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1st Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship “Democratic Citizenship”

International Cultural Centre – Hammamet, Tunisia

1-8 July 2013

1. INTRODUCTION

This first edition of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship will be held at the International Cultural Centre in Hammamet, Tunisia, on the topic “Democratic Citizenship”.

The University is organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the National Youth Observatory of Tunisia and in partnership with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, the EU-CoE youth partnership, the League of Arab States, the Italian National Youth Forum (Forum Nazionale dei Giovani) and other youth organisations.

The University is inspired by the model of the University on Youth and Development that takes place annually in Mollina, Spain, since 2000. It is the youngest University of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship (together with the 3 others organised in Spain, Cape Verde and Uruguay) that is facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. The Network has identified “Democratic Citizenship” as the joint theme for all the Universities in 2013. Partners have agreed that the issues of education for democratic citizenship, media/social media and new ways of youth participation and involvement of young people and youth organisations in decision/policy-making processes will be among the main dimensions for discussion.

The overall objective of the University is to promote youth work development and youth participation in the Mediterranean region, political mainstreaming of the youth related issues and youth policy development (in light of the experiences, standards and mechanisms of the Council of Europe), reinforcing capacity-building of different “quadrilogue” actors in the youth field at both regional and national levels, promoting Euro-Arab / Euro-Med youth co-operation and Global Youth Work and promoting human rights, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship as essential dimensions of global education.

2. PARTNERS' ACTIVITIES

In the framework of the 1st Mediterranean University, **the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe** will organise three activities:

Roundtable on New Media and Youth Participation - 2nd July (afternoon – see separate programme)

The round table is organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the EU – CoE youth partnership. It will be followed by the workshop “Youth participation and social media” organised by the EU-CoE youth partnership. In addition to young participants of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship, representatives of national parliaments, representatives of governments, representatives of local and regional authorities and civil society representatives will participate in the event.

The overall objective of the round table and of the workshop on youth participation and social media organised by the EU-CoE youth partnership is to contribute to youth empowerment and democratic citizenship through the use of social media, following the Council of Europe standards and best practices.

During this round table, the representatives of four dimensions of governance (“the quadrilogue”) will address opportunities, challenges and risks brought by new media for the exercise of democratic citizenship by young people. Moreover, key priorities to be addressed by governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society will be identified.

Civil society actors in democratic transformations: Sharing the experience of Central and Eastern European NGOs - 3rd July (morning – see separate programme)

The activity is organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Italian National Youth Forum (FNG). In addition to young participants of the Mediterranean University, representatives of national parliaments, representatives of governments, representatives of local and regional authorities and civil society representatives will participate in the event.

Opportunities, challenges and risks encountered by civil society both in Central and Eastern Europe and in South and Eastern Mediterranean region will be discussed. This exchanges of good practices between youth organisations and at all levels of the “quadrilogue” will lead to identifying key priorities to be addressed by governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society.

The activity will contribute to strengthening of civil society and in particular youth organisations in the South and Eastern Mediterranean following the Council of Europe standards and best practices. It will also contribute to fostering transregional partnerships between civil society actors.

The exchange will be followed by the 2nd Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Youth Leaders Meeting, organised by the Italian National Youth Forum.

4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe – 1 to 7 July

The fourth Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe will be organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe (ADYNE), under the framework of the Joint Management Agreement between the European Commission and the NSC. The course aims at strengthening the role of young people, particularly youth leaders and youth workers from the African Diaspora active in youth organisations in the hosting societies or leading African Diaspora youth groups/movements; and empowering and promoting the capacity to organise, take action and foster their political participation in Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation and Global Youth Work.

The partners will organise the following activities:

Meeting on Youth and Local Radio Stations

5th to 7th July - National Youth Observatory of Tunisia

The workshop seeks to discuss the role of youth and its contribution in the development of close media through the experience of local radio stations. Young people are concerned with this experience because they are the ones who run and contribute to its success. Close radios also allow young people to know more about the local issues and shed light on these issues in order to find appropriate solutions. Close radios are the contribution of young people in the development and activation of local business.

The workshop, which lasts two days, will discuss the methods of how to build a local radio station and how to establish an editorial line that responds to local demands. It will also discuss how the local radio will become the voice of the neighbourhood or the area, but through the prospective of young people and their ideas and aspirations. Around 20 young people who are currently working in local radio stations and other candidates will participate in this workshop.

South Mediterranean-European Youth Co-operation: Workshop on New Social Media and Participation

1st to 5th July - EU-CoE youth partnership

The workshop on youth participation and social media will look at effective ways of using the potential of social media for youth participation in society nowadays. Building on the needs assessment done with youth organisations and youth led civil society movements during the last year; this workshop explores both, the added value and the existing constraints of social media use for active youth participation as a means to develop and consolidate inclusive, participatory and pluralistic democracies. Examples of the themes tackled during the workshop are: the impact of social media on youth participation, the exchange on relevant tools and practices and the awareness raising on media diversity and ethics.

2nd Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Youth Leaders Meeting: Networking and Partnership Development

1st to 5th July - The Italian National Youth Forum, in partnership with European Youth Forum and Catalan National Youth Council

After the great success of the 1st Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Youth Leader Meeting, the Italian National Youth Forum (FNG) in partnership with the European Youth Forum (YFJ) and the National Youth Council of Catalonia (CNJC) and with the support of the Italian National Agency and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is organising a follow-up activity aiming at continuing the work and the commitments undertaken in the Action Plan 2012-2015.

The 2nd Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Youth Leaders Meeting: Networking and Partnership Development will take place from the 1st to the 5th of July 2013 in the framework of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship. It consists of 5 days of residential activities structured through non-formal education methodology and will include the participation of decision makers and youth leaders from Mediterranean Youth Organisations.

Consultative Meeting of Training Activities for Democratic Youth Participation

4th to 6th July - Youth Department of the Council of Europe in partnership with the League of Arab States

The Consultative Meeting is taking place with the aim of reflecting about the contents, process and results of the two courses that took place and of extracting conclusions and guidelines for their evaluation and follow-up with the participants/trainers, organisers and partners. The overall theme of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe provides the right framework and atmosphere for the meeting. The Consultative Meeting will review the relevance of democratic youth participation and its application in training activities for trainers in Euro-Arab cooperation activities.

19h00-21h00 Reception (TBC)

Villa Dar Sebastian – TBC

21h00 Cultural Evening

International Cultural Centre– TBC

3 JULY 2013

9h00-13h00

- **Civil society actors in democratic transformations: sharing the experience of Central and Eastern European NGOs**

Organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and the Italian National Youth Forum (see separate programme)

Training room

- **South Mediterranean-European Youth Co-operation: Workshop New Social Media and Participation – EU-CoE youth partnership** Villa Dar Sebastian
- **4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe- NSC and ADYNE** Training room

(Coffee-break 11h00-11h30 in Dar Sebastian)

13h00 -14h00 LUNCH

Dining room

15h00 -18h30

- **4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe- NSC and ADYNE**
- **2nd Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Youth Leaders Meeting: Networking and Partnership Development – FNG, CNJC and YFJ** Training rooms
- **South Mediterranean-European Youth Co-operation: Workshop New Social Media and Participation – EU-CoE youth partnership** Villa Dar Sebastian

(Coffee-break 16h30-17h00 in Dar Sebastian)

19h30-20h30 DINNER

Dining room

21h00

- **Workshop on “North-South Centre’s contribution to promoting the principles of the Istanbul Convention” and other partners’ workshops**

Villa Dar Sebastian, Training Room and Roundtable Room

4 JULY 2013

9h00-13h00

- 4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe-NSC and ADYNE
- 2nd Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Youth Leaders Meeting: Networking and Partnership Development – FNG, CNJC and YFJ **Training rooms**
- South Mediterranean-European Youth Co-operation: Workshop New Social Media and Participation – EU-CoE youth partnership **Villa Dar Sebastian**

(Coffee-break 11h00-11h30 in Dar Sebastian)

13h00 -14h00 LUNCH

Dining room

15h00 -16h30

- 4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe-NSC and ADYNE
- 2nd Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Youth Leaders Meeting: Networking and Partnership Development – FNG, CNJC and YFJ **Training rooms**
- South Mediterranean-European Youth Co-operation: Workshop New Social Media and Participation – EU-CoE youth partnership **Villa Dar Sebastian**

16h30 FREE TIME

19h30-20h30 DINNER

Dining room

21h00 MUSICAL EVENING

Open Theatre

5 JULY 2013

9h00-13h00

- 4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe-NSC and ADYNE
- Consultative Meeting of Training Activities for Democratic Youth Participation – Youth Department CoE and LAS **Training rooms**
- Meeting on Youth and Local Radio Stations – ONJ **Villa Dar Sebastian**

(Coffee-break 11h00-11h30 in Dar Sebastian)

13h00 -14h00 LUNCH

Dining room

15h00 -18h30

- 4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe-NSC and ADYNE

- Consultative Meeting of Training Activities for Democratic Youth Participation – Youth Department CoE and LAS **Training rooms**
- Meeting on Youth and Local Radio Stations – ONJ **Villa Dar Sebastian**
(Coffee-break 16h30-17h00 in Dar Sebastian)

19h30-20h30 DINNER **Dining room**

21h00 PARTNERS' WORKSHOPS
Villa Dar Sebastian, Training Room and Roundtable Room

6 JULY 2013

9h00-13h00

- 4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe-NSC and ADYNE
- Consultative Meeting of Training Activities for Democratic Youth Participation – Youth Department CoE and LAS
- Partners' Meeting of the Mediterranean University **Training rooms**
- Meeting on Youth and Local Radio Stations – ONJ **Villa Dar Sebastian**
(Coffee-break 11h00-11h30 in Dar Sebastian)

13h00 -14h00 LUNCH **Dining room**

15h00 -18h30

- 4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe-NSC and ADYNE
- Consultative Meeting of Training Activities for Democratic Youth Participation – Youth Department CoE and LAS
- Euro-Arab and Mediterranean Institutional Meeting (TBC) **Training rooms**
- Meeting on Youth and Local Radio Stations – ONJ **Villa Dar Sebastian**
(Coffee-break 16h30-17h00 in Dar Sebastian)

19h30-20h30 DINNER **Dining room**

21h00 MUSICAL EVENING **Open Theatre**

7 JULY 2013

9h00-13h00

- **4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe- NSC and ADYNE** **Training room**
(Coffee-break 11h00-11h30 in Dar Sebastian)

13h00 -14h00 LUNCH

Dining room

15h00 -18h00

- **4th Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe- NSC and ADYNE** **Training room**
(Coffee-break 16h30-17h00 in Dar Sebastian)

18:30-20:00 CLOSING SESSION

Villa Dar Sebastian

Mr. Mehdi Mabrouk, Minister of Culture of Tunisia (TBC)

Mayor of Hammamet/Governor of Nabeul (TBC)

Mr. Peter Matjasic, President of the European Youth Forum

Mr. Mohamed Jouili, Director of the National Youth Observatory of Tunisia

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