The **Lisbon Forum**, a platform that brings together personalities from various regions of the world to engage in a prospective exchange and take action on issues of common interest through initiatives like the Rule of Law Youth Network (RoLYN).

■ The **North-South Intercultural Conference**, an international meeting to facilitate intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

■ The **Youth Universities** in Spain, Tunisia, and Cabo Verde, consolidated youth networks and contributed to reinforce the skills of nearly 10,000 representatives of youth organisations in human rights, democratic participation, intercultural dialogue and global education.

■ The **North-South Prize of the Council of Europe**, which has honored more than 50 laureates – including André Azoulay, Bob Geldof, Kofi Annan, Mary Robinson, Simone Veil, and the International Commission against the Death Penalty – for their contributions to the protection of human rights, defense of democracy, or raising public awareness on issues of interdependence and global solidarity.





A NEW IMPETUS

■ To support the implementation of the Reykjavík Declaration, the 2024-2027 strategy of the NSC strengthens the external dimension of the Council of Europe to:

- ▶ Enhance the impact of the Council of Europe's Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean by disseminating the values and standards of the Council of Europe among the youth, a cornerstone to ensure the sustainability of democratic reforms.
- ▶ Develop further and gradually cooperation with Sub-Saharan African countries that demonstrate an interest in the standards of the Council of Europe.
- ▶ Act as a facilitating platform for dialogue between Europe and other regions of the world on the priorities of the Council of Europe.

■ Join the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe!

■ In addition to the status of member state, the NSC now offers interested countries the opportunity to participate in its work as associate member.



Member states:

Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Tunisia.

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