



### Youth Partnership

Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth



League of Arab States

# Symposium

## “Arab spring: Youth participation for the promotion of peace, human rights and fundamental freedoms”

## Programme

*27-28-29 August 2012, Tunisia*

## Monday, 27 August 2012

- Arrival of participants, registration
- 16h00 – 17h00: Meeting of organisers, rapporteurs, facilitators
- 17h00 – 18h30: Introduction of participants and Intercultural Communication Group Activity (facilitated by Y-PEER)
- 20h00: Interactive Theatre Performance on Civic Engagement by Y-PEER

## Tuesday, 28 August 2012

- 09h30 – 11h00: Official opening session with welcome addresses by
  - the President of Tunisia (tbc)
  - representatives of the organising institutions and high level policy makers:
    - Tunisian Ministry for Youth and Sport
    - European Union
    - Council of Europe
    - League of Arab States
    - UNFPA
- 11h00 – 11h30: Coffee break
- 11h30 – 13h00: Keynote addresses:
  - [Tarik Yousif](#) (tbc): “Youth in the Arab States: Changing the world to the Better” or [AbdelBasset Ben Hassen, Head of the Arab Institute for Human rights, Tunisia](#)
  - NN (tbc): “Social movements in Europe: how do young people react to political, cultural and economic crisis?”
- 13h00 – 14h30: Lunch
- 14h30 – 15h00: Summary report on current Euro-Mediterranean youth cooperation
- 15h00 – 15h30: Introduction to the first round of workshops on key topics of youth policy by experts from European Training Foundation, League of Arab States, EU-CoE youth partnership, UNFPA, including aims and expected results of the workshops
- 15h30 – 17h30: Mutual learning workshops on participatory youth policy & youth work: strategies, approaches, models, tools
  - WS1: Youth participation and citizenship
  - WS2: Cross-sectoral youth policies: Education & Training, Employment

- WS3: Social Inclusion and Solidarity
- WS4: Intercultural dialogue in youth work

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- 19h00: Dinner, followed by a concert of Y-PEER Ambassadors  
Si Lmhef – Tunisian singer; Dani, MTV Europe Award winner,  
Lotfi, Tunisian singer; Evening host: Sammy Sheik, Hollywood  
Actor, Y-PEER Ambassador

### Wednesday, 29 August 2012

- 09h00 – 10h00: N.N.: Presentation of Tunesian experiences, realities and policies
- 10h00 – 10h45: Reports from first round of workshops in plenary  
Parallel session: Press Conference
- 10h45 – 11h00: Coffee break
- 11h00 – 13h00: Presentation of stakeholders' activities in South Mediterranean cooperation (all speakers tbc):
  - Anna-Lindh-Foundation: Ms. Sherine Morad
  - Youth Programme Coordinator MNA region World Bank: Gloria La Cava
  - UNDP: NN
  - European Commission/Team Leader of the Technical Assistance for programme Youth IV and SALTO Resource Centre EuroMed: Mr Bernard Abrignani
  - Head of Youth Unit (EMYU) in Tunisia, Mr Mohsen Hakiri;
  - EuroMed Youth Platform and Agenzija Zghazagh, Malta: Miriam Teuma,
  - Council of Europe: Rui Gomes
  - North-South Centre: Denis Huber, Andreia Henriques
  - European Youth Forum: Vania Freitas...
- 13h00 – 14h30: Lunch
- 14h30 – 16h00: Second round of workshops on support measures: following a kick-off input on each topic the workshops discuss their relevance for both regions and how they can be applied

- WS 1: Capacity-building: networks, platforms and training (examples: Arab Youth Forum, European Youth Forum, Arab Network of Youth Researchers, Pool of European Youth Researchers, Training Kits, seminars and events...)
- WS 2: Funds and resources for mobility & exchange in Euro-Arab youth cooperation (examples: Euro Med Youth Programme, Arab-Europe Youth Centre, Arab – Europe Youth Forum, European Youth Foundation, Youth in Action Programme, Arab Funding scheme...)
- WS 3: Virtual spaces: sharing expertise & knowledge (examples: Arab Virtual Platform online, European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy, ...)
- WS 4: Mechanisms for youth policy development (examples: National Youth Councils, Structured Dialogue, Co-Management, Indicators in youth policy and intercultural dialogue, Tunesian Centre d'excellence...)

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- 16h00 – 16h30: Coffee Break
- 16h30 – 18h00: Concluding session
  - Presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of workshop results
  - Final panel debate of representatives of the organisers and partners:
    - European Union
    - Council of Europe
    - Tunisian government
    - League of Arab States
    - UNFPA
    - Youth Representative
- End of symposium