



# North-South Centre

of the Council of Europe



## 2019

# REPORT of ACTIVITIES





In 2019 we proudly started to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the North-South Centre in the context of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe. We remembered the generous and relevant creation of the Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity in 1989 and three decades of its continuous work to spread the values of Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law.

In a constructive trend, fostering cooperation between people, governments, parliamentarians, local and regional authorities and civil society, from Europe and beyond, the Centre has made a valuable contribution towards intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding worldwide, paying special attention to youth.

Looking back and seeing the current achievements with our international well established activities, we can see a positive transforming and spill-over effect on different generations of participants who benefited from the Centre's numerous projects. With long lasting results, the Centre plays a positive role in the personal perception and minds of so many young women and men of diverse nationalities and backgrounds.

Thirty years on, passing through different moments, living all sorts of challenges, with many lessons learned, the Centre indeed gained vast experience and a resilient capacity to better understand its global presence and impact, duly taking into account the evolution and current dynamics in Europe and beyond.

Putting emphasis on a bottom-up approach, working hand in hand with civil society organisations, fostering dialogue and partnerships with non-governmental actors, influencing policy and decision-makers, promoting change for a meaningful and positive impact, the Centre has enthusiastically pursued its work in 2019 in all its programmatic dimensions - youth cooperation, global education and empowerment of women.

In that regard, there are significant moments worth highlighting: the **25<sup>th</sup> Lisbon Forum**, dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals, with the presence of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe and the UNАОС High Representative in Lisbon; the **20<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development**, in Mollina; the **24<sup>th</sup> North-South Prize**, which has rightly recognised many relevant international personalities, from the South and North, for their commitment to the defense of Human Rights, in the past three decades; the commitment to a renewed joint project with the European Union, "**iLegend II**"; and the Centre's special **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Strasbourg** which stressed the importance and quite unique role played by the North-South Centre within the Council of Europe.

Looking ahead, we also embarked in an important reflection process within our statutory bodies, led by the Spanish Chair of our Executive Committee, about the future of the Centre, culminated in a *Vision Paper*, which provides important clues and the necessary tools to better pursue our goals from now on, trying to assure a greater presence and attract more partners and member States.

2019 also marked the end of an important bi-annum cycle where our current projects came to an end and the priorities for the next two years were defined, with new projects coming up. In that regard I would like to thank all generous donors that contributed to our projects until 2019 making also an appeal for the renewal of their commitment for the following bi-annum cycle and inviting all possible partners to join us and support the Centre programmes and activities.

As the Executive Director, and proudly relying on the extraordinary and generous commitment of its Team, I feel particularly honored to be part of this marvelous project, embarking in this fascinating, challenging and hardworking journey, in order to assure that the Centre can fully fulfil its role and maximize its vast potential of utmost relevance which is well embedded in our slogan: "One World Our World".

José Rui Velez Caroço, Executive Director of the North-South Centre

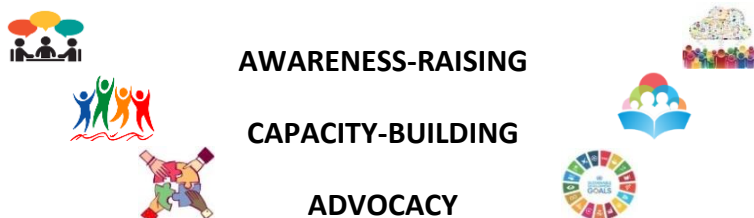
## WHO ARE WE

The **EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND SOLIDARITY**, more commonly known as the "North-South Centre ", an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe, was created in November 1989, as a result of the European public campaign on North-South Interdependence and Solidarity launched in 1988 by the **Council of Europe** in cooperation with the then European Community.

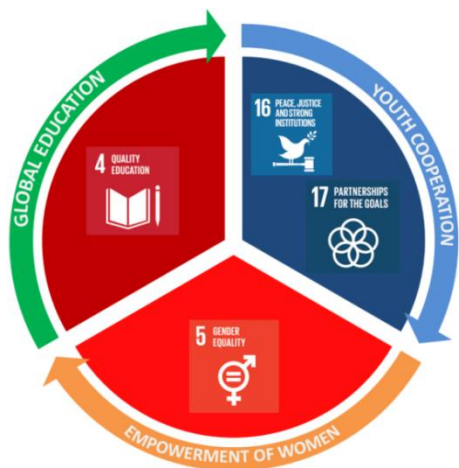
## WHAT DO WE DO

The North-South Centre promotes active global citizenship among governments, parliaments, local & regional authorities and civil society, by raising awareness of global interdependence in Council of Europe member states and beyond.

## HOW DO WE DO THIS



Under the principles of **dialogue, partnership and solidarity**, through a **bottom-up approach**, we bring together **Quadrilogue** representatives - governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society - building bridges between the relevant actors with different cultures, from diverse backgrounds and multiple ap



## WHICH ARE OUR PROGRAMMES

**GLOBAL EDUCATION**

**YOUTH COOPERATION**

**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

## WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS

**21 Member States:** Algeria, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Holy See, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Kingdom of Morocco, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Spain and Tunisia.

**Other stakeholders:** European Union, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, European Parliament, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, EU Committee of the Regions, Conference of NGOs and representatives of three civil society organisations.

## TRANSVERSALITY

Council of Europe values, standards and priorities and the United Nations 2030 Global Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular:

**Goal 4:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all.

**Goal 5:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

**Goal 16:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

**Goal 17:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

# THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE'S KEY DATES



2019

30th anniversary of the creation of the European Centre for global interdependence and solidarity

2017

The North-South Centre launches the movie "Listen to us" to raise awareness on violence against women and victim blaming

Algeria and Bosnia and Herzegovina's accessions to the North-South Centre

2016

Migrant, Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Women and Girls specific needs and vulnerabilities are put on the Agenda

Signature of a new joint management agreement with the European Union

2013

Adoption of the Report on the new Mission of the North-South Centre in the framework of the Council of Europe neighbourhood policy



2012

Resolution PACE 1996 on Equality between women and men: a condition for the success of the Arab Spring

Renewal of the Joint Management Agreement with the European Union

2011

Adoption of a new Statutory Resolution for the North-South Centre



2010



Celebration of the 20th Anniversary

2009

First Joint Management Agreement between the European Union and the Council of Europe for the development of Global Education

Accession of Morocco and Cape Verde, the first non-European countries to become members of the North-South Centre and 1st African University on Youth and Development (Praia).

2007

First Africa-Europe Youth Summit



2005

Launch of the programme Intercultural Dialogue

2002

First Global Education Congress in Maastricht



2000

Launching of the University on Youth and Development (Mollina) • First meeting of the Global Education and Development Network

1995



• Launching of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe (Lisbon)

1994

1st meeting of the Lisbon Forum "Human Rights in North-South dialogue"

• Launching of the "Transmed Programme" and first euro-Mediterranean cooperation of the Council of Europe

1993



• Existence of the North-South Centre confirmed by Resolution (93)51 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

1990

Set up of the North-South Centre in Lisbon.



1989



• Resolution (89)14 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe endorses the creation of the North-South Centre following a proposition by the government of Portugal, with 10 founding countries.

1988

European public campaign on North-South interdependence and solidarity organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the European Community.

• It ended with a European conference of parliamentarians and non-governmental organisations (Madrid, 1-3 June 1988), which issued the Madrid Appeal

1984

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe holds a conference, in Lisbon, on the theme: "North-South: Europe's role" and the "Lisbon Declaration" is adopted (9-11 April).

# ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

	Activity	Type		
		Capacity Building	Awareness raising	Advocacy
February	Global Education Network annual meeting			✓
	North-South Centre Pool of Experts' working meeting			✓
	eLearning course - global education the Citizenship dimension	✓	✓	
May	Visegrad regional seminar follow-up meeting on Global Development Education (3rd)		✓	✓
June	7th Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship "Youth and Justice"	✓	✓	
	Diaspora Youth Training Course	✓	✓	
	Quadrilogue seminar on youth participation and multilevel governance	✓	✓	
	Balkan regional seminar follow-up meeting on Global Development Education (3rd)		✓	✓
July	3 <sup>rd</sup> Workshop for the Empowerment of Women		✓	✓
	Meeting on youth, media and gender equality	✓	✓	✓
September	XXIV North-South Prize of the Council of Europe		✓	
	20th University on Youth & Development "Youth and Justice"	✓	✓	
	Training Course "Strengthening youth capacities for peace & security"	✓	✓	
	Women Empowerment meeting "Promoting Gender Equality and Diversity"	✓	✓	
October	Seed Funding for Youth-led initiatives in the Southern Mediterranean region	✓	✓	
November	Global Education Week 2019 "Wake Up! This is the final call for climate."		✓	✓
	Lisbon Forum 2019 "Bridging the paradigm: the relation between development and human rights, democracy and the rule of Law. Achieving together the SDGs"		✓	✓
December	Follow-up seminar of the 2018 Lisbon Forum "Enhancing interregional and multilevel cooperation to support local youth engagement in peace processes"		✓	✓
	Roundtable "the North-South Centre: a Council of Europe's window to the world"		✓	✓

**We  
organised  
19 activities**

**with  
1042  
partakers\***

**We were  
involved in  
25 partner  
initiatives**

\*this number may increase due to the final beneficiaries of the seed funding (final numbers will be available in the 2020 report) and the participants of the Global Education Week

## XXIV NORTH-SOUTH PRIZE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

**When & where?** 13 September, Lisbon, Portugal

**Who?** 70 civil society organisations, media and quadrilogue representatives

**Achievements:** Jaha Mapenzi Dukureh and Damien Carême are the two laureates of the 2018 North-South Prize in recognition of their dedication to human rights, sustainable development and global solidarity.

### Jaha Dukureh

Through “Safe Hands for Girls”, Jaha Dukureh provides support to African women and girls who survive Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and addresses its lifelong, harmful physical and psychological consequences. Alongside women’s organizations and civil society, she contributed to the Gambian Government’s ban on FGM after youth mobilization and campaigning in the country.

Born in The Gambia in 1989, Ms. Dukureh is a survivor of FGM and was forced into child marriage at the age of 15. Her life story was captured in a 2017 documentary, "Jaha’s Promise", about a brave woman whose ultimate vision is to ensure that FGM and child marriage become horrors of the past.

In February 2018, UN Women appointed Ms Dukureh as the first Regional Goodwill Ambassador for Africa. In 2016, Time Magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people.



Damien Carême, a French politician, is the former Mayor of Grande-Synthe, in the outskirts of Dunkirk, from 2001 to 2019. He is a strong promoter of social equality and ecology, being responsible for the creation of “communal gardens” and the introduction of 100% of biological products in school canteens, among other measures. In 2010, Grande-Synthe was elected “capital of biodiversity” and received the "Fleur d'Or", "Ville Zéro Phyto", and the "Citizen Energy" awards.

Mr. Carême is also known as the “mayor of migrants” for the strong stand he took in favour of refugees throughout his mandate. In 2017, he led the construction of a humanitarian camp which provides shelter for thousands of migrants whose freedom of movement was suspended at the French-UK border. The camp, built without financial support from the State and in compliance with the norms of the United Nations, has the capacity to accommodate 2500 people.



## LISBON FORUM 2019

### "BRIDGING THE PARADIGM: THE RELATION BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW. ACHIEVING TOGETHER THE SDGS"

**When & where?** 28-29 November, Lisbon, Portugal

**Who?** 230 Government representatives, Local and Regional Authorities, Parliamentarians, civil society organisations and media

**Achievements:** In the framework of a constructive dialogue, over forty speakers shared their views and experiences. The Forum reflected on the relation between development and human rights, democracy and the rule of law, for the full achievement of the objectives of sustainable development.

The 25th Lisbon Forum fully proved its worth as the natural place for dialogue and exchange of experience. It produced a wealth of insights and experiences.

On the first day, following the opening addresses by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, former President of Portugal Jorge Sampaio, Miguel Angel Moratinos on behalf of the Secretary General of the United Nations, and Chair of the Executive Committee of the North South Centre, the Forum discussed the assessments of the "quadrilogue", as well as the approaches of international organisations with regards to the achievement of the SDGs. The programme offered opportunities to learn about the experience of parliamentarians from different backgrounds; the past and planned contributions of local and regional authorities to the 2030 Agenda; and the challenges faced by civil society organisations.

On the second day the Forum mainly discussed the role of intercultural dialogue, and the potential contributions of the North-South Centre to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.



## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

### ROUNDTABLE "THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE: A COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S WINDOW TO THE WORLD"

**When & where?** 16 December, Strasbourg, France

**Who?** 65 Government representatives, Local and Regional Authorities, Parliamentarians and civil society.

**Achievements:** The roundtable reflected on the vision in which the North-South Centre's mission - more relevant than ever - could be achieved more effectively in the challenging years to come.

It counted with introductory remarks by Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, who called on states from Europe and its neighbouring regions to join the North-South Centre, to better tackle global challenges such as populism and radicalisation, climate change, conflict and instability and resulting migrant flows. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, Ambassador Manuel Montobbio also intervened.

This was then followed by a panel dedicated to the Quadrilogue approach of the Centre, which counted with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Ambassador Irakli Giviashvili, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Committee of Ministers,

Mr Anders Knape, President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Ms Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe.

Former Laureates of the North-South Prize, Ms Vera Duarte and Ms Lora Pappa, as well as Mr Jos Lemmers, first Executive Director of the North-South Centre, Ms Sara Amaral, former trainee and Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe contributed to a debate on **"a long path to solidarity in an interdependent globalized world. How far have we gone? Where are we heading to?"**



A Vision Paper on this occasion was presented. It was the result of a reflection process which was carried out to define the Centre's strategic axes and forthcoming orientations and provides a future vision for the Centre.

This was followed by a video projection and closing words of Mr José Carço, Executive Director of the North-South Centre, ending with an exhibition on the 30 years of work of the North-South Centre and a reception at the Foyer of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.





## FOLLOW-UP OF THE 2018 LISBON FORUM ON “YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY”

### SEED FUNDING FOR YOUTH-LED ORGANISATIONS

The 2018 Lisbon Forum, financed by South Programme III, prompted the importance of providing spaces and prospects for youth to unfold their potential in order to sustain the youth, peace and security (YPS) UN agenda.

To this end a seed funding scheme was launched for youth-led projects taking place in the Euro-Mediterranean region connected with the key findings and recommendations of the Forum.

11 proposals were received by youth-led organisations from Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Israel, the Kingdom of Morocco and Palestine\*.

Three local and regional projects which promote youth engagement in peace, security and democratic processes in the Euro-Med region were selected and initiated in October.



#### MAAT Foundation For Peace, Development and Human Rights (Egypt)

*Promoting the role of youth in peace and security in the Southern Mediterranean*

Creation of a five day youth forum in Egypt, “Peace Makers Forum”, aimed at preventing youth violent extremism and promoting a culture of peace with youth from Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.



#### Youth Empowerment Society – YES (Morocco)

*Get Heard Plus*

Project aimed at strengthening women’s advocacy capacities to defend women’s right and raise awareness on sexual harassment and assault in Morocco.



#### AICEM (Palestine)

*From Witness to Actor: capacity building path to change the narrative about youth, with a specific focus on their contribution to youth, peace and security*

Project aimed at creating a structured education format for young people to be active actors in the field of advocacy for YPS in Palestine.

## “ENHANCING INTERREGIONAL AND MULTILEVEL COOPERATION TO SUPPORT LOCAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN PEACE PROCESSES”

FOLLOW-UP SEMINAR OF THE 2018 LISBON FORUM

**When & where?** 5-6 December, Amman, Jordan

**Who?** 79 government representatives, UN and other intergovernmental institutions, Regional Authorities, researchers and grassroots civil society organisations.

**Achievements:** Building upon the recommendations of the 2018 Lisbon Forum, the seminar, financed by South Programme III, focused on how interregional cooperation and international mechanisms already in place can support the development of national and local youth inclusive strategies in peacebuilding process.

The seminar was organised in partnership with the Minister of Youth of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (who championed the UNSCR 2250 “youth peace and security” in 2015), counting with the involvement of all the major stakeholders active in the “Youth, Peace and Security agenda”: from the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth to the different UN Agencies, engaging also with UNOY young peacebuilders, local youth initiatives and national coalitions covering a wide region from Finland to Yemen.

The Seminar encouraged a greater cooperation among relevant actors, increasing awareness about each other’s roles and relevance on issues related to youth, peace and democratic security.



Several dynamic and participative working sessions helped in identifying the “take-ins” that interregional cooperation could bring in defining a more youth-inclusive global agenda for peace. On the other side, new challenges and issues to be further addressed were identified, creating a bridge with the current and future projects of the Youth Cooperation Programme of the Centre.

The participants elaborated a document containing recommendations and key messages to be addressed to national governments, international institutions as well as to grassroots youth initiatives.



# YOUTH COOPERATION



## 7<sup>TH</sup> MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (MEDUNI) - “YOUTH AND JUSTICE”

**When & where?** 9-16 June Hammamet, Tunisia

**Who?** 200 youth workers, youth representatives, policy makers, institutional representatives, international organisations, academia and researchers from the Euro-Mediterranean region.

**Achievements:** 11 activities and a joint programme organised in cooperation with partner organisations promoting access to justice and allowing for synergies and cooperation in the region.

In this programme we provide capacity building and networking opportunities bridging institutional representatives, youth-related structures and youth organisations, to increase youth participation and interregional cooperation on youth policies.

**398** participants from **60** nationalities


**Europe:** Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom

**Southern Mediterranean:** Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Lebanon, Libya, Tunisia

**Other:** Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Columbia, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Philippines, Republic of Congo, South Africa, Togo, United States of America

ACTIVITY	ORGANISER
Diaspora youth for inclusive decision making and global citizenship	<b>North-South Centre (NSC)</b>
ALTERNATIVES - Countering hate speech & injustice through dialogue & human rights education	<b>Youth Department of the Council of Europe</b>
Quadrilogue seminar: Broadening the space for Youth, Peace and Security	<b>North-South Centre (NSC)</b>
Empowering youth: local youth councils	<b>Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</b>
Ending sexual violence in the Mediterranean region	<b>Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya (CNJC)</b>
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Simulation	<b>Model African Union</b>
Youth Innovation for Political Participation	<b>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Regional Bureau for Arab States</b>
Training for leaders of Peace Clubs	<b>Observatoire National de la Jeunesse (ONJ), British Council (BC)</b>
The role of Youth in achieving sustainable development goals	<b>Observatoire National de la Jeunesse, Search For Common Ground (SFCG)</b>
Annual Meeting of International and Regional Stakeholders	<b>North-South Centre and all partners</b>
Blind Football for inclusion and social justice	<b>International Centre for Sport Security - Save the Dream (ICSS)</b>



 **Find out more:**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/north-south-centre/youth-co-operation-activities>

### **Diaspora youth: inclusive decision making for global citizenship (NSC)**

20 young leaders with a diaspora background or working with diaspora and migrant communities were enabled to participate more effectively in decision making processes aiming at social cohesion in Europe, with special attention to the integration of young migrant and refugees.

### **ALTERNATIVES - Countering hate speech & injustice through dialogue & human rights education (CoE Youth Department)**

The current issues in relation to hate speech and human rights were explored and developed the competences of 18 youth and human rights activists to combat hate speech, with special regard to support Mediterranean youth work and Euro-Arab youth cooperation.

### **Quadrilogue seminar: Broadening the space for Youth, Peace and Security (NSC)**

Youth participation in structured dialogues with decision makers was enhanced; tackling current topics in the youth agenda related the UNSCR 2250. The competences of 15 youth and human rights activists to combat hate speech & support Euro-Arab youth cooperation were developed.

### **Empowering youth: local youth councils (OECD)**

Knowledge was enhanced and skills developed of 20 local youth councils members on participative tools and good governance at local level. Participants shared their experiences and took part in real-life practical simulations based on challenges encountered by youth when trying to engage in participative democracy at the local level.

### **Ending sexual violence in the Mediterranean region (CNJC)**

Awareness was raised and advocacy campaigns created on the prevention and action against sexual violence in the Mediterranean region. 13 participants were provided with the tools to run campaigns and exchanged best practices and knowledge between them.

### **African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

Awareness was raised among 30 young leaders on the institutional Human Rights framework within the African Continent, advocating for SDG 16.3 and on the collaboration with the EU & implementation monitoring.

### **The role of Youth in achieving the SDGs (ONJ, SFCG)**

20 youth were trained to become leaders in the youth sector using non-formal education activities to promote the Agenda 2030 among local communities in Tunisia.

### **Training for leaders of Peace Clubs (ONJ, BC)**

20 NGO representatives were taught on how to use the peace club guide to conduct weekly civic education activities for youth in youth centers.

### **Annual Meeting: International & Regional Stakeholders**

Stakeholders in the youth field in the region discussed the vision, priorities & actions related to youth policies looking for synergies, ensuring coordination among the different initiatives. Topics that might become the annual focus of the future Universities were also shared, ensuring continuity with the follow-up activities organised by partners throughout the year.

### **Blind football for inclusion and social justice (ICSS)**

A unique opportunity to reflect on social justice, democratic participation & social inclusion, it pointed out how those issues can be tackled through sports and what specific situations & challenges young people with disabilities face in regards of those issues.

### **Youth Social Innovation Camp: Innovation for Political Participation (UNDP - Arab States)**

The capacities of Arab youth in contributing to matters related to their civic and political participation in the Arab region were promoted. Dialogue on these topics was encouraged, giving them a space to express their challenges, concerns and solutions in constructive ways.

## 20<sup>TH</sup> UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT (UYD) “YOUTH AND JUSTICE”

**When & where?** 16-22 September, Mollina, Spain

**Who?** 198 youth workers, youth representatives, policy makers, institutional representatives, international organisations, academia and researchers from the Euro-Mediterranean region.

This year’s edition marked the UYDs 20th anniversary and several moments were dedicated to celebrate this.

**Achievements:** 11 activities and a joint programme organised in cooperation with partner organisations promoting access to justice and allowing for synergies and opportunities for interregional cooperation.

The UYD empowered young people, built synergies among policy makers, nurtured civic engagement and promoted respect for human rights, in Europe and beyond, towards a more peaceful society where everyone can benefit from freedom and protection and “no one is left behind”.

ACTIVITY	ORGANISER
Training course: Strengthening youth capacities for peace & security	North-South Centre (NSC)
Action planning seminar: Capitalizing youth empowerment	European Students Forum (AEGEE- Europe)
Training of Trainers: Social justice & political empowerment	International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY)
Preparatory meeting: promoting gender equality & diversity	North-South Centre (NSC)
Training course: Youth goals: a pathway to practice implementation	Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya (CNJC)
Seminar: the wonderful wizards of youth work	Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)
Working group: inclusion and participation	Developing Youth Participation at Local Level (DYPALL)
Plenary meeting: Autumn plenary on SDG 16	Youth Regional Network (YRN)
Focus Group: UfM Youth Strategy	Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
Evaluation meeting: 7th MedUni	North-South Centre, Observatoire National de la Jeunesse
Evaluation seminar: Spreading seeds	Organising Bureau of European School Students (OBESSU)



### **Training course: Strengthening youth capacities for peace & security (NSC)**

The capacities of 20 youth peacebuilders and young human rights activists from the Euro-Med region were built in advocacy, political participation, conflict transformation & prevention of violent extremism. Participants developed youth-based and human rights-based competences, enabling them to use human rights mechanisms and reporting tools to address injustice and transform conflicts.

### **Training of Trainers: Social justice & political empowerment (IUSY)**

14 participants were provided with a holistic approach for more fair and peaceful societies and encouraged to reflect on justice, political activism and non-formal education as important elements of youth empowerment and participation.

### **Training course: Youth goals (CNJC)**

Youth goals were promoted as a tool for the empowerment of European youth entities. Participants were led from a conceptual understanding of the goals to practical implementation models, gaining the necessary means to design strategic actions for achieving them following a practical guide.

### **Focus Group: UfM Youth Strategy (UfM)**

Euro-Med experts on youth policies and representatives of youth-serving organisations developed a structured & coordinated Youth Strategy in line with the UfM regional mandate. Participants exchanged successful experiences and good practices whilst identifying key priority areas to define common actions to be taken to better mainstream the youth.

### **Evaluation meeting: 7th MedUni (NSC, ONJ)**

7<sup>th</sup> MedUni impact assessment looking into 8<sup>th</sup> edition building on the lessons learnt and feedback gathered.

### **Seminar: the wonderful wizards of youth work (YEU)**

25 experienced youth work providers explored the practices & principles of non-formal education, defining new quality work for youth standards. Their capacities were built to react to different youth needs and awareness was raised about youth work recommendations, advocating for the implementation at local/national levels.

### **Working group: inclusion and participation (DYPALL)**

Members of the International Steering Group, Working Group on Participation & Inclusion and the executive team were provided with a structured space for reflection on upcoming strategic priorities for the Network development. Reacting to the global youth demands, setting up an agenda taking into account youth participation at the level of public authorities were approached.

### **Action planning seminar: Capitalizing youth empowerment (AEGEE-Europe)**

Youth were trained on youth participation increasing their advocacy skills and competences, taking stock of the results to formulate action for social change at local, national, regional and international levels.

### **Plenary meeting: Autumn plenary on SDG 16 (YRN)**

Outputs for an Action Plan for youth engagement within SDG16 were fixed. Youth delegates gained knowledge and got more connected with other youth delegates around the world and found together solutions to common challenges.

### **Evaluation seminar: Spreading seeds (OBESSU)**

The last year of the project “Seeds for Integration” was evaluated. Challenges & good practices to be shared and up scaled at European level were identified, helping design follow-up actions, identifying the link between migration, justice in education for the future.



## GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING

**When & where?** 25-26 February Lisbon, Portugal

**Who?** 26 national coordinators of the GE network, practitioners and institutional representatives

**Achievements:** Experiences and practices shared on issues related to Global Education advocacy, partnerships, outreach and funding. Based on the recommendations of the 2017 meeting and building on the 2018 progress assessment the network coordinators concurred to set up three task forces to cover the three areas - advocacy, partnerships and outreach – which will meet regularly, allowing a greater involvement of the GE network coordinators throughout the year.



In this programme we bring together different stakeholders to **strengthen global development education through intercultural learning, dialogue and networking** in Council of Europe member states and neighbouring regions.

**109** participants\* from **29** nationalities

**Europe:** Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom

**Southern Mediterranean:** Morocco

## ELEARNING COURSE:

### GLOBAL EDUCATION: CITIZENSHIP DIMENSION

**When?** 4 February - 3 March

**Who?** 23 educators, social transformers, researchers, youth activists, civil society practitioners, social innovators, social entrepreneurs, new media journalists, policy makers and civil servants.

**Achievements:** An online training course which inspires and strengthens democratic citizenship - through conceptual and methodological approaches and tutored individual and collective assignments, as well as a discussion forum - among learners, aiming at transformation towards social justice and sustainability in a globalised world.

The course complements the Global Education Guidelines, a pedagogical tool for educators and policy makers to understand and implement global education.



**Find out more:**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/north-south-centre/global-education-activities>

\*excludes GEW indirect beneficiaries

## VISEGRAD REGIONAL SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (3RD)

**When & where?** 23-24 May Budapest, Hungary

**Who?** 24 stakeholders representing educators, academia, civil society organisations, Ministries of Education, Foreign Affairs and UNESCO national commission

**Achievements:** The state of play in each country and on the contribution of research in the field of global education were discussed and reinforcing the work with academia in the field of teacher training, continuing professional development and impact measurement.

The level of implementation of the recommendations in the field of GDE policy and curricula development, pedagogical support and advocacy in the region, since the last follow-up meeting, was assessed.



## BALKAN REGIONAL SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (3RD)

**When & where?** 27-28 June Podgorica, Montenegro

**Who?** 36 stakeholders: including educators and representatives from youth organisations, CSOs, Ministries of Education, Parliamentary education commission and the Council of Europe office in Montenegro

**Achievements:** Through working sessions on policy development, professional development of educators, pedagogical tools and awareness-raising, the GDE state of play in Balkan countries since the last follow-up meeting was discussed, good practices shared and expertise in the field of advocacy, policy support, competence development of educators and awareness raising.

The testing phase of the Reference Framework on Competences for Democratic Culture in the region was also shared. It was also an opportunity to present the iLEGEND II draft project and the draft revised version of Global Education Guidelines.



The **Global Education Guidelines**, the North-South Centre's reference GE pedagogical resource, was revised and published - in light of contemporary challenges and on recent elements of tension at social, economic, political, cultural and environmental level, the pedagogical elements of the new Global Education Guidelines valorize intercultural understanding and practice, conflict prevention and democratic culture. It introduces methodological approaches to support GE measurement and monitoring, being aligned with the Council of Europe Reference Framework for Competences for Democratic Culture and with the UN Sustainable Development Goals monitoring process.

## GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK 2019

**“WAKE UP! THIS IS THE FINAL CALL FOR CLIMATE.”**

**When & where?** 18-24 November, across Europe

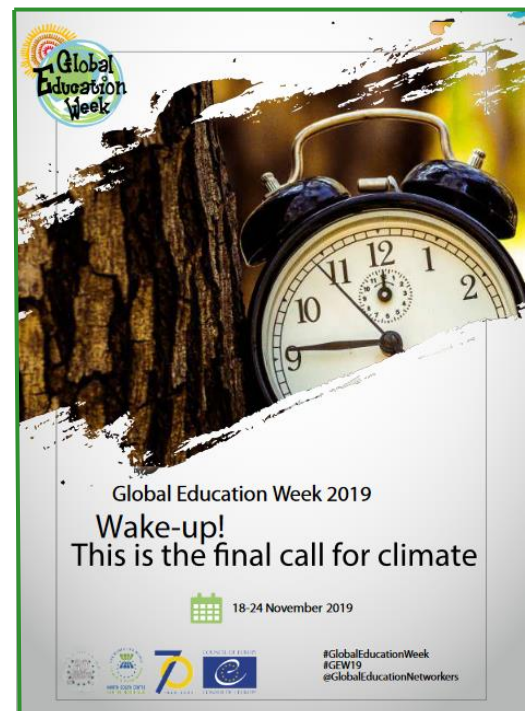
**Who?** Formal and non-formal Educators & Learners from Council of Europe member States

**Achievements:** The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe promoted the 2019 Global Education Week (GEW), among 40 National coordinators, Events took place in over 19 countries across Europe, in both formal and non-formal education settings in the format of conferences, debates, campaigns, exhibitions, performances, contests, training for youth leaders, workshops, film screenings, newspaper creations, and awareness raising actions on the streets, among others.

## SIGNATURE OF THE PROJECT “iLEGEND II”

In October 2019 the Council of Europe and the European Union committed to a new joint project “iLegend II” which aims to foster a better understanding of global issues and their economic, social, political, environmental and cultural interconnectedness among policy-makers, educators and youth workers and builds on the successes of iLegend, a three-year project that closed in July 2019. The project will support activities in European Union Member States as well as candidate and potential candidate countries - with special focus in four sub-regions: Baltic, Balkan, South-East and Mediterranean and Visegrad. The project consists of two main components:

- **Institutional:** providing spaces for dialogue among multiple stakeholders (representatives from governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society) with the aim to strengthen policy development and implementation in favor of global development education in targeted countries. This pillar consists of a series of regional seminars, micro-grants for national projects and a final congress.
- **Capacity Building:** the project invests in developing capacities not only of educators (formal and non-formal) and “youth multipliers”, but also of government officials from relevant ministries (Education, Youth, Foreign-Affairs). This pillar consists of a series of residential and online courses, together with the dissemination of pedagogical resources, i.e. the revised version of the Global Education Guidelines (GEG): a handbook for educators and policy makers to understand and implement GE concepts and methodologies.





## NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE POOL OF EXPERTS' WORKING MEETING

**When & where?** 20-22 February Lisbon, Portugal

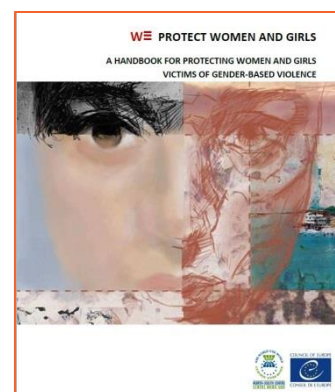
**Who?** North-South Centre pool of experts on women's rights in the Southern Mediterranean - eight experts from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine\* and Tunisia operating at a regional level and developing innovative tools and methods to reinforce cooperation in combating gender-based violence

**Achievements:** Peer-exchange of expertise and experiences contributed to discuss countries' needs based on realities on the ground in order to identify regional common issues and priorities' actions to be developed into a regional tool and implemented for 2020-2021 in the Southern Mediterranean to combat violence against women and girls. A roadmap was therefore defined.

## WE PROTECT WOMEN AND GIRLS: A HANDBOOK FOR PROTECTING VICTIMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

As a result of the work developed with the North-South Centre pool of experts, a draft version of a handbook for a coordinated action to ensure comprehensive protection of women and girls victims/survivors of gender-based violence in the Southern Mediterranean region was produced. The latter provides key steps, standards and good practices and will be launched in 2020 together with a new project within the Women Empowerment programme: *WE combat violence against women*.

In cooperation with women organisations, the project is focused on the regional cooperation in the European and Southern Mediterranean regions to strengthen a common understanding and condemnation of violence against women and girls while supporting awareness and training actions on the victim-centred approach.



In this programme we provide a **platform for multi-level cooperation** for women and women organisations across the Mediterranean to **achieve gender equality and combat violence against women**.

**88** participants from **17** nationalities

**Europe:** Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey

**Southern Mediterranean:** Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine\*, Tunisia, Syria



**Find out more:**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/north-south-centre/activities-empowerment-of-women>

### 3<sup>RD</sup> WORKSHOP FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

#### “NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN RHETORIC AND PRACTICE TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE”

**When & where?** 3 July Madrid, Spain

**Who?** 60 actors from civil society and governments of the Southern Mediterranean and European regions and International organisations such as the International Organisation for Migration and United Nations agencies operating in the region (UN Women and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia)

**Achievements:** The Workshop, organised in partnership with Casa Árabe and with the support of the Government of Portugal, delved into two focus topics: the cross-border cooperation in protecting refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls and the domestic implementation of the victim-centred approach.

The protection of women and girls against gender-based violence to bridge the gap between existing solutions and international standards and their effective implementation, as well as the current potential of the regional and multi-stakeholder cooperation was explored.



### CLOSING THE CYCLE OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

The cycle of the North-South Centre Workshops for the Empowerment of Women initiated in October 2017 and ended with the Madrid Workshop. Conceived as spaces for dialogue, multi-level cooperation and exchange of good practices, the themes of role of women organisations, application of laws on women’s rights and women and girls protection were respectively tackled in Amman, Algiers and Madrid. The Workshops contributed to highlight pressing concerns in the region and provided key recommended actions which gravitate around the necessity to establish and cultivate concrete and efficient cross-cooperation and multi-sectorial partnerships based on the realities and challenges on the ground.



## MEETING ON YOUTH, MEDIA AND GENDER EQUALITY

**When & where?** 2 July Madrid, Spain

**Who?** 14 youth representatives from civil society in the Euro-Mediterranean region

**Achievements:** Conclusions collected among the youth representatives in the Euro-Mediterranean region were presented to quadrilogue members during the Madrid Workshop. Furthermore, the youth's role in achieving gender equality was promoted.

On a session dedicated to the role of youth in achieving gender equality, CURE Foundation, from Bosnia and Herzegovina presented its youth-led initiative "Violence in youth relationships", which was distinguished by the North-South Centre for its innovative and holistic approach.

Through these exchanges of grassroots experiences and challenges faced and future priorities, young people from the North and South of the Mediterranean have an in-depth reflection to capitalise their respective work to achieve greater results.

These conclusions of youth representatives, which supplement those collected at the Algiers Workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> workshop for the empowerment of women), during a youth preliminary meeting, drove the future projects of the North-South Centre in relation to women's rights and gender equality.



## PREPARATORY MEETING: "PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY"

**When & where?** 15 September, Mollina, Spain (20th University on Youth and Development)

**Who?** 4 Experts and regional organisations on gender equality and media

**Achievements:** Partnerships were developed between the North-South Centre and relevant regional civil society organisations (COPEAM, ABAAD and European Network of Migrant Women) in the framework of preparations of the North-South Centre's project: Promoting Diversity and Equality for 2020-2021, aiming at combating intersecting discriminations against women in the Euro-Mediterranean region and beyond through media, intercultural dialogue and global education. The meeting contributed to define common objectives and discuss modalities of cooperation in implementing the project's activities such as: trainings of journalists, public awareness campaigns and gender mainstreaming in intercultural dialogue, global education and youth cooperation.



# INVOLVEMENT IN PARTNER INITIATIVES

5 February, Lisbon, Portugal

Faculdade de Direito, Universidade Nova de Lisboa  
Project "Challenges for Global Citizenship: Migration as a pillar to the construction of peaceful and inclusive societies"

21-22 February, Belgrade, Serbia

Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean  
13th Plenary Session

8 March, Lisbon, Portugal

Faculdade de Direito, Universidade Nova de Lisboa  
Conference: "Igualdade de Género e Mobilidade: Desafios e oportunidades para o Desenvolvimento na Lusofonia"



8 May, Bonn, Germany

Deutsch-Afrikanische Jugendinitiative  
Symposium "European-African Youth Exchange: Making the case for active citizenship and solidarity"

18-20 March, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe  
Steering Committee and joint Council on Youth

21 March, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe  
Steering Committee on Education



9 April, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe  
Education and Culture Committee Spring Session

2-3 May, Baku, Azerbaijan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan  
5th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue  
'Building dialogue into action against discrimination, inequality and violent conflict'

6 May, Lisbon, Portugal

Instituto para a promoção da América Latina e Caraibas  
"Triângulo Estratégico: América Latina - Europa - África"





22 March, Warsaw, Poland

Council of Europe  
Warsaw Conference on the role and position of NGOs in the Council of Europe

28 March, Lisbon, Portugal

Dialogue Café  
"It's time for gender equality"

22-25 May, Strasbourg, France

Council of Europe  
15th Gender Equality Commission

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22-24 May, Barcelona, Spain  
Union for the Mediterranean  
Regional Dialogue "Shared views on key issues in the Mediterranean"

27-29 May, Carcavelos, Portugal  
Estoril Conferences  
"Empowering Humanity: from global to local justice"

28-29 May, Lisbon, Portugal  
Direção-Geral da Educação, Ministry of Education of Portugal  
International Conference "Education, Citizenship and the World"



21-22 June, Lisbon, Portugal

Conselho Nacional de Juventude, Portugal  
World Conference of Ministers for Youth and Youth Summit  
(Youth +21)

3 July, Lisbon, Portugal

OXFAM Italia  
"Walk the Global Walk" SDG Summer School on "Sustainable Cities and Communities"



8 October, Lisbon, Portugal

Visit of the Portuguese Diplomats  
of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15-16 October, Brussels, Belgium

European Commission DEAR exchange hub

22 October, Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal

EU/ON: EU 2030 – Diálogo Jovem sobre a União Europeia e os  
Objetivos de Desenvolvimento Sustentável



6-7 November, Helsinki, Finland

Bridge 47  
Envision 47 Conference

6-8 November, Budapest, Hungary

League of Arab States  
Euro-Arab Youth Forum in Budapest

13 November, Lisbon, Portugal

Clube Intercultural Europeu  
Visit of Czech Professors to the North-South Centre



12 December, Lisbon, Portugal (online)

Dialogue Café Portugal  
Official Opening of Dialogue Café Novi Sad

16 December, Tbilisi, Georgia

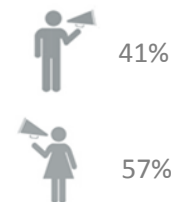
Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies  
“Diaspora Youth as Agents for Inclusive Societies and Global  
Development Education”



## FACEBOOK

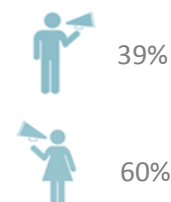
By December 2019 the North-South Centre **Facebook page** had a total of 8 023 fans and a total of 8 134 followers, an increase of 11% since last year.

Country	Followers	Fans
Portugal	777	763
Tunisia	488	480
Italy	453	447
Egypt	449	434
France	325	323



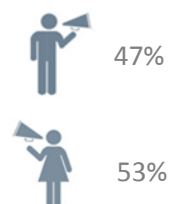
The group of fans and followers of the Global Education network **Facebook page** reached a total of 3 445 fans and 3 472 followers, an increase of 5% since last year.

Country	Followers	Fans
Portugal	246	245
Egypt	188	184
Romania	185	178
Tunisia	176	175
Algeria	158	157



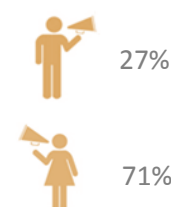
The Global YOUTH **Facebook page** of the Youth Cooperation Programme has reached a high of 10 440 followers and 10 299 fans, an increase of 29% since last year.

Country	Followers	Fans
Tunisia	1 039	1 029
Egypt	582	573
Spain	480	473
Portugal	431	431
Morocco	411	406



The fan base of the **EuroMed Women Network** reached a high of 3 934 followers and 3 890 fans, an increase of 9% since last year.

Country	Followers	Fans
Tunisia	485	484
Egypt	255	252
Italy	255	252
Morocco	228	225
France	226	223



## TWITTER

Total audience: 1 876 followers, an increase of 12% since last year



### Country

Country name	% of audience
France	10%
Belgium	8%
Spain	7%
United Kingdom	6%
Portugal	6%
Italy	5%



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (January-December 2019)					
	Article	Source	Amount		
Receipts	9999000	Contrib Member States	473,100.00		
	9999007/10	Voluntary contributions (Member States and other)	230,000.00		
	9999011	European Union	828,568.51		
	9999030	Financial Products	3,843.01		
	9999200	South Programme III dotation	100,000.00		
	9999040	Other Receipts	234.55		
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,635,746.07</b>	
	Article	Type of Expenditure	Budget	Spent / Committed	Unspent
Expenditure	0000001	CDI Staff	89,259.29	89,259.29	0.00
	0000003	Temporary Staff	178,900.58	178,025.50	875.08
	0000013	Secondements	1,000.00	658.80	341.20
	0000014	Trainees	700.00	265.95	434.05
	0000263	Activities financed by VCs and EU funds	1,158,568.51	1,158,568.51	0.00
	0000378	Contributions to Council of Europe OB	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
	0000379	Contributions to Pensions	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
	6511001	Running Costs	64,440.13	57,258.21	7,181.92
	6511002	Programme Expenditure	105,877.56	93,396.15	12,481.41
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,635,746.07</b>	<b>1,614,432.41</b>
	Group of Expenditure		Budget	Spent / Committed	%
	Staff Costs		282,859.87	281,209.54	17.42%
	Programme implementation		1,264,446.07	1,251,964.66	77.55%
	Running Costs		88,440.13	81,258.21	5.03%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,635,746.07</b>	<b>1,614,432.41</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
1) Expenditure figures are still subject to variation after final closing of Purchase Orders that were still open at the date of production of the financial statement.					
2) The figures presented for activities financed by EU funds correspond to the total expenditure since the start of the project on the 26 July 2016.					

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