

## Editorial

**O**n 6 March 2021, Dr Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation, sadly passed away. Dr Al Sharif served the Anna Lindh Foundation from September 2018 until the day of his passing away.

*As a tribute to Dr Al Sharif, we report below the announcement made by Mr. Ralf Lorig, Chairman of the ALF Board of Governors, on 6 March 2021.*

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Dear colleagues,

It is with a very heavy heart that I need to inform you that Dr. Nabil Al Sharif, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation, passed away.

Covid-19 has taken away a great Professional, a Diplomat, and especially a Friend and a great Man of Dialogue.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to get to know him and his approach to work and to life. His always positive attitude will be missed.

On behalf of the Board of Governors I would like to share our sincerest condolences to his wife, Madam Manal, his children and all the people who loved him.

A special thought goes also to the colleagues at the ALF Secretariat who have lost a guide and an example.

We will always remember him and we will pray for his Soul to rest in peace.

In silent grief and with my deepest sympathy,

**Ralf LORIG**  
**Chairperson of the Board of Governors**  
**Anna Lindh Foundation**

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## INTERCULTURAL RESEARCH

### INTERCULTURAL TRENDS RESEARCH

#### CROSS-CULTURAL REPORTING AND EUROMED MOBILITY – 5TH INTERCULTURAL TRENDS AND MEDIA PLATFORM



As the pandemic has fueled the spread of fake news, populist discourses and disinformation journalists, academics and civil society were brought together during the 5th Intercultural Trends and Media Platform organised by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED) on 8 April 2021.

The discussion focused on media coverage on migration, mobility and coexistence within multicultural societies in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

During the meeting, the Anna Lindh Foundation offered participants insights from the latest ALF-Ipsos Intercultural Trends Survey 2020 which gathered the views of over 13.000 people from the region. Some of the statistics help to offer evidence contradictory to certain narratives dominating the news-cycle. Specifically, on the theme of migration, the Intercultural Trends Survey of 2020 reveals that 40% of Europeans would stay in their country of origin if they would be given the chance to start a new life somewhere else whilst the same number in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean was 49%. Furthermore, of these people only 20% would like to go to Europe.

During the roundtable, reflections some of the issues highlighted include:

- Covid-19 has made encounters between journalists and people at the grassroots level more challenging, which is problematic as journalists depend on talking to people in different life situations, including migrants which found themselves in a particularly vulnerable situation. In this regard, it was also highlighted that the restrictions to travel presents an obstacle to foreign reporting on migration and data-collection for academic purposes.
- Journalists often face difficulties with editors to publish stories on migration at a time where news focus is on issues related to the pandemic.
- While migrants do receive some press coverage after having arrived in the destination country few articles cover their journey from the country of origin.
- Migrant communities have also been blamed for high infection rates Covid-19, which may lead to stigmatization and migration, is too often portrayed in the media as a problem. The following recommendations were expressed, with regards to how the Foundation and other actors in society could promote nuanced and dialogue-driven media discourses.
- More testimonies and stories from migrants themselves are needed for a nuanced public debate on the issue. Furthermore, more attention needs to be given to the initiatives led by migrants themselves promoting integration.
- More media coverage is needed to shed light on the equal distribution of vaccines so that migrant communities would not end up treated worse than the majority population.
- The media should bring nuance to the public debates on migration by telling the stories of for example, families staying in their countries despite difficulties with the pandemic or otherwise.
- Media literacy is important in order to promote dialogue and mutual understanding in the media.
- Education is crucial to promote dialogue and diversity and one way of doing so is through mixed schools where children of migrants and the host communities go together. □

#### PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY FOR SIXTH INTERCULTURAL TRENDS AND MEDIA PLATFORM

The next edition of the Intercultural Trends and Media Platform will take place on the 18th of May and it will focus on cross-cultural reporting on environmental issues and climate change. □

## DISCUSSING HATE SPEECH AT THE THIRD INTERCULTURAL MORNING COFFEE ON THE 21ST OF APRIL

The Third Intercultural Morning Coffee brought together two alumni of the Intercultural Trends and Media Platforms to discuss and reflect on issues relating to diversity in cities and the media's portrayals of cultural, religious and ethnic minorities.

The meeting started with a brief presentation by Atte Oksanen, contributing author for the Fourth Anna Lindh Intercultural Trends Report. In his introduction, Oksanen gave an overview about how research on hate speech has developed during the last 10 years and the challenges that hate speech poses in the Euro-Mediterranean area. During the meeting it was noted that hate speech online has evolved from a marginalized and fringe phenomenon to something mainstream and common. This is seen in how journalists and academics are targeted online. Something equally worrying is also that these people targeted do not always report their experiences to the authorities.

Concerns were also raised with regards to social media being used as the main source for news for many people. Yet, it was also recognized that, at times, social media has offered a platform for information sharing that permitted free speech and exchange of information in an otherwise censored media landscape.

Specifically, regarding the issue of migration, it was recognized that social media is a particularly powerful forum that shapes public perceptions, even though it would not be the only used source of news online. Hence, a challenge is not only to counter fake news but to counter fake impressions and perceptions, regarding for example, the phenomena that push migrants to leave their countries of origin.

With regards to promoting living together in multicultural settings, it was noted, based on the findings of the Intercultural Trends Survey of 2020, that one's level of religiosity was not necessarily correlating with one's level of tolerance towards others, which was much more essential in determining people's values vis-à-vis diversity.

With regards to polarization in our societies and in online communities, it was also noted that acceleration of hate speech does not happen overnight but instead is a slow and steady process, of which there is a history as well particularly in Europe.

Regulations on social media were considered as both a threat and an opportunity. On the one hand, regulations may lead to

a decrease in hate speech. But, on the other hand they may lead to censorship of free speech.

### Recommendations

- It is encouraging to see that the European Commission is taking measures to tackle hate speech, misinformation and disinformation
- More discussions are needed on how to encourage and engage social media companies to regulate the content published on their websites, especially illegal material that is inciting violence. □

## LAUNCH OF THE ANNA LINDH INTERCULTURAL TRENDS DATA HUB

The Anna Lindh Foundation launched the Intercultural Trends Data Hub which permits users to review and compare data from the Intercultural Trends Survey in 2020 along with the three earlier editions of the Survey. All five editions of the Survey are based on a combination of polling with more than 52,000 citizens in the EuroMed countries.

*“By examining values and social change for the last 10+ years, users of the Intercultural Trends Data Hub may discover many interesting correlations and patterns that could suggest new research questions and areas of study. Users may also discover that countries that are geographically far apart are in fact very similar with regards to the values respondents hold”,* said Eleonora Insalaco, Head of Operations and Intercultural Research at the Anna Lindh Foundation when describing the Intercultural Trends Data Hub at the Welcome Webinar of the online course on Intercultural Trends in the Euro-Mediterranean.

The Intercultural Trends Data Hub is accessible here: <http://alf.uni-med.net>. □

## FOURTH EDITION OF THE INTERCULTURAL TRENDS REPORT – PROGRESS:

The ALF received in March all draft analytical articles by identified authors to the Anna Lindh Report 2021. The articles are currently being edited. To support the authors with drafting the articles and using the Intercultural Trends Data Hub, Ipsos MORI organized virtual drop-in-sessions. Authors of the Report have also been requested to make 3 minutes videos – sharing some of the reflections/key findings already presented in your articles for the Report and these audio-visual materials will be integrated into the Online course on Intercultural Trends in the EuroMed region. □

## FOURTH EDITION OF THE COURSE ON INTERCULTURAL TRENDS IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN



The Fourth edition of the course on Intercultural Trends in the Euro-Mediterranean started on the 15th March and ran until the 11th of April. The course received 192 registrations. 68% of these were females and 30% were males. 56% were under 34 years old they hailed from 36 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean and beyond.

This edition of the course was also joined by 12 students from the University of Siena undertaking a master's programme in cultural and public diplomacy.

The course is composed of four modules:

**Module 1: Representation of the Mediterranean and Mutual Interest.** Through this module, you will learn about common values and attitudes, interests and expectations of the people living in the EuroMed region and their perception towards other countries/people.

**Module 2: Values and Mutual Perception.** Through this module, you will learn what are the most important values for people living around the Mediterranean and how the role of women is perceived and is expected to change.

**Module 3: Interaction across Cultures.** Through this module, you will learn about how people from the two shores of the Mediterranean interact and how they construct the representation of the "other" as well as the role of media in this process.

**Module 4: Living in Diversity.** Through this module, you will learn about the impact of religion on people's point of view and what could be efficient actions to tackle radicalisation and for better living in multi-cultural cities and societies.

During the course a welcome webinar was organised on 18 March which attracted the participation of 46 learners.

Furthermore, the course includes two online meetups of which the first one was organised on 25 March and the second one on 8 April.

## ACADEMIC COURSE ON INTERCULTURAL TRENDS

On 11 March, 2021, the Head of Operations and Intercultural Research at the Anna Lindh Foundation gave a lecture as part of a course on cultural diplomacy at the Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences of the University of Siena. The course offers students an overview of the main approaches and concepts in cultural diplomacy, mixing a historical perspective with the study of contemporary practices in the framework of diplomatic, sociological, cultural and communication studies. Polling data from the most recent edition of the Intercultural Trends Survey published in 2020 along with earlier editions of the Survey published in 2010, 2014 and 2018 and an overview on the ALF research work was presented.

In the framework of the course, the University of Siena is piloting a course on Intercultural Trends based on the online course on Intercultural Trends in the EuroMed developed in collaboration with UNIMED.

The presentation was the first public event since the passing of the Executive Director Dr. Nabil Al Sharif. During the lecture, Insalaco highlighted Al Sharif's effort to promote diversity and mutual understanding in all four corners of the Euro-Mediterranean whilst also working tirelessly for the empowerment of particularly youth and women in the region. □

## QUO VADIS EURO-MED CIVIL SOCIETY WEBINAR - HONOURING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. NABIL AL-SHARIF AND DISCUSSING THE STATE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN



In the framework of the “Quo Vadis Euro-Med Civil Society” webinar as part of one of the ALF CFP funded projects, the Head of Operations and Intercultural Research, participated in a panel discussion on the current state and perspectives for civil society work in the EuroMed region together with Dr Rowaida Al-Maaitah, Professor at Jordan University of Science and Technology; Alison Surtees, Creative Producer at In Place of War, Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Professor of International Relations and Director of the Center for International and European Studies at the Centre for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul and Josep Ferré, Director General at the European Institute for the Mediterranean (IEMed) Barcelona.

At the opening of the meeting and on behalf of the panellists, Ms. Insalaco paid tribute to the recently passed Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Dr. Nabil Al-Sharif. During the panel discussion, Insalaco reaffirmed the intention of the Anna Lindh Foundation to support civil society in the management of pressing social challenges related to the impact of the current pandemic and climate change. Furthermore, she noted that the pandemic has also created some conditions which can favour dialogue work as people had to step out of their comfort zone to think about new methods for their work. □

## PROGRESS WITH FUNDED EUROMED INTERCULTURAL TRENDS RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

The Anna Lindh Foundation is currently funding three Intercultural Research collaborations. The selected projects are “Global Crises, Common Problems, Collective Solutions” implemented by a consortium led by the Centre for International and European Studies (CIES); *LEILA Research* (Arabic Books in European Languages) implemented by a consortium led by Literature Across Frontiers (LAF); and “Climate Change and Migration in EuroMed region: Socio-Economic Development and Intercultural Perspective” implemented by a consortium led by the University of Calabria (UNICAL).

To date the Anna Lindh Foundation has organised a number of coordination meetings with the organisations carrying out the research projects. □

## REPORTING TO THE GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE LAUNCH OF THE INTERCULTURAL TRENDS SURVEY AND THE PUBLIC POLICY FORUM ON THE SECOND OF DECEMBER

During the month of March, a full and comprehensive report was produced on the activities held on 2 December 2020, during which the Intercultural Trends Survey was launched and a Public Policy Forum on Youth and Civil Society in the EuroMed were organised. This report was submitted to the German Federal Foreign Office which funded part of the costs of the activities.

The report included segments on the regional context of the events, in-depth description of the activities, outline of the preparations and logistics, analysis of the media campaign and communication measures along with stories from the ground and all visuals and social media templates developed for the events. □

## REPORTING TO DONORS AND ASSESSING PROGRESS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

### REVISION OF ALF LOGICAL FRAMEWORK WITH EC COMMISSIONED EVALUATOR

The ALF has finalized a process of revision of the Logical Framework included in the Action Grants signed with the European Commission, this process was initiated by the European Commission with the appointment of an external evaluation and to date two meetings were held with the EC evaluator in this regard. □

## INTERCULTURAL CITIES AND LEARNING

### FIRST STEPS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THE ANNA LINDH EUROMED CAPITAL FOR DIALOGUE AWARD

On 4 March 2021, the ALF brought together experts and strategic partners to discuss the launch of the EuroMed Capital for Dialogue Award, which aims to recognize and promote the work that cities and local actors do in promoting intercultural dialogue in the region.

Experts and strategic partners participating in the meeting included: Mohamed Boudra from Al Hoceima Municipality in Morocco and UCGL; Irena Guidikova from the Council of Europe; Linda Tinio-Le Douari from UNESCO; Nicola Vaththae from Eurocities; Giulia Marchesini from Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI); Aliko Moschis Gauguet, from the Anna Lindh Foundation's Advisory Council; Ricard Zapata-Barrero from Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Sena Segbedzi from the OECD and Douglas Ragan from UN-Habitat, Oriol Barba Suño from MedCities.

During the roundtable experts and strategic partners underlined the importance of designing a clear methodology and a roadmap for selecting the winner of the EuroMed Capital for Dialogue Award with an evaluation mechanism which could value current measures in relation to diversity management as well as the vision and proposals for enhancing diversity management and intercultural dialogue with a EuroMed dimension.

The meeting offered a first platform to all participating institutions to share their programmes and priorities for the promotion of dialogue and city-to-city collaboration and this was considered as a first step to ensure coordination between the different existing schemes with a need to disseminate information on them to all the potential stakeholders.

The Anna Lindh Foundation is committed to facilitate further this exchange and to bring together local authorities, civil society, academics, educators and media for the exchange of know-how and the setting up of local platforms for dialogue across the EuroMed region. Operations and policies used by international organizations at the city-to-city level were also presented. □

### DIGITAL GAME ON INTERCULTURAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

In the framework of the ALF Intercultural Learning and Cities Programme and against the backdrop of restrictions brought on by the pandemic, the ALF is in the process of commissioning the production of a digital game on Intercultural Citizenship

Education in the EuroMed region based on the learning activities and principles presented in the Anna Lindh Foundation Education Handbook.

This game will be available in English, French and Arabic. The service provider will also offer workshops on how to use the game to educators in the formal and non-formal education sector. □

### CANDIDATURES - VIRTUAL REGIONAL TRAINING FOR TRAINERS ON INTERCULTURAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGION

In the framework of the Anna Lindh Foundation Intercultural Learning and Cities Programme aiming at preparing people of the region to live and be active within multi-cultural societies, and due to the Covid19 restrictions for face-to-face training activities, the Anna Lindh Foundation is organising the first Virtual Regional Training for Trainers on Intercultural Citizenship Education in the Euro-Mediterranean region (29 May - 26 June 2021).

The training is addressed to educators in the formal and non-formal education sector and is based on the capacity building methodology on intercultural dialogue developed by a team of experts coordinated by the Anna Lindh Foundation having as main educational reference the Anna Lindh Foundation *Education Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship in the Euro-Med region*.

The training will be carried out in English to ensure participants have a common language for participating in all the interactive sessions. The training will be held virtually and will last for 6 sessions, scheduled from 29 May to 26 June 2021. The 6 live training sessions will be held every Saturday from 10:00 to 13:00 (CET). In addition, weekly offline groups and/or individual 2- hour sessions among trainers and educators will be held at the participants' pace. A final evaluation and follow-up session will be scheduled during the last week of September 2021 and is considered as an integral part of the Training.

Following the virtual training, educators should commit to implement a training activity based on the Regional ToT in their respective communities and networks and will be accompanied in this process through a mentorship scheme coordinated by the Anna Lindh Foundation. The training activity by each trained educator is to be implemented between 20 June and 10 July 2021.

For the selection of educators to attend the Virtual ToT, the Anna Lindh Foundation launched in March to the Heads of Network a call to educators in each Member States. The

deadline for applying is on the 24 April 2021 at 17h (Egypt time).

Through this Call the ALF will select 20 participants for the Training for Trainers. Participants will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Being an educator.
2. Work in the formal or non-formal education sectors.
3. Work with young people.
4. be able to organise and conduct training for other groups.
5. be familiar with non-formal education pedagogical approaches.

**Additionally, participants should:**

1. Have developed projects for intercultural citizenship education, or have been involved in projects for intercultural citizenship education, and
2. Have worked on issues related to intercultural citizenship education (e.g. diversity, identity, citizenship, active participation, intercultural dialogue, etc.) and
3. be committed to organise educational activities in 2021 in their country and with the ALF network as part of the training and as follow-up to it

Lastly, based on the relevance and quality of applications, the Anna Lindh Foundation will try to ensure the selection of representatives from different countries of the region with a tentative ratio of 7 Southern Mediterranean and 13 European participants and with gender balance. □

**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - FIRST PILOT VIRTUAL TRAINING ON INTERCULTURAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION**

On 4 March the ALF launched a Call for Expression of Interest to the trained educators during the 2019 Nicosia Regional Training for Trainers on Intercultural Citizenship Education in the EuroMed region as part of the related mentorship scheme. The ALF sets to support through a single tendering procedure the development of a pilot virtual training on intercultural citizenship education led by educators trained in the Region ToT. The organisation of the pilot virtual training responds to: The needs arising from the outburst of the Covid19 pandemic and the increased potential of the use of new technologies for training purposes as well as the limitations for face-to-face training activities; The need of providing opportunities to the educators trained within the Regional ALF ToT to implement the acquired competences and knowledge of the Anna Lindh Foundation Education Handbook; Finally, to the need of disseminating to other educators, young people and civil society information, competences, skills, and attitudes related to intercultural citizenship education and to the ALF Education Handbook as a reference resource. □

**ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION VIRTUAL MARATHON FOR DIALOGUE IN THE EUROMED**



From January to April, the Virtual Marathon has started to be shaped, according to the concept note developed and shared with the Network, in particular with the HoN, during their meetings of November and December 2020.

The spine column of the Virtual Marathon is a series of 7 webinars on-line to take place once the week, on the Wednesday, during 42 days from the 19th of May to the 29th of June. A platform will be organized, through the Secretariat, to ensure a smooth development of the activities and a good level of participation, quantity and quality wise.

Around the 7 webinars, the members of the Network, as well as partner organizations, will organize national or cross networks activities. - A social, as well as a traditional media campaign/s, implemented by an external service provider, will ensure the coverage of the whole Marathon.

In order to make the process as participatory as possible, a coordination Committee, made of the coordination team, the Network Department, the contract and finance area, as well as of the Operations Area, has been meeting once the week to further elaborate the concept and the mechanism of mobilisation and make it workable.

From February to April, different calls were launched: two tender procedures, to hire on one hand a Media campaign/s provider to spread the Virtual Marathon information and on another hand the provider of the platform to enable the activities to happen on-line in the best conditions. In the meantime, a third procedure was launched, A CALL for expression of interest, through direct mails to the members, as well as through the social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) – given the technical problems with the web -, in order the Network/s members to present activities in the framework of the Marathon. It is indeed very important that all the members are well informed and a lot of efforts have been put in this direction.

Last, not least, the programme of the webinar has been worked out, content and format wise and High-level Representatives, as well as panellists, such as youth, decision makers, civil society organisers, academicians, journalists and business sector, are being invited. □

## YOUNG MEDITERRANEAN VOICES

YOUNG MEDITERRANEAN VOICES LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – 25 - 29 January 2021



## A NEW GENERATION OF DIALOGUE LEADERS



#YoungMedVoices2030

VIRTUAL SEMINAR ON CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE & POLICY LEADERSHIP



Poster - YMV Leadership Seminar 2021

Hosting (virtually) 27 young people from 18 countries of the Euro-Med, Taking place on January 25-19th, 2021, the Seminar represented the anchor event in YMV’s capacity-building process. The components of the regional training, leading through values, cultural intelligence, advocacy, and media and outreach, in addition to providing participants with direct exposure to established leaders and EU policy-makers, create a rich array of experience. Programme partners, including the Anna Lindh Foundation, MEDAC, Club de Madrid and the British Council, contributed to the establishment of hub for regional visibility in the domain of youth voice and leadership.



Participants - YMV Leadership Seminar

Three Regional Leadership Seminars were organized over the three year time-frame of YMV, with the first of the Seminars, which took place in Malta in January 14-18, 2019 coinciding with the 5 + 5 Ministerial Dialogue, which also took place in Malta on 18-19 January 2019. The Second Seminar took place in Malta in November 17-23, 2019.

The methodology of the activity, modified and refined through the three editions of the Seminar by partners, participants and general stakeholders, was extended to 2021 with appropriate modifications, relating also with the pandemic and its restrictions. The methodology took on board the needs of YMV Alumni, considering an experience stemming from the debating skills to dialogue and aiming for a leadership development experience.

The conversation and generation of policy recommendations was around selected SDGs, which reflect the main concerns of youth in the region as identified in a number of YMV events, amongst which, the Debate Forum (Nov. 2020):

- SDG4: Quality Education
- SDG8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG10: Reduction of Inequality within and among countries
- SDG16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.



President of Malta George Vella at YMV Leadership Seminar

Finally, the innovative and rewarding mentoring process that has taken place during the activity, with the participation of



Members of the European Parliament and EU officials, in addition to Club de Madrid President, former president of Slovenia, Danilo Türk, was an inter-generational sharing and voice amplifying process.

Watch the highlights video [here](#). 

**YMV PROGRAMME CLOSES: REFLECTING AND SHARING – 22 March 2021**



*Closing Meeting - YMV 2018 -2021*

Programme partners met on March 22nd, in an online meeting to celebrate the Young Mediterranean Voices programme and its accomplishments. After 39 months of continuous activity, the programme completes the current cycle and starts to plan for the future!

Since the launch of the programme in 2018, more than 9,000 young people were trained and participated in the dialogue and debating activities of the programme, from all over the Euro-Mediterranean region, activities have taken place in 33 countries and 100 towns and communities in the Euro-Med, 177 young people have been mobilized in inter-regional activities, 14 dialogue events (live and virtual) have taken place involving high level decision-makers, three regional Leadership seminars and 3 strategic communications Labs, new partnerships and collaborations have formulated and continue to develop.



*YMV Community*

We would like to thank the #YoungMedVoices2030 community for the active support and motivation, in addition to the programme partners, that have been a crucial part in its development and implementation, especially the programme’s main supporter, the EU (DG NEAR) and implementing partner in the Med south, the British Council. Young Med Voices is proud of the opportunities that allowed us to meet such powerful and ambitious young leaders and debaters, and partners wish a shared vision and trajectory.

Continue to follow the YMV Social Media for news on ALF and partner activities, open calls, and youth events and opportunities.

YMV Alumni will be notified of opportunities through the YMV Alumni database.

Facebook: @YoungMedVoices  
 Twitter: @YoungMedVoices  
[www.youngmedvoices.org](http://www.youngmedvoices.org) 

## GRANTS

The first four months of 2021 have been dedicated to closely following up on the implementation of the projects awarded within the framework of ALF 2020 Call for Proposals (CfP) – Intercultural Dialogue Initiatives.



### *International Women's Day campaign*

The Grants Team held individual meetings with each of the 36 leaders to discuss their projects and provide some guidance on the frequently asked questions that arise during the implementation phase. Further, the team has had the opportunity to attend high-quality events organized by the grantees within the framework of their projects.

In an effort to increase the visibility of the awarded projects, the team, in close collaboration with ALF Communication Unit, organised an online communication campaign for International Women's Day that spanned over the months of March and April. On this occasion, projects that tackle gender issues and foster women's agency were showcased on ALF social media. During the next quarter, the team will keep shedding light on more CfP projects on different International Days and occasions.

In parallel, the team has worked jointly with the Networks team to arrange capacity building sessions that have unfortunately been delayed due to the tragic events ALF faced in January and March. However, the two teams keep working closely on the preparation of these sessions that CfP grantees and ALF members would benefit from in the coming months.

Furthermore, the Grants team has been meeting regularly with the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Manager regarding the M&E software that is currently being developed. The Grants unit has had the chance to recently test this new tool that is aimed at supporting CfP grantees in the management of their respective projects during both the implementation and the reporting phases.

Finally, the team is working to be able to set up a format that would allow CfP grantees to meet and find synergies among their projects. □

ALF NATIONAL NETWORKS

OPEN CALL: THE\_GAP



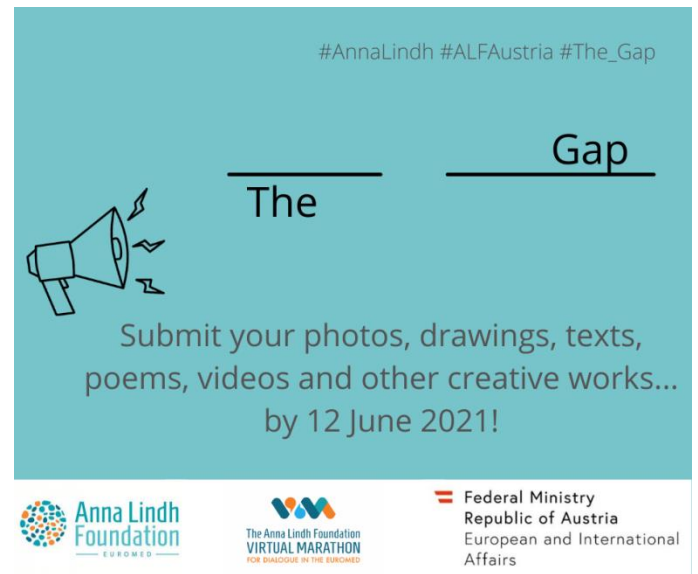
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Start to Listen Project

With the project “[Start to listen](#)”, Grenzenlos, Citizens in Action, Kayan Feminist Organization and Hayya Bina provide young people the possibility to learn and exchange about **Gender Equality**. While producing different podcast episodes, they want to empower participants to be active citizens who foster gender equality through their actions. In the project, young people learn to express their ideas and perspectives about the status quo of gender equality in their societies. Through the exchange with project participants from other countries, they do not only gain a better understanding of their own culture but also hear about the reality of gender equality in other parts of the world. Moreover, the media often discusses gender roles and equality in a populist manner. Hence, the project includes workshops that aim at helping the participants to question media prejudices and to identify fake news. At the same time, they learn how to create reliable content and share it with an online community.

The project started with an online kick-off event in October last year. In April and May, the local youth groups are meeting in their respective countries to work on said podcast episodes. Due to the ongoing health crisis, the meetings take place either in person or in a virtual format, depending on the local circumstances. The podcasts, including the interviews the young people recorded, will be published on 15 June 2021. Follow the project here to not miss out on more information. □



The\_GAP open call

The world we knew stopped a year ago. From one day to the other, our lives changed drastically. The Number 1 topic since then: Corona. In the turmoil of the pandemic, other crucial topics that affect society had to take a back seat.

We want to focus on issues that have been neglected over the past year. The\_GAP intends to highlight what else is important, apart from the pandemic. The\_GAP, an empty space and a place that is kept free for the issues not mentioned - a space for diversity.

Which issues did society forget about due to the pandemic? What gaps have emerged? We want to emphasise an intercultural dialogue on the topics that have become invisible in this period. Which story burns under your nails that people in other places need to know about? Which topics do people from different backgrounds than your own need to be discussed? We want to understand the issues that young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region conceive as problems of our time. What is the\_GAP that we need to shed light on?

We collect contributions from the fields of art, culture, politics and society. Send us your photos, drawings, texts, poems, videos and other creative works... This is the stage for your contribution.

Every contribution published on the ALF Austria website in the virtual exhibition space will receive a compensation of € 100, 00.

Send us your submission (in English or German) including the entry form:

- Text (max. 3600 characters)
- Picture (300dpi)
- Sound recording (max. 5 minutes, MP3)
- Video (max. 8 minutes, uploaded on Vimeo or YouTube)

#### Prerequisites:

- You are between 14 and 32 years.
- You live in one of the 42 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region.
- You enjoy expressing yourself artistically in texts, pictures, sound recordings or videos.
- You want to participate as a group with your friends or as an individual.
- You have an exciting idea that can be implemented artistically and that supports intercultural dialogue.
- An international audience can easily understand your project and your contribution represents the values represented by Anna Lindh Foundation.

Please send your submissions via email to [Anna.LindhFoundation@oiip.ac.at](mailto:Anna.LindhFoundation@oiip.ac.at)

**Deadline: 12 June 2021**

**Publication: summer 2021**

The ALF and its national networks promote intercultural dialogue and focus on civil society exchange.

This event is part of the ALF Virtual Marathon for Dialogue which gives civil society - and especially young people from the Euro-Med region - the opportunity to discuss current issues. The online exhibition "The\_Gap" thus creates a place and a platform for intercultural exchange and dialogue.

Please do not hesitate to ask your questions about the Open Call to [Anna.LindhFoundation@oiip.ac.at](mailto:Anna.LindhFoundation@oiip.ac.at)

**#AnnaLindh #ALFAustria #The\_Gap**

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#### BELGIUM

#### THE CHRISTMAS SOUK – 17 June 2021



*The Christmas Souk*

The Christmas Souk is the flagship project of the Foundation's Belgian network.

This event - postponed many times due to the Covid measures - will finally take place on June 17th in the heart of Brussels.

During an intense week of preparation mid-March, the Company Les Nouveaux Disparus spent a week in Mauritania meeting local civil society organizations who will partner with us for the Christmas Souk. This trip allowed us to explore their needs and to become aware of the reality of their situation. Locally, we were accompanied by the director of cultural affairs to Mauritania, who allowed us to meet several local partners and visit different regions.

#### What is the Christmas Souk in concrete terms?

It is a forum of intercultural exchanges between Mauritanian, Tunisian, Luxembourgian and Belgian associations. The forum will present the following themes:

- Art and culture
- Youth, education and training
- Gender and women's rights

The main objective of the forum is to foster encounters, entice reflections, spark debates and exchange ideas around these three major themes; which are at the heart of the values promoted by the Anna Lindh Foundation.

This event will be accompanied by a Mediterranean-tinted associative souk (an activity fair that hosts various associations active in the Foundation and in Belgium). □

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### DOCUMENTARY - "EFFENDI'S VOW."



Film - Mufti of Tuzla, Muhamed Šefket ef. Kurt - "Effendi's vow."

**C**AT Bosnia and Herzegovina together with a team of young cameramen and directors from Una Storia made the first documentary!

A film was made about the Mufti of Tuzla, Muhamed Šefket ef. Kurt called "Effendi's vow." Thanks to the Mufti, during the WW2, there were no mass crimes in Tuzla, which is also one of the most important historical events and inspiration for this film.

In the first half of February, the film was shown on N1 television (6.2.2021 at 21:00), local television in Prijedor (RTV Prijedor) - (6.2.2021 at 21:30), local television in Bugojno (RTV Bugojno) (12.2. 2021 at 21:30), Elta HD television from Banja Luka (28.2 from 19:00), and approvals for broadcasting the film, which are expected in the near future, were sent to the following TV companies from the Republic of Serbia: TV Galaxy 32 and BTV / IPTV 501 - Čačak, TV Kanal 9 - Novi Sad, Serbia, Television Požega, TELEVISION VALJEVO PLUS, Serbia, as well as for the competition program of the International Festival "Sarajevo Winter 2021".

Federalna TV and BN have also expressed a desire to broadcast and hopefully the same will be in early March.

If you haven't seen the movie yet, you can watch it on the YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwG5IKzTvPc>

## ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATIONS SARAJEVO (UDIK) REMEMBRANCE OF HOLOCAUST VICTIMS



**O**n the occasion of January 27, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Association for Social Research and Communications (UDIK) presented a new book entitled "Sarajevo: Remembrance of Holocaust Victims". The book documents the names of fallen fighters, citizens of Sarajevo in the National Liberation War, fallen fighters for the liberation of Sarajevo and victims of fascist

terror. The list of names was obtained from the newspaper *Oslobodjenje*, which published the same list last year when a mass for Bleiburg was held in the Sarajevo Cathedral. Vildana Selimbegović, editor-in-chief of *Oslobodjenje*, wrote about the data collection process in the introductory part of this book. For the needs of this book, the hazan of the Sarajevo synagogue, Igor Bencion Kožemjakin, wrote a text called *The Jews of Sarajevo, Victims of Nazi and Ustasha Terror*, which is at the end of the book. □

### ONLINE PLATFORM FRKA.BA



**T**he online platform [frka.ba](http://frka.ba) was launched, which is also the first such platform for the promotion of young artists in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This idea came to a group of young people from 7 local communities (Brčko, Zenica, Foča, Prijedor, Zvornik, Gradačac, Novi Grad), which aims to bring together young artists in one place (Web, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube). Members of the Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla are one of the founders of the initiative: Adnan Karamujić and Ammar Grabić.

Digital channels of communication and promotion are something that has long been recognized as a necessity in the further development of any type of business. This was especially evident during the crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The platform "FRKA" (Facade Recreational Creative Artists), above all, gives media space to young people who do not have the opportunity to show their talent to the general public, and on the other hand is the space of educating the public about different arts in our country. Regardless of the dominant focus on social networks and online activities, it also continuously strives to provide young people from all over BiH with the opportunity to work in the field by recording podcasts and outlining murals, which promote art and cultural values.

*"Our vision is for frka.ba to become a place, not only for the promotion of art, but also a space for interconnection and communication, as well as empowering young people through art. Whether it was painting, music, graphic design, photography, or something that has not been seen in our country so far, we are aware that art is a living thing, and that it is more than a vocation or a job."* - point out the representatives of FRKA.

The call is continuously open, so when you are ready, feel free to contact us! All you need to send information is: name and surname, city, year, mail, phone number, what you do and send your work (pictures, videos, audio ...) to [frka.umjetnici@gmail.com](mailto:frka.umjetnici@gmail.com) or visit us at to the following address: <https://frka.ba/o-nama/>

Mentoring support in the implementation of the FRKA initiative is provided by CEFE BiH.



This initiative is implemented with the support of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Resilience Initiative (BHRI) program, implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with the financial support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). □

## FIRST INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION "SERGEI RACHMANINOFF"

### I INTERNATIONAL ONLINE PIANO COMPETITION

# SERGEI RACHMANINOFF

24-28.05.2021.

#### ŽIRI/JURY

ISTVAN I SZEKELY  
(SPAIN/HUNGARY)



MARIJA MAKSIMOVA  
(NORTH MACEDONIA)



MARGARITA VUJOVIĆ  
(RUSSIA/SERBIA)



Competition organizers  
Prof. mr. Monika Tadić &  
Prof. Džan Dervišević

**DEADLINE 20 MAY**

Contact:

[www.pianobih.com](http://www.pianobih.com)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Anna Lindh Fondacija  
Bosanskohercegovačka mreža



Prof. Monika Tadić, M.Sc. and prof. Džan Dervišević, in partnership with the Youth Resource Center (ORC) Tuzla, and within the additional activities of the ALF Network BiH, during May, organize the First International Online Piano Competition "Sergei Rachmaninoff". The competition is a public music-pedagogical event in which regular and part-time students of primary, secondary schools or related music institutions participate.

The competition is held online between 24-28. May 2021, applications are until May 20, 2021. The competition is performed on piano solo and piano duo (as well as four-handed). Registration fees / donations of participants for all categories are 20 €.

The winner of the "Laureate" of each category, in addition to the diploma, also received a gold medal.

Special cash prize for S. Rachmaninoff's play in the Baby category from A to F (primary school) and in the G and H category (secondary school)

All participants and their professors receive diplomas.

The jury:

The jury consists of eminent international professors who also participate in other international competitions around the world:

István I Székeli - Spain / Hungary  
 Marija Maksimova - Macedonia  
 Margarita Vujović - Russia / Serbia

The competition will be held as part of the ALF Virtual Marathon for Dialogue in the EuroMED.

The deadline for your applications and submission of works is May 20, 2021.

More information about the competition, categories, points, as well as the application itself can be found on the website:

<https://pianobih.com>

**E-table (virtual round table) – 29 April 2021**



## The Anna Lindh Foundation VIRTUAL MARATHON FOR DIALOGUE IN THE EUROMED

ORC Tuzla, as the Head Office of the ALF Network in BiH, and within the ALF Virtual Marathon for Dialogue in the EuroMED region, on Thursday, April 29, organized an E-table (virtual round table) with the topic:

**CSO's work within COVID-19 Pandemic – Disaster, challenge, or opportunity? How to go further?**

The Round Table was attended by 16 participants from: BiH, Lebanon, Slovenia, Egypt, Albania, Bulgaria and Hungary, and the speakers were:

Slobodan BLAGOVČANIN - CAT BiH  
 Dimitrios Cavouras - Civil Society Expert of the EuroMed Region and  
 Robert Križanić - Head of the ALF network of Slovenia

The round table discussed: Weaknesses and strengths of civil society organizations in the EuroMED region during the pandemic, good and innovative activities / best practices launched by organizations during the pandemic, experiences and overcoming challenges and obstacles, possible proposals for the ALF Network within the pandemic (opportunities, challenges, solutions and possibilities)



*Participants - e-table*

During two and a half hours, the participants had the opportunity to exchange their experiences, thoughts, ideas, problems and difficulties within the pandemic. They also discussed how to make civil society organizations more active in society, how to increase visibility, how to fill gaps in the work of governments and decision-makers in the fight against the pandemic, how to fight fake news

One of the conclusions of the round table was to strengthen and act more proactively online (both officially - within the ALF network, and in the exchange of experiences between countries and members.

A full E-table report is expected soon.



CYPRUS

“BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND ENHANCING GENDER EQUALITY”: WOMEN FROM CYPRUS, EGYPT, LEBANON AND JORDAN COME TOGETHER



The seminar was coordinated by the Heads of the Anna Lindh Foundation Cyprus Network which consists of the NGO Support Centre and Rooftop Theatre Group.

Dates of workshops: December 2020, February–March 2021

Participants:  
40 women



from  
Cyprus (10)  
Egypt (10)  
Lebanon (10)  
Jordan (10)



- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION
- 1 Human Rights
  - 2 Gender norms, deconstructing gender stereotypes and recognising gender based violence
  - 3 Body positivity and creating personal agency
  - 4 Healthy relationships
  - 5 Reflecting on our common journey

- Fields of specialisation:
- Law
  - Political Sciences/ International Relations
  - Financial Services
  - Non-profit
  - Migration
  - Culture & Arts
  - Commerce
  - International Business
  - Media
  - Film
  - Nutrition & dietetics
  - Medicine

“ What shall we do to respond to the challenges women face because of gender inequalities? We need to talk about it – talking to our mothers and sisters – I’m sure this workshop will change my mentality 100% and I will share what I learnt with [others/friends].

“ The woman is the person who should define what empowerment means – empowerment many times has a meaning that is too focused on privileged women and giving more privilege to these women – smaller schemes: empowering women to cook and plant – not to force women to look a certain way or have a certain job – you should ask women what they want – age and context is very important.

“ P: the whole journey [of the workshops] made my journey seem less lonely – having others with the same visions and aspirations – makes our work less lonely and it inspires me to do more.

Building Healthy Relationships and Enhancing Gender Equality

Women from Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan came together in the online seminar Building healthy relationships and enhancing gender equality. “The whole journey [of the workshops] made my journey seem less lonely – having others with the same visions and aspirations – makes our work less lonely and it inspires me to do more”, a participant mentioned on her experience. The seminar was addressed to women aged 18-25 from Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan, and was divided in two sessions with a series of online meetings between December 2020 and March 2021.

Organised on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Barcelona Process by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the heads of the ALF networks of Cyprus, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan, the seminar had the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus. The seminar was coordinated by the Heads of the Anna Lindh Foundation Cyprus Network, and implemented by the Cyprus Family Planning Association and the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies and their experienced trainers.

The selection of participants was made through an open call, with a final selection of 40 women. Through the use of non-formal education methodologies and interactive tools, the participating women became informed about decisions on gender stereotypes and building healthy relationships based on respect; as one participant pointed out, “acknowledging our human rights in a deeper way...and to learn more things about consent is very important for our lives”. Participants also had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Samir Anouti, Regional Adviser for Youth & HIV/AIDS of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) about the programmes offered by UNFPA in the Arab region to support women’s health and rights.

Women who participated in the seminar were eager to continue working together and advocate for women’s rights and finding more opportunities to share their voices. “[We want to take this further] to promote programs like this amazing program in order to empower women...to promote more documentaries for women’s achievements and women’s fights...In order to make womanhood stronger and make each woman love and admire each other as it should”, remarked one of the participants. □

CAPACITY BUILDING ONLINE WORKSHOP SERIES FOR CYPRUS NETWORK MEMBERS

- Capacity Building Online Workshop Series:
1. MANAGEMENT OF AN NGO AND COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
  2. BUILDING POSITIVE PEACE
  3. CRISIS MANAGEMENT FOR TRAINERS AND YOUTH WORKERS
  4. INTRODUCTION TO ADVOCACY FOR NGOS
  5. INSPIRING LEADERSHIP



The Anna Lindh Foundation Cyprus Network is organising a series of five capacity building workshops for network members from February until June 2021, reflecting the needs and interests of the network.



The workshops address the following topics:

- Management of an NGO and compliance with legal and regulatory framework – February 2021
- Building Positive Peace – March 2021
- Crisis Management for trainers and youth workers – April 2021
- Introduction to Advocacy for NGOs – May 2021
- Inspiring Leadership – June 2021

The workshops aim to develop the skills and capacities of the network members and allow for interactive exchange and dialogue. During the first workshop, “Management of an NGO and compliance with the legal and regulatory framework”, participants had the opportunity to learn about governance practices and management of NGOs as required by laws, funders, the public, and civil society. The “Building Positive Peace” workshop addressed the Global Peace Index, why positive peace is important to civil society, and how we can apply it to our work. Finally, during the third workshop, “Crisis management for trainers and youth workers” network members were offered the opportunity to learn what crisis management is and how they can enhance their skills and capacities. The workshop was experiential, and participants engaged in an exchange of practices and ideas for addressing potential crises in the civil society sector. □

### ALF MULTI-COUNTRY YOUTH DEBATE: STRENGTHENING YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE EUROMED



The Cyprus Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation organises a multi-country youth debate addressing the issue of Youth Civic Engagement in the EuroMed.

The debate will bring together young people (18-35) from across the ALF Networks in the 42 countries to discuss how we can strengthen youth civic engagement in the Euro-Mediterranean region by focusing on the effects of Covid-19 on youth civic engagement and how does corruption influence the effective participation of young people in current and civil affairs. The debate will gather key experts on both topics to provide their insights and discuss with participants!

This virtual debate aims to strengthen intercultural dialogue in EuroMed by bringing together young people to discuss and exchange views on current issues and come up with ideas on how to strengthen youth civic engagement either through more active participation in decision-making, through civil society, or other active citizenship practices.

**The debate will be structured around two key issues:**

- How has COVID-19 influenced youth civic engagement?
- How does corruption influence the effective participation of civic engagement?

**Panelists:**

- Dr. Fernanda Odilla, Research Fellow at the Department of Political and Social Science at the University of Bologna
- Maria Konstantinou, Doctoral Student in Psychology, University of Cyprus
- Anya Suprunenko, Executive Director, European Youth Parliament, Berlin, Germany

The debate will be moderated by the European Youth Parliament Cyprus and the Diplomatic Academy - University of Nicosia.

Registration is open to young people (18-35) from across the ALF Networks in the 42 countries.

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/32YbeMI>

**Deadline for Registration:** 12th of May □



CZECH REPUBLIC



Institute of career and development, the ALF member of the Czech network, provides career orientation and strives to

establish themselves as links between young people, youth work, educational institutions, and actors in the labour market. Its ambition is for early age students to make their own career choices – consciously and based on their interests and talents and to encourage them to aim high and reach long in their career growth, through positive reinforcement, critical thinking, and professional support. Recently Kariérko.cz. has launched an online learning platform that contains descriptions of different professions, motivational videos, podcasts, articles from experts, and students. All of it is completed by information about current career, and self-development opportunities (development projects, scholarship programs, excursions and internships, study abroad, etc.) shared on social media. The aim is to provide them opportunities to participate in quality educational events and meet professionals in the field from whom they can learn.

For further development Kariérko.cz seeks a partner with experience to apply together for the Erasmus or EEA grants as well as for future cooperation and sharing best practices. □



FRANCE



*Training to the members of the French network*

In the framework of the assistance program dedicated to the members of the Anna Lindh Foundation French network, the European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA) has provided a training to the members of the French network on the topic "Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027: Which opportunities? "With the support of the Forum Femmes Méditerranée, leader of the French network. This training took place on Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in a hybrid format: participants were gathered both in person in Strasbourg (11 people) and online through videoconference (9 people).

ALDA experts introduced the participants to the new Multiannual financial framework of the European Union, its functioning and the next funding opportunities, giving a detailed overview of the chapters and the funds planned for the period 2021-2027. Subsequently, the participants were asked to put into practice what they had learned, through a simulation of a European funding application - gathered in groups, they defined together a cooperation project proposal. The participants had the opportunity to exchange and debate on the different points discussed during the training. This learning was completed in the afternoon by a presentation of the functioning of the European institutions (Council of Europe, European Parliament) delivered by Mrs. Stina STANGREN from the European Parliament. The presence of two MEPs on site also allowed to deepen the role of the EU in terms of support to the civil society, and led to very rich exchanges among the French members and attendees.

This training was a very good opportunity to strengthen the ties between the Anna Lindh members from all over France during this difficult period, and the practical exercises allowed to build potential ways of cooperation in the framework of the new EU funding programs! The participants expressed their satisfaction with the quality of the training, its content, its methodology and pedagogy. □



GERMANY

**"WE ARE STILL HERE! EUROMED CITIZEN REPORTERS" ENTERING IN ITS SECOND PHASE**



*We are still here project*

**"We are still here"** Citizen Initiatives still active all over the region!

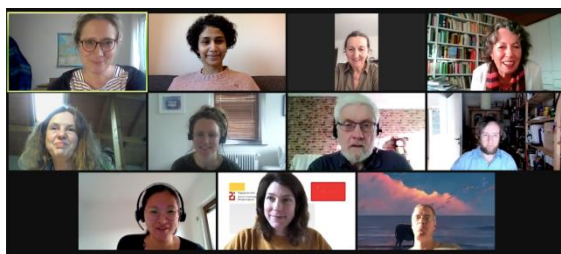
In the participatory project "We are still here! EuroMed Citizen Reporters", citizens from the Euro-Mediterranean region

shared their experiences, perceptions and hopes regarding the global COVID-19 pandemic in short video clips. The project, that has been launched during the Anna Lindh Foundation's activities in line with the German EU presidency and that was supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, will be continued in its second part "EuroMed Citizen Initiatives"!

We want to thank all the active citizens in the region who shared their views and their activities. We are also proud to announce that the launch of the second part of the project "EuroMed Citizen Initiatives" is selected to be live streamed during the "Long Night of Ideas" of the Federal Foreign Office on 7th June 2021, in line with the Virtual Marathon of the Anna Lindh Foundation!

Examples of local activities taking place simultaneously in the countries of the region - initiatives conveying hope, solidarity and visions of an active, diverse, agile international civil society are to be published on the project's website [www.euromedcitizenreporters.org](http://www.euromedcitizenreporters.org)! □

## 22ND MEETING OF THE GERMAN ALF NETWORK



*Meeting of the German Network*

The 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the German network of the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) took place on February 24, 2021 online for the second time due to the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a fruitful exchange about successful projects and future cooperation among the coordinators as well as the long-term and the new member organisations of the German ALF network!

A review of the network activities in 2020 showed what the coordination team and the network members of the German ALF network initiated and achieved in the past year despite the corona-related restrictions. The coordination team started an online workshop series entitled "[Learning Together](#)", designed by network members for network members, made an important contribution to the activities of the German ALF network during Germany's 2020 EU Council Presidency and initiated the storytelling project "[WE ARE STILL HERE! EuroMed Citizen Reporters](#)", which is funded by the Federal Foreign Office. In addition, thanks to the numerous submissions of best practices and success stories from the network members, a nice review of the year could be created, which can be viewed

[here](#). Along with the news from the international network, the coordinators of the German network were also able to point out the freshly published ALF call to submit ideas for a 42-day virtual programme [ALF Virtual Marathon for Dialogue](#).

As part of the meeting, the coordination team had the opportunity to present upcoming projects and events: A new edition of the Network activity "[Mediterranean on the Spot](#)" is starting in May 2021. The ALF funded project (ALF Call for Proposals) with the Swedish Network as lead and the German, Lebanese and Finish Networks as partners "[Celebrating our Diversity Forum](#)" will be implemented on May 20 and 21, 2021. All those who are interested can expect to a diverse cultural programme such as online performances, songs recommended by international ALF members as well as interactive and intercultural Workshops.

Additionally, the coordination team was very pleased to learn more about the best practices of the network members; this time from the member organisations [xm:lab – Experimental Media Lab](#), [IMPACT – Civil Society Research and Development e.V.](#), [EWNT – Eine Welt Netzwerk Thüringen e.V.](#), [Diakonisches Werk Bremen e.V.](#) and [Ibn Rushd Fund.](#) □

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALF NETWORK MEMBERS

An activity of the German ALF Network



*Training on intercultural competences – 21 April 2021*

On 21 April 2021, the German network continued the online workshop series "[Learning Together](#)", which was successfully launched in August 2020, as it met with great demand. The new online format allowed the coordination team to open the events to the international network members of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

This time, the workshop series is implemented with training offers that aim to provide valuable know-how to the coordinators members, again for members of all international ALF networks. This year's series started with the "[Training on Intercultural Competences](#)" by the Swedish trainer Patrick Gruczku (former coordinator of the Swedish ALF network). Patrick Gruczku is an experienced freelance trainer for

intercultural competence and conflict resolution. His organisation Samarbetsbolaget is a member of the Swedish ALF network.

In the three-hour training, the participants learned about theoretical models such as the “Six Steps Model of Intercultural Competence” and discussed various topics such as migration, diversity, prejudices and value conflicts. The coordination team was very pleased to welcome members of the German ALF network as well as members of 14 other international ALF networks to this event.

In May and June 2021, ALF members can expect the five-part training “Projects from A to Z” by the experienced project management trainer Yasmin Ouberri, who is a fellow of the member organisation of the German ALF network Candid Foundation. □



## IRELAND

### PARALLEL STORIES – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 8TH MARCH 2021



*Salome Mbugua & Melanie Lynch by Szabolcs Karikó  
Parallel Story #1, Kenya and Ireland*

ALF Ireland member, Herstory, introduces Movement, a new international education project that explores the fact that migration and immigration are two sides of the same story.

Movement presents a series of parallel life stories of emigrants and immigrants connected by common narrative themes. The project highlights our shared humanity and the interconnectedness of people beyond nationality, ethnicity and religion; whilst spotlighting the discriminations and double

standards faced by immigrants and emigrants. The objective is to deconstruct the polarising rhetoric that define this era and co-create a new future inspired by the fundamental fact: we are One Humanity.

On International Women’s Day, 8th March 2021, phase 1 launched with a series of parallel stories, a student art competition and school workshops to foster diversity and inclusion in secondary schools. In these triggering times, the Covid-19 pandemic is a reminder that borders and nationalities are fabrications that conceal our common humanity.

On 25th May 2021, Herstory’s 5th birthday, phase 2 launches with an international exhibition of portraits and parallel life stories; a landmark light show, melting pot events, direct provision empowerment programme and the Parallel Peace Project with women’s organisations in Northern Ireland, Palestine and Israel.

This new Herstory project is produced in partnership with AkiDWA (Ireland), and Anna Lindh Foundation members: Jerusalem Centre for Women (Palestine), APIS Institute (Slovenia), Charisma Arts for Development (Egypt), and Agency for Migration and Adaptation AMIGA (Czech Republic). Movement celebrates the 20th anniversary of AkiDWA, Ireland’s first national women’s migrant service: [www.akidwa.ie](http://www.akidwa.ie).

Migration is one of the few constants of the human experience. We are a migratory species. Homo sapiens have been travelling across the world long before the invention of the wheel. National Geographic maps reveal the extensive migration routes of our prehistoric ancestors. Diversity is not a modern buzzword. This is an ancient truth.

Movement is funded with the support of the Anna Lindh Foundation and co-funded by the European Union, the Bechaire Fund at the Community Foundation for Ireland, and philanthropists Abi and James Morrow.

Discover more: [www.herstory.ie/movement](http://www.herstory.ie/movement) □

## WORLD BEYOND WAR: PEADAR KING IN CONVERSATION WITH DENIS HALLIDAY



Denis Halliday and Peadar King in Mosul

As part of the Irish Chapter of World Beyond War, series of In Conversation with ALF member Peadar King spoke with former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations Denis Halliday. Having worked for the United Nations for thirty-four years Mr. Halliday resigned in protest at what he regarded as the genocidal impact of the UN sanctions imposed on Iraq following the First Gulf War in 1991.

The Security Council of the United Nations has been a particular target of Mr. Halliday's critique of the UN.

*"There are two United Nations", Mr. Halliday told me in our conversation. "There's the United Nations of the Security Council and the General Assembly where all 193 are equally represented. The five permanent members of the Security Council, China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States browbeat and bully smaller countries into doing their bidding. They are also the major manufacturers and salespeople of military weapons; they are the aggressive nations; they are the people who violate the Charter and human rights. They are the guys who start the wars –Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya. They are all guilty of violating the Charter. They are the guys with the nuclear weapons".* Clearly, Denis Halliday does not mince his words. Nor should he. His views borne out of years of witness to what happens when the might of the military industrial complex is unleashed on defenseless people across the world.

And I have witnessed Denis Halliday's passion and compassion first hand. In 2019 we travelled together to Iraq for a documentary on the impact of the US and British-led 2003 war on Iraq that still leaves the country and its people reeling. Reeling and seething with anger at what has become of their country.

Just turned eighty years-of-age, and following his retirement from the United Nations, Denis Halliday continues to speak out against the insidiousness of the military industrial complex and continues to argue for reform of the Security Council.

The full interview can be seen on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERji4o1cISI&t=10s>

Peadar King is a member of the Irish Network of ALF and is a non-fiction writer and a documentary filmmaker. □



ALF DEBATE ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION –  
11 - 12 FEBRUARY 2021



PUBLIC ONLINE DEBATE  
on freedom of speech

Thursday 11th February  
& Friday 12th February

6-7pm CET

(choose one or both dates)

English العربية Français

please register here:  
[www.annalindh.lu](http://www.annalindh.lu)

Fondation Anna Lindh  
Réseau Luxembourg  
et Grande Région



The Anna Lindh Network of Luxembourg and the Greater Region organised a public debate in three languages (EN, AR, FR) on the topic of freedom of speech. The two events featured two short videos showing different perspectives on "freedom of speech" from various ALF countries in order to inspire the discussions in 20-minute break-out rooms of 3 persons. Ideas were collected via slido and participants were able to vote on their favourites, so that they can be taken up in a next session.

Ideas generated during the debates can be found here: <https://app.sli.do/event/ao7sqwj0>

Videos shown during the sessions were produced with content provided by various ALF networks.

The event counted 78 participants. □

# مؤسسة أنا ليند الشبكة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINE



(1) The Cooperation Association carried out five awareness meetings on health rights. Five villages were targeted, with the presence of women, men and the local community and audience interaction in the debate on the topic.



(2) Through the Youth and Children program, a group of children for the popular Dabkeh is being trained in the town of Rafat.



(3) Courses for children, educational and entertainment, in partnership with the Center for Psychological and Social Counselling for the Family.



(4) Palestinian woman working on the front lines defending the land. An initiative to honor 50 women guardians of the land (field workers) on the occasion of March 8, Women's Day. Violence against Women Associations, workers in the fields and guardians of this land were honored in the sites of Deir Ballut, and Rafat.



(5) Within the project of freezing vegetables funded by the Italian Agency Cosby and in partnership with the ACAD Foundation. The vegetable is harvested, which creates jobs for women violence.



SPAIN



(6) Forum for children and adolescents: Our children are the hope of the future, we take care of them to ensure their well-being and we work hard to be the best Educational, entertaining and talent activities modifying negative behaviours and using the Internet properly. ☐



**EDUCATE IN DIVERSITY**  
Building citizenship



*Open Call - Educate in Diversity*

After meeting on November 5th 2020, Spain, Morocco and Belgium launched (in December) a call for educational, artistic and creative projects to their members! This call corresponds to the project «Educate in diversity. Building Citizenship» coordinated by the IEMed, funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the European Union.

Nine educational, artistic and creative projects tackling the positive impact of intercultural dialogue, which will combine several disciplines such as theater, plastic / visual arts and others. It will be carried out over the coming months in the various cities of these three countries. Together we promote the exchange of the know-how between these three countries through a pilot initiative which will be based on three fundamental pillars of our societies, which creates a responsible citizenship: youth, education and artistic creation. Several actions and interactive workshops will lead to the development of artistic productions and will take place in 9 different educational centers. 180 young people will have the opportunity to participate, thus being able to develop their social, civic and intercultural knowledge and skills. 72 educators will be trained to acquire practical skills in order to manage diversity in their centers and strengthen their work on intercultural dialogue. This will allow the multiplier effect which will benefit youth groups beyond the geographic and temporal scope of the project.



*Dialogue organised by IEMed*

In addition, on December 9, the IEMed organized the dialogue "Environmental activism: from social networks to public and natural spaces" within the framework of the Forum "Youth and climate in the Mediterranean +25": a forum that encourages cooperation in the North -South and brought together a participation of 150 to 200 young people from both shores. Young people from Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Lebanon and Spain active in associations, collectives and movements in favor of the climate took the floor. These young people presented innovative initiatives and exchanged good practices through social networks and online platforms to create an impact in their countries and communities. □



*Educating for Diversity Building Citizenship*

From January to April, the Spanish ALF Network (ReFAL) was very active with the organization and monitoring of many projects and initiatives. On one hand, the workshops linked to the "Educating for Diversity. Building Citizenship" (see photograph) have been taking place since February with great success in Spain (leader of the project) and Morocco despite the COVID-19 challenges. The leaders of the 6 workshops are very happy with the results and have managed to overcome the complications. From ReFAL we want to congratulate their

excellent work. Unfortunately, in Belgium the 3 workshops could not start due to the confinement, therefore they will take place at the end of May. In June, the results of the project will be pooled and they will be used to collect a file of good practices which will be shared and disseminated. In addition, a video-recompilation of the workshops will be published. For now you can take a look at the two project "newsletters" that we have already published!

On the other hand, Thursday April 29 the Executive Committee of ReFAL met to discuss several actions that will take place during the months of May and June. Five entities of our network organize a debate each of which the aim is to listen to the opinions of the young participants (18-30 years old) in relation to themes around the axes: Future of Civil Society, Climate Resilience and Dialogue for Employability. In addition, on May 27, the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) will host a workshop on hate speech at institutional level as part of the "Intercultural Dialogue to Combat Hate Speech" project coordinated by the Egyptian network. Another call launched by our network recently, "On Participe! Let's move! ", Will finance the travel costs of entities from different regions of Spain in order to promote and facilitate interaction and joint actions.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that very soon will be the call for the 14th edition of the "A Sea of Words" writing competition! The motto of this year will be: Youth and Mobility, towards a Euro-Mediterranean citizenship. □



**SWEDEN**

**CIVIL SOCIETY TOOLBOX TRAINING - HOW TO FACILITATE A DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN YOUR TEAM AND ORGANISATION: CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY 2021**



*Celebrating our Diversity - 8 - 9 April 2021*



*Dates: 8 and 9 April*

Time: 9 - 12 am CET (including a short break)

Region: Finland, Germany, Lebanon and Sweden

Location: Zoom

The current global status-quo has imposed new realities and norms on our professional life. Many small-medium organisations are struggling with coping with the growing changes as a result of moving from physical to virtual spaces.

In the framework of the Celebrating Our Diversity programme this year, we would like to offer this capacity building opportunity for our Anna Lindh Foundation network members in Finland, Germany, Lebanon and Sweden.

The Toolbox is an interactive toolkit containing workshops and methods that can help you to design and implement collective development process in a team or organisation.

The training is organised by the National Museums of World Culture (Sweden), Finnish Institute of the Middle East (Finland), Centre for Cultural and General Studies Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany) and the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO (Lebanon) in cooperation with MitOst in the frame of horizontal school and facilitated by Linnéa Mühlenkamp, facilitator and program manager in MitOst, and Farouk Bahri, facilitator and academic in educational science at the University of Tunis. □

## مؤسسة آنا ليند الشبكة التونسية



### TUNISIA



*Conference - Fight against Violent Extremism*

On February 17, 2021, the Faculty of Economics and Management of Sousse hosted a conference as part of the project "Fight Against Violent Extremism" piloted by the association We Love Sousse in three regions: Sousse, Monastir

and Mahdia. Several guests participated on that day, including Ms. Raja Trabelsi, governor of Sousse, Mr. Mounir Ksiksi, president of the National Commission for the Fight against Terrorism (CNLCT), Mr. Wissem Missaoui, Vice-president FHI 360, Mr. Anis Abid, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management of Sousse, representatives of the Tunisian network of the Anna Lindh Foundation as well as doctoral students and professors from the same faculty.

The opening of the conference was in the form of a welcome speech delivered by Mr Anis Boufrikha, the leader of the Tunisian network. Then, Mr. Boufrikha presented the objectives of this assembly and put the conference in its framework. A deep discussion around the subject involving the students took place and a presentation of the various local political projects to fight against violent extremism as part of a national plan to eradicate it was presented.

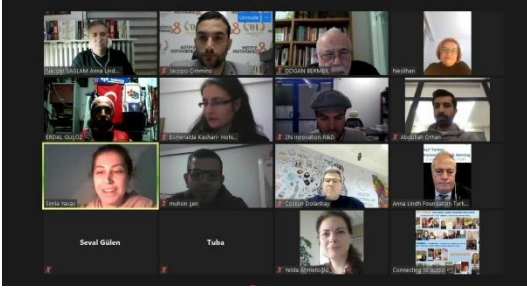
The second part of the conference took place in the afternoon where doctoral students from the faculties presented their research projects and discussed the determinants of violent extremism and prevention tools. Then, the guests intervened as they went along and spent time answering questions of the students.

The project was well received by the participants who expressed their support for the cause and for the efforts of those in charge of the project and its promoters. It should be mentioned that this conference is considered a first of its kind at the university and should be broadcast to other faculties given the importance of the topic being discussed. □



## TURKEY

### NATIONAL NETWORK MEMBER MEETING – 24 January 2021



*Network Meeting on 24 January 2021*

On the 21st of January 2021 HoN of Anna Lindh Foundation Turkey Network hosted the ALF Turkey National Network Meeting.

During the meeting, the Members of the ALF Turkish Network could discuss together, through the virtual platform, the latest updates on the ALF Network activities, relationship building, programs & upcoming events, strategies for 2021 and methods to make it through especially during this difficult period affected by the pandemic. The event contributed therefore to boosting the working capacities of the institutions of the civil society sector part of the ALF Turkey Network.

The Moderators of the event were Dr. Necdet Salğam and Mr. Gürkan Akçaer with the back support of Esmeralda Kashari and Jacopo Cimmino. □

### FIELD VISIT NUMBER 6, ISTANBUL – 5 February 2021



*Field visit - Istanbul*

On the 5th February 2021 was held the ALF Network Members Field Visit#6, organized by the HoN of the Anna

Lindh Foundation Turkey, at the premises of our Network Members' offices in Istanbul, following the previous ones organized in the last months in Ankara, Eskisehir, Antalya.

This meeting registered the attendance Miss Esmeralda Kashari and Mr. Jacopo Cimmino on behalf of the HoN Turkey and of Network members based in Istanbul, providing with the opportunity of having a better knowledge of the work and involvement of the Network Members, discuss further calls, opportunities and possible collaborations, past ALF events, analyze the principles of the Anna Lindh Foundation and how to put them into practice in our daily activities. □

### ALF-CSOS FUNDRAISING TRAINING, ESKISEHIR - 27, 28 March 2021

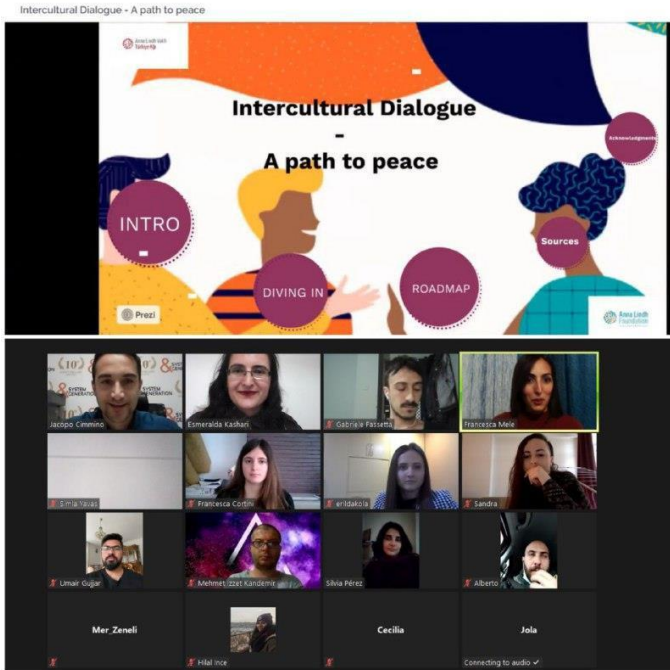


*Fundraising Training Course*

On the 27th / 28th of March 2021, ALF HoN Turkey organized the second Fundraising Training Course, held in the city of Eskişehir, with the joint participation of 35 representative members of the civil society organizations members of the ALF Turkish National Network. The meeting was a chance to contribute to strengthening the skills and capacities of the CSOs members of the ALF Turkish Network and also to reinforce the collaboration within the National Network. □

**ALF HON TURKEY WEBINAR 'INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE - A PATH TO PEACE' – 09 April 2021**

**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP HACKATHON 'SOCIALATHON' - 16 - 18 April 2021**



*Intercultural Dialogue- A Path to Peace*

Vis-à-vis The Anna Lindh Report on Intercultural Trends, Head of Network of the ALF Turkey hosted the webinar titled “Intercultural Dialogue- A Path to Peace” on the 9th of April 2021.

The Webinar, held by Ms. Esmeralda Kashari, representative of System and Generation Association and backstopping member of the HoN of the Anna Lindh Foundation Turkey Network, aimed at analyzing the concept of Intercultural Dialogue, and its fundamental role in preventing ethnic, religious, linguistic and cultural clashes that may lead to convoluted conflicts.

During her analysis, Ms. Kashari explained in detail how, on the other hand, intercultural skills can enable communities to move forward together, to deal with different identities constructively and democratically on the basis of shared universal values. Furthermore, the webinar was tailored to explicitly focus on how youth involvement and active participation in international mobility projects can further foster intercultural dialogue.

The latter often seen, among other things, as a potential premise for a safe path to peace. The webinar was interactive and the focus of the thematic was also be substantiated by living experiences of young participants. □

The Head of Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation Turkey Network successfully implemented the first activity in the frame of the 'Virtual Marathon for Dialogue in the EuroMed'. The activity 'Socialathon' took place virtually from the 16th to the 18th of April 2021.

This event aimed at boosting young people skills at developing ideas on social entrepreneurship and social innovation in order to find smart and useful solutions to tackle social challenges especially caused by the outburst of the pandemic. The first day the participants were introduced to the event and how the Hackathon would be organized. For 48 hrs the 9 selected teams worked together with their mentors to develop their ideas.

On 18th of April 2021, at 18.00 all the teams had the chance to make their presentations in front of the distinguished judges.

The award ceremony which started with the speech of the Deputy Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation Ms Cristiana Gaita, took place on the 18th April, at 21.00(GTM +3) and the awards delivered were as below:

First prize (2500 TL) was delivered by General Manager Ambassador Al-Sharif's Spouse, Manal Al-Sharif and won by Team Nr.3

Second prize (1500 TL) was delivered by the Director of ASBÜSİM Representing the Rector of ASBÜ, Prof.Dr.Erdal Akdeve and won by Team Nr.9

Third prize (1000 TL) was delivered by the Deputy Director General of EU Affairs, Ülkü Kocaefe and won by Team Nr.5

ASIGM prize delivered by Secretary-General of Ankara Development Agency, Dr.Cahit Çelik won by Team Nr.10

Erasmus + Prize delivered by MSc. Esmeralda Kashari (S&G Projects Coordinator) and won by Team Nr.1

To watch the opening ceremony:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sM-9lg\\_8si4&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sM-9lg_8si4&t=5s)

For the award ceremony:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHf36ljGaUo&t=1163s>



## AGENDA: Upcoming Networks' Activities

### BELGIUM



**May 17, 2021:** Café Citoyen for young people in preparation for the Virtual Marathon Jamal Youssfi, artistic director of the Compagnie Les Nouveaux Disparus, has created a new theatrical work: "Mons fils ce demon" - which speaks of terrorism, but from the point of view of the parents of a suicide bomber.

We invited two high schools to see the play and then discuss this difficult topic.

**June 17, 2021: Christmas Souk**



## CHRISTMAS SOUK

The Christmas Souk is a forum for intercultural exchanges between Tunisian, Mauritanian, Luxembourgish and Belgian civil society associations around the themes of: ART AND CULTURE; GENDER AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS; and YOUTH, EDUCATION AND TEACHING.

**June 17, 2021: Debate on intercultural trends ahead of the Virtual Marathon**

This is an informal moment that revolves around exchanges between young Luxembourgers, Tunisians, Mauritians and Belgians. Young people will be invited to discuss their views on the differences access to art and culture.

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### Outreach Workshop in Bijeljina Presentation of the Intercultural trends report

On May 18th. – 19th. 2021. In Etno village „Stanišići“ near Bijeljina, Miralem Tursinović organized an Outreach Workshop with 23 youngsters from: Sarajevo, Prijedor, Banja Luka, Zenica, Lukavac, Goražde, Tuzla, Mostar, Brčko and Gradačac.

The main time was used to inform youngsters about the activities of ALF B&H, ALF International and possibilities for mutual cooperation. Participants were very interested about the ALF and ask a lot of the questions to Miralem.

We also presented them the Intercultural Trends in the Euro-Med Region, 4Th Opinion poll – 2020.

### First International Online Piano Competition “Sergei Rachmaninoff”.

First International Online Piano Competition Sergei Rachmaninoff will be realized online from June 5 to 10, 2021. Expert jury consists of Marija Maksimova from Macedonia, Istvan Szekeli from Spain, Margarita Vujovic from Serbia/Russia. For now we have applications from various countries of the world, continents. Applications are from Azerbaijan, Northern Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Canada, Malaysia, Poland, Austria, Albania, Greece, Germany, Russia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia, and we expect them from other countries.

Applications for the festival are until May 30, but due to the large number of interested people, we will accept and extend the applications until the beginning of the competition on June 5, when we will start the competition. The results will be up to 7 days after the end of the competition.

## CYPRUS

In the context of the Virtual Marathon for Dialogue in the EuroMed, the ALF Cyprus Network will host two events on the topics of interculturalism in urban communities and theatre disciplines for social change.



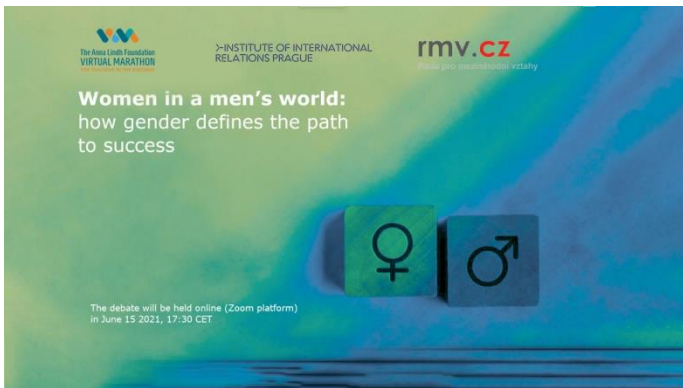
The first event called “Interculturalism in the city: How can we empower diverse urban communities?” is an online open exchange and discussion on the topic of intercultural dialogue in Mediterranean urban spaces, to take place on the 2nd of June. This event aims to inform participants about outcomes of the Anna Lindh Intercultural Trends Report (2018) relating to the urban environment and engage them in an exchange of good practices and a discussion on the importance of interculturalism and of empowering diverse communities for the sustainability of cities in the EuroMed.



The second event called “Different Faces’: Theatre disciplines for social change” will take place on the 12th of June, with two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions. “Different Faces” is a series of workshops that explore ways to promote empathy, dialogue and understanding through different disciplines of performing arts to enhance intercultural dialogue.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Women in a men’s world: how gender defines the path to success Volume 2 – 15 June 2021 17:30 CET Online



This event aims to investigate the extent to which gender interferes in women’s career development and brings together women from both shores of the Mediterranean to discuss their experience from the path to success. Without neglecting the negative aspects of the process, we would like to underpin the positive experience on which the change should be built on.

FRANCE



On the 13th of July, a seminar entitled “Body and sexuality of women” will be organized. Artists and academics will express themselves to make women visible through their history, their writings, and to meet together in the same space, world of thought and creation and to allow the experience sharing and the diversity of resistance.

ITALY

May 8, 2021: Online Debate about Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation and Dialogue



This debate - part of a monthly series involving national and international experts - addressed gender equality issues, and the fight against stereotypes, focusing on the Identitary Cuisine initiative and on how institutions and Civil Society might better promote gender equality in the workplace and in other areas of social life.

May 31, 2021: The ALF Virtual Marathon for Dialogue



RIDE is planning an online event for May 31, 2021 as a discussion between selected renowned experts and the ALF Italian Network members on the Intercultural Trends' Report. The objective is to promote the ALF work on Intercultural Trends uncovering the Report’s possible weaknesses and strengths.

June 7, 2021: Live event: From Conflict to Cooperation. Civil Society, Sustainability, Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue (Sala Zuccari, Italian Senate)



RIDE will present several initiatives: Protect the Religious Sites, Circular Economy in Gaza, Identity Cuisine, Cerealia Festival 2021, and Ponza Prima-Med 2021 (including the ALF project), focusing on non-divisive themes, such as sustainability fostering cooperation: Amb. Moratinos (UNAOC) will talk about Religious Communities and Sustainable Development.

June 18, 2021: Annual Italian Initiative Ancient Theaters for our Mediterranean Future: Scaena Mediterranea

Our 5+5 S2R French-Italian initiative for intercultural dialogue aims at enhancing the Greek-Roman historical and archaeological heritage, a fundamental resource for the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue, rediscovering the Mediterranean identities to create new jobs for youth and women in the cultural/tourist sectors, to fight labor-mismatch in our region.

July 26, 2021: Villa delle Tortore for Euro-Med Cooperation on Sustainability (Ponza)

International Ponza Prima Med ALF project's conclusive event, following a guided visit to the Turtledoves Villa, to transform it into a Euro-Med Center for Advanced Training and Science Diplomacy promoting dialogue and cooperation in the Mediterranean area, to enhance work opportunities for youth and women facing labor-mismatch.

**LUXEMBOURG**

29 - 8th June 2021

**BEYOND WORDS - A journey through mindfulness, expression & intercultural exchange**

Online workshop in four parts  
This workshop gives you the opportunity to develop your resilience and mental strength, to discover new ways of expression, and to experience intercultural communication beyond words.

It is organised by Our Common Future and Jabal An-Nar Youth Development Resources Center.

Trainer: Avanaz Hassani (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/avanaz-hassani-763b91101/>)  
<https://www.annalindhfoundation.org/resources/events/beyond-words>

9th June 2021

**ALF Network Meeting**

Welcoming new members

Capacity Building on intercultural dialogue by Angela Domasova

12th & 13th June

**#BeMyVoice Creative Workshops**

At Neimünster Abbey

Transforming stories into painting, poetry & rap

[www.bemyvoice.world](http://www.bemyvoice.world)

28th June 2021

**Inter-Faith Dialogue - Common Values & Traditions**

Online Panel Discussion with Dr. Shams Al-Hajjaji, Dr. Alberto Fabio Ambrosio and Rabbi Alexander Grodensky  
Luxembourg School of Contemporary Etiquette

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/panel-discussion-inter-faith-dialogue-common-values-traditions-tickets-157777355317>

July 2021 (date tbc)

**Sharing Values**

Online Workshop allowing all ALF networks to explore and discuss their values in a series of games

Our Common Future.

**SWEDEN**

**CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY 2021**

**Building Inclusive, Sustainable and Intercultural Cities**



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## TURKEY

## Activities in the frame of the MS contract:

## National Network Meeting

The National Network Meeting will be held in person to discuss the latest updates on the ALF Network Activities, social challenges, methods of implementation to make it through, especially during this difficult period affected by the pandemic, and common work as National Network to further foster the ALF's principles.

## In-person Capacity Building Training

This Training course aims at strengthening the working capacities and their management skills of the institutions of the civil society sector part of the national Network of the ALF Turkey.

## International Open House Event

The event aims at fostering communication between National Members, exchange of good practice, disseminate ongoing activities and planning the prospect joint initiatives. The event will host also potential new member apart from the current ALF members.

Activities in the frame of the Virtual Marathon for Dialogue:  
'Learning together: Introduction to Intercultural dialogue during Covid-19 crisis' / 02-06-2021



The workshop : 'Learning together: Introduction to Intercultural dialogue during Covid-19 crisis' is part of the project 'Intercultural dialogue during Covid-19 crisis' led by our Swedish partner 'Centre for Capacity Building and Empowerment' in partnership with our Spanish partner 'Association of Innovation, Training, Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development'.

The workshop will take place virtually on zoom platform on the 2nd of June 2021 at 18.00 CET and will be delivered by Esmeralda Kashari and Jacopo Cimmino.

The aims of this workshop are to: to improve the participants knowledge and understanding of the topic in the context of the covid-19 crisis and to encourage the exchange of information in order to provide an arena for practicing ICD.

## 'Taste the Language- Turkey Edition' / 03-06-2021



## Taste The Language Turkey Edition



3rd June 2021  
17.30 CET



HoN of the Anna Lindh Foundation -Turkey, in the frame of the 'Virtual Marathon for Dialogue' is organizing the event 'Taste the Language- Turkey Edition' which will take place on the 3rd June 2021.

The event will take place virtually on Zoom Platform at 17.30 CET.

Taste the Language is a fascinating event aimed at promoting cultural diversity and traditions especially through food, but not only! It is an opportunity to meet people from different countries, discover their traditional dances and music, asking them questions and even learning new words from their native languages.

The event will give the chance to the audience to learn about typical and popular Turkish dishes and witness the preparation of one dish which will be cooked LIVE by our Chef. In addition, in this event, the audience will understand better cultural aspects of Turkey, like traditional clothing, the music, history and the gastronomy of the country.

While cooking and explaining the dish(es), the Chef will welcome and answer the questions of the audience.



**Online Debate / 15-06-2021**

This online debate is being organized as part of the project 'Femtrepreneur' led by our Spanish partner 'Association of Innovation, Training, Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development'. This event will bring together youth from different backgrounds to discuss and challenge their ideas around the motion of the debate: 'THBT women should not reach high level jobs because they are more emotional than men.'

**Learn Together- Enhancing Capacity Building during Covid crisis/ 17-06-2021**

This workshop is being organized as part of the VMA project with the same title .

The aim of this activity is to improve the participants' ability to distinguish between social, intercession, knowledge, skills, and comprehension of opportunity, resistance, and respect for common liberties in order to create a more peaceful world at the time of Covid-19 emergency.

In addition, it aims to improve the participants in the EuroMed region understanding, intercultural, intervention abilities, information and comprehension uniquely during and beyond the Pandemic .

**TOGETHER WE STAND**

There will be several events that will take place within the frame of the VMA project 'Together we Stand led by our Tunisian partner 'We Youth' where System and Generation is partner .

The overall project aims to reinforce the relevance of intercultural dialogue at the time of the pandemic, the cultural exchange of young participants specifically on a subject that plays an important role in our lives to ensure respect, gender equality as well as for the advancement of society, this is the subject of women and the gender stereotypes linked to extremism and xenophobia to which they are exposed.

Through multiple cultural activities which aim to cultivate the participants through an exchange of culture and beliefs, also aims to supervise them through various virtual pieces of training during this period of the marathon and to supervise them throughout this period and bring them the help when they need it, So that at the end a short film will be produced by these participating teams which represents the image, the situation and the suffering of women subjected to all types of violence, whether verbal or non-verbal, accompanied by the end of a dialogue between the young participants and the guests to express and exchange opinions on the topic.□

## SOLIDARITY

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