

Youth Partnership

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



League of Arab States

Seminar

“Empowerment of youth organisations and youth-led civil society initiatives in the South-Mediterranean framework”

Programme

Wednesday, 21 March 2012

Arrival of participants

17:30 Getting to know each other
Facilitation: Ms Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja, Mr Khalil Raihani

18:30 Welcome Drink

19:00 Dinner at hotel

Thursday, 22 March 2012

09:00 Official opening session: addresses by representatives of the organising institutions:

- Hon. Clyde Puli, Parliamentary Secretary Youth and Sport, Ministry of Education and Employment, Malta
- HE Ms Souad Gueblaoui, Ambassador of Tunisia to Malta
- Mr Khaled Louhichi, Director of Population Policies & Migration Department, League of Arab States (LAS)
- Ms Karin Lopatta-Loibl, Desk Officer, European Commission
- Mr Rui Gomes, Head of Division Education and Training, Council of Europe
- Ms Miriam Teuma, CEO Aġenzija Żgħażaġh and Mr Robert Debono National Co-ordinator - Euromed Youth Platform hosted by EUPA

10:15 Introduction to the seminar:

- Mr Philipp Boetzelen, Research and Youth Policy Officer, partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Realities of youth participation during and after the Arab spring in Arab and European countries:

Insights from active youth leaders and youth researchers

- The Tunisian Revolution
Mr Abdel Aziz Labib (Youth expert, Tunisia), Mrs. Fedia Gasmi (Youth activist, President of Club UNESCO Bardo/The Director of Radio Ana Tounsi & the Focal point of ALF)
- The Egyptian Revolution
Ms Yara Shahin (Youth Expert), Mr Shahir George (Egyptian Youth Activist, member of “Masr Alhureyya” Party, Co-editor of the Egypt Human Development Report 2010).
- The European Experience
Mr Manfred Zentner (Pool of European Youth Researchers)

Chair: Mr Khaled Louhichi and Ms Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja

12:00 Participant Questions

12:30 *Lunch (Video Clip: Ultras from the Stadium to Tahrir, by Ms Dina Abou Zeid)*

14:00 Implications of the Arab Spring on Civil Society & Youth NGOs

- Ms Karima Rhanem (Youth journalist, blogger, Project coordinator at “The Mediterranean Forum for Youth & Childhood”, Morocco)
- Mrs Chouaa Dassouki (Youth Project Coordinator, League of Arab States)
- Dr. Aleksandar Bodiroza, (Technical Adviser, Youth, HIV/AIDS, UNFPA/ ASRO)
- Ms Maria Pisani (Director, Integra Foundation, Malta)

Chair: Ms Miriam Teuma and Mr. Khalil Raihani

15:00 Participant Questions

15:30 *Coffee Break*

16:00 Panel Discussion: Youth NGOs, Youth Movements and Civil Society

- Ms Manar Idriss (Palestinian Youth activist, Program Manager at the African Community Society (ACS), Board Member of the International Palestinian Youth League (IPYL))
- Mr Sami Hourani (Jordanian Youth activist, Director & Founder of Leaders of Tomorrow Organisation).
- Mr Chaker El Ouali (Tunisian Youth activist, Deputy Secretary General of “The General Union of Tunisian Students”).
- Mr Kazem Hemida (Egyptian Youth activist, Project Manager at National Union for Youth Organisations).
- Ms Vania Freitas (European Youth Forum)
- Ms Sonia Mejri (Union des Jeunes Euro-Maghrébins, UJEM), Bureau of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe

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17:30 Data on Youth Values: The Tunisian Case, Mr Mouhamed Jouili

18:00 Closing of the day

19:00 Dinner at Hotel

Friday, 23 March 2012

09:00 Outcomes of Day 1 & Introduction to Day 2

09:30 Working Groups based on the results of the 1st day with a focus on Civic participation and Networking beyond the Revolutions: How can young people participating in youth organisation become further empowered to build democratic societies?

Facilitation: Ms Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja, Mr Khalil Raihani, Mr Haythem Kamel.

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 Working Groups continued

12:00 Presentation and discussion of the results of the groups

12:30 *Lunch*

15:00 NetWork Groups: From perceived needs to coordinated strategies and projects.
Facilitators: Ms Karima Rhanem, Ms Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja, Mr Khalil Raihani

16:30 *Coffee break*

17:00 Presentation and discussion of results of the network groups, facilitated by Mr Marcos Andrade, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

18:00 Presentation of follow up steps and closing of the seminar

19:00 Departure from the hotel to Mdina

19:30 Mdina Tour

20:30 Departure to Restaurant

21:00 Maltese Dinner at Razzett I-Antik Restaurant, Qormi.

24:00 Return to Hotel

End of the seminar

Saturday, 24th March 2012 (09:30 – 12:00)

Informal coordination meeting between stakeholders present:

EU-COE youth partnership, League of Arab States, Council of Europe Youth Department, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, Euro-Med Youth Platform/Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ, European Youth Forum, Anna Lindh Foundation, UNFPA, Forum Nazionale Giovani (FNG)

- Discussion of project ideas for long-term cooperation, follow up events based on the results of this seminar
- Development of the project Euro–Arab Symposium “Arab Spring: Youth Participation for the promotion of peace, human rights and fundamental freedoms”, to be held in Tunisia in August (28-29) 2012