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Seminar

## Diversity, Human Rights and Participation in the framework of Euro- Mediterranean youth cooperation

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CEULAJ, Eurolatinamerican Youth  
Centre, Mollina, Spain

*At the*

UNIVERSITY  
ON **YOUTH** AND  
DEVELOPMENT



## University on Youth and Development

The University on Youth and Development is a unique space for debate, training, exchange of experiences and affirmative action on Global Youth Work and Global Education. Global Youth Work is a concept that has emerged from within the youth movement worldwide during the decade of nineties. It is young people and youth organisations collective response to the challenges of globalisation.

It is a partnership between the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Spanish Youth Council (CJE), the Latin-American Youth Forum (FLAJ) and other international youth organisations active at the global level.

The University aims:

- to create a space of political action for the recognition of the role of Youth in Global Development;
- to stimulate and initiate reflection and analysis on the role of youth in development policies and development co-operation;
- to facilitate the definition and implementation of development projects in the field of youth;

The University on Youth and Development gathers the various movements, institutional actors and civil society actors of Global Development Youth Work. It is also a key moment for capacity building of youth multipliers and for policy oriented action concerning youth and development.

The theme of the 2006 Edition of the University on Youth and Development *is “all different-all equal: Participation, Human Rights and Diversity”*, the title of the Council of Europe’s Youth Campaign, that will run from July 2006 to the end of 2007.

This year’s priority region in the University is the Euro-Mediterranean region with various activities focusing on this region and a large participation from Euro-Mediterranean youth Organisations. Close to 250 participants are expected to take part in the University, running from 1 to 8 October 2006.

## Youth policy development and cooperation in the Euro-Med and Middle-East regions

Within this framework, the European Youth Forum (YFJ) and the Partnership on Youth between the Council of Europe and the European Commission decided to develop a joint activity that combines the experience that the partners have developed in the field of Euro-Med cooperation (including the YFJ’s work with the Middle East). This activity will particularly address common issues related to youth participation, human rights and diversity in the framework of youth policy development.

The European Youth Forum aims to empower young people to actively participate in the shaping of the society they live in. In order to achieve this, the European Youth Forum aims to build a shared knowledge reflection on youth policy, promote the empowerment of young people and encourage their active participation in society.

Taking this into consideration, the YFJ has strengthened the Euro-Mediterranean youth work dimension in its work to foster inter-regional cooperation, with a particular focus on:

- supporting the development of a strategy on youth policies in the Mediterranean region;
- promoting initiatives of co-operation and networking between Member Organisations and partners in the Middle-East region in the framework of youth work development.

For the Council of Europe, the promotion of human rights and the development of democratic forms of participation are crucial objectives to further consolidate pan-European co-operation. The promotion of peace, diversity, co-operation and human rights in Europe, however, cannot be disconnected from the realities around Europe, in particular across the Mediterranean area.

The Council of Europe and the European Commission have developed a Partnership on Youth covering 3 main areas of cooperation: youth research and policy; European citizenship and quality development; Euro-Med, Human Rights Education and intercultural dialogue. The role of this Partnership is to explore new areas of cooperation beyond those provided by the Euro-Med Youth programme; youth policy is one of such areas.

The Partnership has several activities under way in the context of Euro-Med cooperation, including a series of regional training courses in Human Rights Education based on the Arabic version of Compass, a seminar on the role of youth research in the context of Euro-Med cooperation, to be held in Alexandria, Egypt, in November 2006 and the development of a T-kit on Euro-Med youth work.

## **Aims of the seminar**

The aim of this seminar is to initiate a reflection about the realities of participation, human rights and diversity in the framework of youth policy cooperation in Europe and the Mediterranean region.

## **Objectives**

- To explore the role of young people and youth organisations in shaping and monitoring youth policies in the European and Mediterranean regions and countries
- To share experiences and debate the current social situation and concerns of young people (in terms of education, employment, active participation and citizenship)
- To explore/deepen existing threats to diversity in participants' countries as well as in the broader Euro-Med context (e.g. migrations, refugees, phobias, etc...)
- To discuss the conditions/criteria for addressing and upholding the positive values of diversity in the participants' societies and in youth projects
- To explore the context for Human Rights in the European and Mediterranean countries from a youth perspective
- To experience Human Rights Education methods and tools, such as the T-kit on Euro-Med youth work and Compass
- To develop guidelines on how HRE can be beneficial for intercultural dialogue and Euro-Med cooperation

- To develop recommendations for a better involvement of young people in youth policy development and in the promotion of diversity, human rights and HRE in the framework of Euro-Med cooperation.

## Methodology and Programme

This seminar is designed as a mutual learning situation, where participants can exchange, reflect and compare their experiences and understanding of the main issues addressed. The methodology will privilege active participative methods such as: working groups, activities and round tables.

Contributions from experts in the field of youth participation, human rights and diversity will establish a theoretical framework and a common reference point for learning and communication.

The programme of the course will include:

- An overview of current youth policies and roles of youth organizations
- An introduction to the role of youth participation in youth policy development
- A review of the evolution of human rights and human rights education and the present challenges in the European and the Mediterranean regions;
- An introduction to the Campaign “All different - All equal” with a focus on diversity
- A reflection on the threats to diversity such as migrations, minorities, phobias, etc.
- A reflection on how to integrate the Euro-Med youth work dimension into the campaign
- A reflection on how to encourage and support a greater participation of young people in youth policy development and in the promotion of diversity, human rights and HRE in the Euro-Med context
- An opportunity to try out and evaluate some of the activities of the T-Kit on Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work.

## Working language

The seminar will be held in English.

## Profile of the participants

This seminar is addressed to Youth Leaders and Youth Workers active in youth organisations from the European and Mediterranean region.

All participants should:

- be able to work in English;
- be able and committed to act as multipliers within their organisations on the issues of the seminar;
- be motivated to develop their competence in youth participation, human rights/human rights education, promotion of diversity and to engage in Euro-Med cooperation in this matters;
- be committed to attend the full duration of the seminar;
- be motivated to participate in the Joint programme of the University on Youth and Development;

- be supported by an organisation, institution or service. Participants from European countries will have to be nominated by a member organisation of the YFJ.

## Team

The seminar will be designed and conducted by a multicultural team of experienced facilitators active in the field of Euro-Med youth work. Team members will represent the regional diversity of the group of participants.

## Application procedure and selection of participants

All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent to the Council of Europe's European Youth Centre Budapest together with a **letter of support** from their sending organisation or institution stating the added value for the organisation resulting from the applicant's participation in the course.

Up to 25 participants will be selected on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations). A waiting list may be established. Applicants will be informed of the results of the selection procedure by the end of August 2006.

## Deadline for applications

The application form must be sent to the Council of Europe's European Youth Centre Budapest by **5 August 2006**.

## Financial and practical conditions of participation

### Travel expenses

Travel expenses and visa fees are reimbursed (on presentation of the relevant receipts) according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire workshop can be reimbursed. The payment will be made either by bank transfer after the course, or at the end of the course in cash (in Euros).

### Accommodation

Board and lodging will be provided and paid for at the Eurolatinamerican Youth Centre, CEULAJ, in Mollina, Spain.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**Please type or write legibly in English**

***I. INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANT***

<b>1. Name:</b>			<b>Surname:</b>		
Sex: Male/Female		Age:		Nationality:	
Working languages ( <i>please specify all your working languages</i> ):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Others (specify):					
<b>Main profession or occupation:</b>					
<b>2. Contacts – Please note that all correspondence will be sent to this address, so please ensure it is complete!</b>					
Postal address (street, number, city, postal code, country):					
Telephone:			Telefax:		
Mobile telephone:			e-mail:		

***II. INFORMATION ON THE ORGANISATION/INSTITUTION***

<b>3. Sending organisation/institution</b>	
Name:	
Postal address:	
Telephone:	Telefax:
E-mail:	Internet address:
Please describe briefly the scope and main activities of the organisation/institution and its relation to youth research, youth work and/or youth policy development:	

## 4. Your organisation/institution is...

- ☐ an International youth organisation      ☐ a national youth council  
☐ a national youth organisation              ☐ a local/regional youth organisation  
☐ other (please specify): .....

**5. What is your function or role in the organisation/institution?**

### III. EXPERIENCE IN YOUTH WORK

**6. What kind of youth work or youth-policy related activities are you involved in?** *(Please indicate briefly the target groups and themes or aims of the activities)*

**7. In which ways are you active in promoting HR/HRE, diversity and/or participation in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean youth cooperation?**

**8. Have you attended any other youth activity of the Council of Europe or the European Commission in the past two years? (If yes, which one(s)):**

#### *IV. MOTIVATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS*

**9. Your motivation and reasons for wanting to take part in this seminar:**

**10. Your expectations: which results should the seminar produce and how would they connect with the reality of the young people you work with?**

**11. Follow-up and implementation**

In which ways do you or your organisation expect to be active in the promotion of youth participation, diversity and human rights or/and in Euro-Med cooperation? *(Please provide details about expected or planned projects, research activities, organisers and target groups)*

#### *V. PRACTICAL*

**Special needs:** Have you any special needs or requirements that the organisers should take into account (e.g. dietary, disability, etc.)?

Date:

Signature

This form must be sent - **together with a support letter of the sending organisation/institution** - to the European Youth Centre Budapest either by email or by fax or by post

**before 5 August 2006.**

Please quote: "University on Youth and Development" in the object of your message.

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