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Euro-Med seminar

The Role of Research in Youth Policy and Youth Work Development in the Broader Euro-Med Context

Cairo, Egypt, 27-30 November 2006

PROGRAMME (REVISED)

Sunday, 26 November

Arrival of participants in Cairo

20:00 Dinner

Monday, 27 November

At the headquarters of the League of Arab States

08:50 Departure from Shepherd Hotel to the League of Arab States (by foot)

09:30 Opening session, at the headquarters of the League of Arab States, with:

- **Dr Mofeed Shehab**, Arab Council for Youth
- **Dr Safei El-Din Kharboush**, National Council of Youth, Egypt
- **Dr Ralf-René Weingärtner**, Director of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe
- **Mr Christer Hallerby**, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Sweden
- **Ms Marzia Conte**, European Commission, Directorate General for Education and Culture

- **Mr Per Nilsson**, Director General of the Swedish Board for youth Affairs
- **Ms Astrid Utterström**, Chairperson of the Joint Council on Youth (Council of Europe)
- **H. E. Dr Amr Moussa**, Secretary General of the League of Arab States

Moderated by **Ms Thuraya Ismail**

11:00 Break and group picture

11:30 The Situation of Young People and the State of Youth Research in Europe and The Arab Region:

- **Dr Ali Eddine Hilal**, Cairo University
- **Dr Metka Kuhar**, European Network of Youth Research

13:00 Lunch break

At Shepherd Hotel – OMAR AL KHAYAM Conference Room

15:00 Opening of the seminar at the hotel

- Presentation of participants and their roles in youth research, youth work or youth policy development
- Objectives and Working Methods of the Seminar, **Mr Rui Gomes**, Council of Europe's Directorate of Youth and Sport

15:40 The Role of Youth Policy, Youth Research and Youth Work and their inter-relationships,

by **Ms Lisa Modée**, National Board for Youth Affairs (Sweden)

16:00 Break

16:30 Working Groups:

The role of researchers, civil society and government in the development of evidence-based youth policies in the participants' countries/institutions

18:10 Feed-back from the working groups in plenary

18:30 End of the day's formal programme

18:50 Departure from Shepherd Hotel to the League of Arab States (by foot)

19:00 Dinner-Reception at the League of Arab States

Tuesday, 28 November

09:15 Opening and review of the programme of the day

- 09:20 Youth policy development in practice, an example from Finland, with **Tomas Knuts**, Åbo Akademi i Vasa (Finland)
- 10:00 Youth Issues and Youth Research in the Arab World, **Dr Abdel Bassat Abdel Moati**, Coordinator of the Arab Youth Empowerment Project at the Population Policy and Migration Department at the League of Arab States
- 10:50 Break
- 11:20 Introductions to the Working Groups' themes:
- Youth Participation, with **Mr Haythem Kamel**, Egyptian Youth Federation
 - Education and Labour Market, with **Dr Kamal Naguib**
 - Health, with **Ms Leila Nawar**, United Nations Population Fund
 - Mobility and Migration, with **Dr Khaled Louhichi**
 - Gender, with **Dr Amany Kandil**
- 12:30 Working Groups on the living conditions of young people, the state of youth research and the context for Euro-Med co-operation relating to:
- Youth Participation
 - Education and Labour Market
 - Health
 - Mobility and Migration
 - Gender
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:45 Working Groups on the living conditions of young people, the state of youth research and the context for Euro-Med co-operation relating to:
- Youth Participation
 - Education and Labour Market
 - Health
 - Mobility and Migration
 - Gender
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Working groups continued
- 17:30 End of the working groups
- 18:30 Departure for the dinner on a boat on the Nile (by bus)

- 09:15 Opening and review of the programme of the day
- 09:20 Presentation of the “Forum 21”, European Journal on Youth Policy by **Mr Stefan Becsky**, Coordinator of the editorial board
- 09:40 Intercultural Dialogue and Co-operation within the Euro-Med context, with **Mr Nabil Abdel Fattah**, Al-Ahram Strategic Studies Centre
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 Working Groups on the living conditions of young people, the state of youth research and the context for Euro-Med co-operation relating to:
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- 12:45 Lunch break
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 - Education and Labour Market
 - Health
 - Mobility and Migration
 - Gender
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Information exchange of projects and initiatives
- 18:00 End of the day's programme
- 18:30 Departure to the Swedish Embassy (by bus)
- 19:00 Reception at the Swedish Embassy

Thursday, 30 November

- 09:15 Opening and review of the programme of the day
- 09:20 Human Rights: a Barrier or a Bridge for Cooperation?, by **Mr Rui Gomes**, coordinator of the Human Rights Education Youth Programme, Council of Europe

10:45 *Coffee break*

11:15 Conclusion of the working groups on the living conditions of young people, the state of youth research and the context for Euro-Med co-operation relating to:

- Youth Participation
- Education and Labour Market
- Health
- Mobility and Migration
- Gender

12:45 Lunch

14:30 Report on the outcomes and results of the working groups

16:00 Break

16:30 Conclusions of the Seminar by the General Rapporteurs

17:00 Evaluation of the seminar

17:30 Closing of the seminar, with

Ms Luiza Bara, European Youth Forum

Dr Jan Henningsson, Director of the Swedish Institute in Alexandria

19:00 Dinner

Free evening

Friday, 1 December

Departure of participants

09:00 Visit to the Egyptian Museum and the Pyramids at Giza - *optional* programme organised by the Egyptian National Council of Youth.

Aims and methodology of the seminar

In the framework of Euro-Med youth co-operation this seminar aims at looking into the particular role of research in the development of youth policy in order to develop a process of exchange, mutual cooperation and joint actions between the fields of youth research, youth work and youth policy development in the broader Euro-Med context.

Objectives

- To identify strategic partnerships concerning youth research in the field of youth policy development in view of improved cooperation in the broader Euro–Med context.
- To promote possibilities for closer interaction between youth policy, youth research and youth work within the Euro–Med Youth programme and the Partnership.
- To identify priorities and proposals for further development of youth policy cooperation in the broader Euro–Med context.
- To develop knowledge about the living conditions of young people in the Euro–Med area and the connections between research, policy and youth work
- To learn more about the research on youth: status, priorities, methodology, approaches, conceptual frameworks.
- To promote a stronger involvement of the civil society and the research world in the youth field.
- To learn about the role of religion, political philosophy, culture, and social stratifications in the Euro–Med context in view of increased Intercultural learning and dialogue among professionals and practitioners in the youth and research fields
- To develop a down to earth approach to research as a learning process between young people subject to research and researchers.
- To strengthen the process of Euro–Med cooperation in the youth policy field, leading to a foreseen high level conference in 2008.

Methodological considerations

The seminar brings together civil servants, youth researchers and representatives from civil society/youth organisations and youth workers as an expression of the “optimal” integrated approach to a needs–based youth policy. Furthermore, the seminar should bring together a balanced number of participants from Mediterranean/Arab and from Europe countries.

The focus of the work/discussions will be the *living conditions of young people* in the Euro–Med region. This should apply, notably, to the in–depth work of the Working Groups. These Working Groups will remain the same throughout the seminar so as to allow for in–depth work and better communication.

Each working group shall discuss the following questions within their thematic focus:

- To identify the key issues and objectives for youth research and youth policy;
- To discuss the (added) value for international youth cooperation in that field;
- To make proposals for follow–up work on that subject;
- To discuss the role of youth research in (youth) policy definition (topic–focussed);
- To discuss the role of youth work and civil society (youth organisations) in relation to the topic.