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Debriefing sheet:

Euro-Med Youth Parliament (26 May – 3 June 2007 in Berlin)

The Euro-Mediterranean Youth Parliament (EMYP), which the German Presidency hosted in cooperation with the European Commission, the Goethe Institute, the Heinz Schwarzkopf Foundation (European Youth Parliament, EYP), the Anna Lindh Foundation, the European Youth Forum and the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Platform, was full success.

Around 100 young participants from the Euro-Med region engaged themselves actively in team-building exercises and political, social and cultural discussions in working groups. All resolutions were agreed on in the General Assembly (summary of resolutions and full resolutions attached). As a result of the discussions, many concrete follow-up project ideas were initiated and will be handed over to the local Goethe Institutes and/or the Anna Lindh Foundation.

The aim of inter-cultural learning was fully achieved: the participants and moderators expressed their appreciation of this historic event. This was also voiced at the Senior Officials Meeting in Berlin on 29th May by two participants. The EMYP General Assembly concluded unanimously that a follow-up and a regular EMYP should be institutionalised and would be supported actively by all participants of this first EMYP (national follow-up secretariats and a website for EMYP are already in place). The German Federal Foreign Office is willing to offer its advice resulting from the experience gained during the first EMYP to any government/institution that would like to host the next project of this kind.

Debriefing meeting with partners of EMYP

On 2nd June, the German Federal Foreign Office hosted a debriefing meeting with all partners, stake-holders and friends of the 1st EMYP. Each participant of this meeting is listed below, summarising his contribution to the EMYP in Berlin (if applicable), and his potential contributions to the follow-up of EMYP:

Proposals by partners and stake-holders with direct contributions to the 1st EMYP:

Representatives of EMYP participants

- *The participants with their active engagement, their enthusiasm and visions were of course the driving engine of EMYP in Berlin*
- *They have already created national councils and networks as foundations for the follow-up of EMYP, they have proposed and are willing to support the organisation of a “Mediterranean Youth Parliament”, and they have drafted creative project proposals that will be handed over to Goethe Institutes and/or Anna-Lindh-Foundation*

Representatives of EMYP moderators

- *The group of European and Mediterranean moderators have truly taken ownership of the first EMYP by redefining all modalities and procedures (thereby avoiding to copy&paste “European Youth Parliament”- modalities). They are a team of enthusiastic stake-holders of EMYP*
- *The 12 moderators of the 1st EMYP are interested in building on their achievements, in passing on advice and being engaged in the future of EMYP, thereby contributing to the sustainability of the event. They will report to the organisers with a detailed evaluation of the 1st EMYP*

▣ **European Commission, EAC**

- *Co-funder of 1st EMYP, contributed financially and conceptually to the event*
- *Future support for youth presidency events is likely; and participants can benefit from the Youth in Action programme, e.g. for funding of project proposals resulting from EMYP*

▣ **Goethe Institute**

- *Co-organiser of EMYP and mainly responsible for the implementation of the preparatory meeting in Alexandria, March 2007.*
- *There is a substantive interest in the follow-up: the Goethe Institute has set up the EMYP website and will continue to run it for the time being, the local Goethe Institutes in the mediterranean countries will fund and support the participants’ project proposals that have resulted from EMYP, and the Goethe Institutes can contribute largely to the networking with/between participants*

▣ **Heinz-Schwarzkopf-Foundation/European Youth Parliament (EYP)**

- *Co-organiser of the event and mainly responsible for the implementation of EMYP in Berlin. EYP contributed its methodologies as framework and initial basis of EMYP, as well as its network through which participants and moderators were recruited*
- *There is a vast interest in acting as a partner for EMYP in the future, lending its support and methodologies, and acting as coordinator of all partners and stake-holders that are interested in being engaged in the future of EMYP*

▣ **European Youth Forum (EYF)**

- *Contributed to 1st EMYP by advertising the event and recruiting half of the European participants. Moreover, EYF acted as observer of EMYP throughout the whole process, giving valuable feedback to the organisers*
- *Could provide a civil society network and coordination for the next EMYP, and more visibility of the event within its vast EYF network*

▣ **Euro-Med Youth Platform**

- *Contributed to the 1st EMYP by advertising the event, helping to nominate participants and moderators, and providing advice and expertise resulting from Euro-Med experience. Moreover, acted as observer of EMYP throughout the whole process, giving valuable feedback to the organisers*
- *Offers to support networking between participants, and some follow-up projects, in particular providing support to the national councils/secretariats created by the participants for the cause of follow-up of EMYP. Further, offered to provide feedback from an evaluation of mediterranean participants concerning methodologies of the 1st EMYP.*

▣ **Anna-Lindh-Foundation**



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- *Interested in supporting the next EMYP with practical recommendations, help in organisation, or cooperation with the next host of EMYP*
- *Concrete project proposals by participants are welcome and could be awarded financial support*

- ▣ **Regional Capacity Building and Support Unit of the Euro-Med Youth Programme, SALTO Youth**
 - *Contributed to the 1st EMYP by providing advice and expertise to the organisers of EMYP, and training and lectures for the participants during EMYP in Berlin*
 - *RCBS offered to support activities suggested by participants of EMYP in its programme for 2008, proposals and other contributions could be discussed at the Euromed meeting of RCBS in October 2007 in Morocco. SALTO Youth offered to provide training activities relating to EMYP experiences / suggestions of participants*

- ▣ **Centro Studi e Initiative Europeo, CESIE**
 - *Contributed to the 1st EMYP by providing advice and expertise resulting from Euro-Med experience*
 - *Offered its contribution to the follow-up of EMYP with vast experience in Euro-Med youth projects and intercultural dialogue. CESIE is interested in being a partner of next EMYP*

- ▣ **Fondazione Mediterraneo**
 - *Contributed to the 1st EMYP by advertising the event within its network and on its websites*
 - *Offers to provide a follow-up secretariat of EMYP and to host the next EMYP in Naples, in the house of the Fondazione Mediterraneo, in cooperation with other partners and stake-holders of EMYP*

Proposals by friends of EMYP with an interest to contribute to the future of EMYP:

- ▣ **Morocco**
 - *Morocco has expressed its interest in hosting the next EMYP in Morocco, both during the Senior Officials Meeting in Berlin on 29th May, and during the EMYP debriefing meeting on 2nd June (Embassy of Morocco in Berlin participated in the meeting).*

- ▣ **Italy**
 - *Proposed to host the next EMYP in the building of the Italian Parliament, Rome*

- ▣ **France**
 - *NJEP, French National Institute for Youth, is interested in the future of EMYP and could be partner/organiser of the next EMYP in France*

- ▣ **Council of Europe**
 - *Voiced interest in EMYP project*
 - *Offered that some participants of EMYP could be invited to training workshops and seminars of the Council of Europe*

- ▣ **European Parliament**
 - *Interested in supporting the future of EMYP*

- *Proposed to host the next EMYP in 2008, in Brussels*

▣ **League of Arab States Youth Forum**

- *Interested in supporting the participants' proposal of creating of a "Mediterranean Youth Parliament"*
- *Suggested benefiting from synergies arising out of cooperation with the Arab League Youth Forum Conference for young people in November 2007 (information has been sent out to participants of EMYP)*
- *Further cooperation possible, in particular cooperation with Council of Europe is welcome*

▣ **Glocalforum**

- *The Glocalforum could be a supporter of the next EMYP by providing the support of its own network of youth and experience with youth parliaments gained from "glocal youth parliaments"*
- *Support in dissemination of the results of EMYP*

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