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in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*

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09:00 **Registration of participants**

09:30 - 09:50 **Welcoming words**

Mr Nazim Ahmad, Diplomatic Representative of the Ismaili Imamate to the Portuguese Republic
Mr José Carroço, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

09:50 - 10:20 **Introduction to the Lisbon Forum 2018**

Ms Teresa Ribeiro, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal
Amb Manuel Montobbio, Permanent Representative of Spain to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

10:20 - 11:00 **“Youth, Peace and Security” : new opportunities to ensure democracy and human rights**

Keynote speeches:

Mr Ali Altiok, United Network of Youth Peacebuilders (UNOY)

Ms Verena Taylor, Director, Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Recognising the role of youth as agents for peace: policies, strategies, challenges**

Moderator: **Ms Carly Dawson-Walker**, member of the Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe

- **Dr Thabet Al Nabulsi**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- **Dr Luay Shabaneh**, Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Arab States Office
- **Mr Saji Prelis**, Director, Children and Youth Programmes, Search for Common Ground and Co-Chair, Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security
- **Ms Hajer Sharief**, member of UN Advisory Committee on Youth, Peace and Security, Founder of Together we build, Libya

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 - 16:00 **Youth engagement in conflict-affected societies**

Moderator: **Mr Ahmed Magdy**, International Coordinator in Capacity Building, Youth Peer Education Network, Egypt

Key note: **Ms Irena Grizelj**, Independent researcher, trainer and consultant on Youth, Peace and Security, Bosnia and Herzegovina/UK

Panel discussion with case studies:

- **Ms Arbia Jabali**, President of Free Sight Association, Tunisia
- **Ms Dragana Jovanovska**, Executive Director of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
- **Mr Jarle Aarbakke Tollaksen**, Political Advisor on International Affairs, Norwegian Children and Youth Council, Norway

16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 - 18:00 **Multilateral approaches to peace processes in the Euro-med region**

Moderator: **Mr Karim Saafi**, Co-chair, African Diaspora Youth Forum in Europe

Key note: **Dr Mohammed Ahmed Gain**, President, African Institute for Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation

Panel discussion with case studies:

- **Ms Hadil Krekshi** , Project Coordinator, Peaceful Change Initiative, Libya
- **Mr Benedikt Hielscher**, Peacebuilding and Mediation Support programme officer, Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania, Romania
- **Mr Ben Moore**, Assistant Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office

18:00- 18:15 Closing of the day

Friday 16 November 2018

09:30 Which scenarios does the UNSCR 2250 open for *uplifting youth engagement in peace and democratic processes in the Euro-Mediterranean region?*

- **Mr Abdelkader El Khissadi**, senior advisor on Social and Civil Affairs, Union of the Mediterranean
- **Ms Tina Hočevár**, board member, European Youth Forum
- **Mr Graziano Tullio**, Youth Co-operation Programme Officer, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

10:00 - 11:30 Break out sessions

Youth-based approach in structured mechanisms for protection and participation in peace processes.	Youth capacity development for stability and democracy
<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ms Irena Grizelj <u>Contributors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Maryem Agadi, Head of Mission - Cooperations at Partnerships, General Secretariat, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Kingdom of Morocco ▪ Ms Judith Pallarés (Andorra, ALDE), member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, rapporteur “Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts” ▪ Mr Thomas Andersson, Member of the Regional Council of Jämtland and Härjedalen, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe ▪ Mr Peter Holicza, President, PhD Student Union of Óbuda University, Hungary 	<p><u>Facilitator:</u> Mr Ahmed Magdy <u>Contributors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr George Melashvili, Youth delegate of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe ▪ Mr Lasaad Boutara, Director, Minister Plenipotenciary. Directorate-General for Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia Ms Imen Belhadi, Director-General of the National Youth Observatory of Tunisia ▪ Ms Helena Barroco, Global Platform for Syrian Students, Portugal ▪ Mr Luka Z. Božović, trainer and project coordinator, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Serbia

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 12:30 Presentation of the working groups’ results

12:30 - 13:00 Conclusions

Mr Matjaz Gruden, Director of the Democratic participation directorate, Council of Europe

13:30 - 15:00 Networking Lunch

15:00 - 15:30 Celebration of the 29th Anniversary of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

Rapporteurs: Ms Silvia Castellni, Mr Mohamed Ambrosini - Italian Network “Youth, Peace and Security”, Italy