

 **Anna Lindh**  
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# **ANNA LINDH MEDITERRANEAN FORUM 2013**



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## A unique Euro-Med civil society Meeting on Intercultural Dialogue

The Anna Lindh Mediterranean Forum is a unique gathering bringing together around one thousand civil society organisations from the Euro-Mediterranean Region. Convoled every three years by the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF), the Forum constitutes a participative and innovative space for debate, exchanges and networking. During four days, representatives of a wide range of civil society organisations share ideas, experiences and good practices in building plural, open and democratic societies. Gathering people from different origins, cultures and beliefs, the Forum becomes an exceptional exercise of **intercultural dialogue**, based on values of diversity, freedom and mutual respect.

The second edition of the Anna Lindh Mediterranean Forum will take place in **Marseille (France) from the 4th to the 7th of April 2013** in the framework of Marseille-Provence 2013 European Capital of Culture.

The Forum will contribute to **foster the role of the Foundation in the promotion of intercultural dialogue at all the levels of the society**, through community mobilisation and participation and supporting the implementation of civil society's initiatives. The new edition of the Forum will aim at targeting not only those who are already acquainted with the ALF core mission but it will also attempt to broaden the range of civil society actors in the Euro-Mediterranean region and to enlarge the participation of the local civil societies at the grass-root level.

The participants will include members of all of the 42 Anna Lindh National Networks, as well as: representatives of the most important regional cooperation programmes, leading intercultural experts and intellectuals, representatives of the main Euro-Med institutions, international media and renowned civil society leaders in the fields connected to the Foundation's core mission. The majority of participants will be **Youth**. Priority will be given to civil society participants from the Arab societies that are experiencing historic processes of reform and democratic transition.

The involvement in the Forum of the major institutions in the region such a **Union for the Mediterranean, the Parliamentary Assembly of the UfM** (which will held a Summit of Presidents of Parliaments), the European Union, the League of Arab States and relevant Euromed Local Authorities, the Economic and Social Committee and the presence of the Unesco, the Alliance of Civilizations, ARLEM, the Council of Europe, Ilesco, the OIC, Emuni among other organizations dealing with culture, education and dialogue will create an historical opportunity for joining ideas, wills and efforts in favor of re-launching dialogue and cooperation across the Mediterranean with the participation of the civil society and with the support of the institutions which are closer to the citizens. In parallel, relevant political initiatives will take place in Marseille during the Forum and will contribute to the recommendations will be presented in the Forum closing session.

In order to ensure that the Forum is a result of a participative process, the Heads of ALF Network are considered an important advisory committee for developing together with the ALF secretariat the contents of the Forum Programme.

## ***1. Re-thinking Intercultural Dialogue, Re-launching Dialogue across the Mediterranean.***

Facing a new and historical regional context, this second edition of the ALF Forum will be a chance for dealing with the major **Trends, Tensions and Transitions** the Euromed societies are experiencing. The Forum will be also an occasion for rethinking intercultural dialogue in light of the ongoing **democratic changes** in the Arab societies, the consequences of the **economic crisis** on social and cultural values, and the challenges related to a human and sustainable **development** all around the region.

As an action oriented event, the Forum will conclude with a set of recommendations aimed at **re-launching dialogue** across the Mediterranean to be shared with ALF networks and partners, civil society, the regional institutions, and the national governments of the Euromed Region.

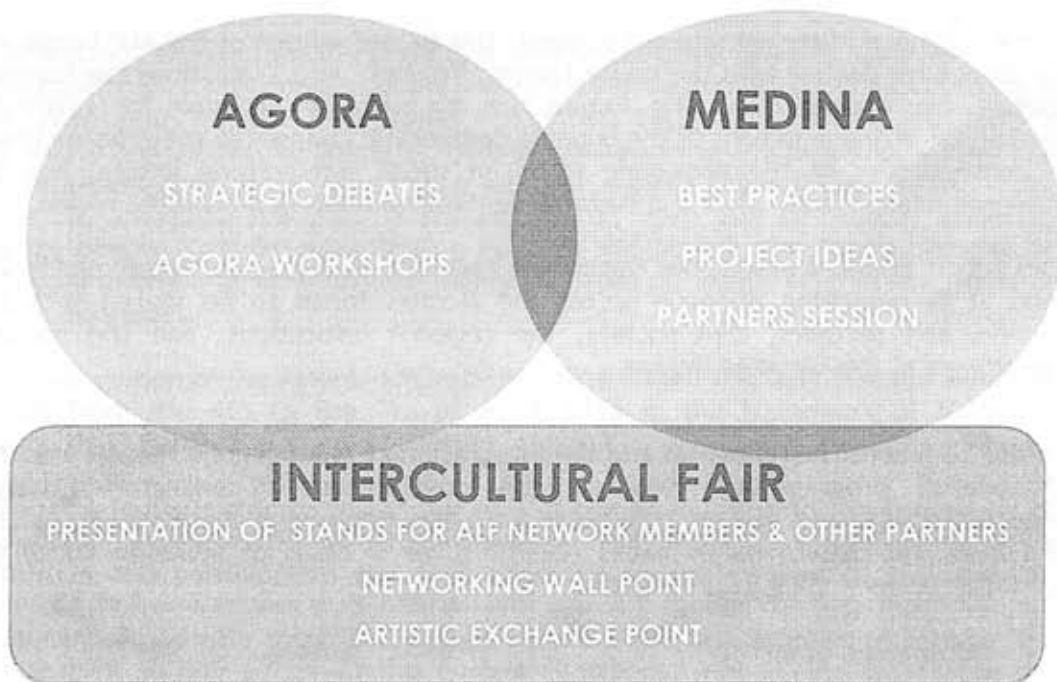
In order to assure the **follow-up and the integration of the Forum's results into the ALF overall programme** as well as the development of **concrete initiatives** (projects/activities) to ensure **continuity with the Forum** and the achieved results, the Forum will debate major issues regarding the 5 fields of action in which the Foundation is developing its programme:

- Culture and Creativity
- Education and Intercultural learning
- Urban Spaces and Citizenship
- Media and Public opinion
- Youth and Change

The ultimate expected output of the Forum will be a **road-map - consisting of concrete recommendations and actions - for relaunching the Euro-Med Dialogue agenda**. The output will also contribute in the immediate-term to **reshaping the ALF's overall programme** within the region as well as the development of new projects and activities launched on the back of the debate and exchange.

The civil society represented in the ALF Network, partner networks and institutions will meet to promote the intercultural agenda of the "Euro-Med Project". The aim is to offer an **occasion for reflection and action that could develop and consolidate** in the organization of an Anna Lindh Forum on a regular basis (second edition after 2010) in order to reflect on the accomplishments as well as the obstacles relevant to the institutional development of social and cultural cooperation in the Euro-Med region. ALF network members, Euro-Med regional networks, local associations and representatives of the cultural and business fields will be invited to share their ideas and their resources in order to create new **opportunities for intercultural actions**. In parallel, several meetings are held in close collaboration with regional and local institutions to discuss and organize elaboration of the content of the Forum.

## 2. Three spaces for dialogue and exchange



This initiative paves the way to a new working approach of the Anna Lindh Foundation; an approach based on "thinking, sharing and building" together an intercultural policy built on reflection, exchange of know-how and common actions, in cooperation with the highest number possible of ALF partners. It is a working approach that sets out to learn from and be inspired by the field work carried out by civil society - represented by our and other networks in the region - in order to identify the best policies and practices to achieve the Foundation's objectives in its strategic fields.

The Anna Lindh Forum 2013 major spaces for dialogue will consist of:

**AGORA** (morning sessions) with strategic debates and thematic workshops. Strategic debates will raise the **Trends, Tensions and Transitions** of the Euro-med societies and the Region (second day) and the relation between Intercultural Dialogue with **Diversity, Development and Democracy** (3rd day). The thematic workshops will address major questions related to the Intercultural Dialogue management as **Education, Culture, Media, Youth and Citizenship**. All the workshops will have chairs, key-note speakers and rapporteurs working on conclusions and recommendations.

**MEDINA** (afternoons) where different civil society organisation can meet, exchange experiences and establish partnerships. The Medina will offer a space for the presentation of two major components: **Good practices** and **Projects ideas**. This space will be at the disposal of ALF Partners who want to share with participants programmes and projects. This space will provide the opportunity for exchanges, networking and fund-raising.

**INTERCULTURAL FAIR** which will be available throughout the entire Forum with booths for presentation of projects of the ALF Network Members. A **networking wall point** and a meeting point for exchanges between artists will be provided in the Fair.

### **3. Preparatory Meetings. A participatory Forum**

The Forum is to be seen as a participatory process articulated in three-step process:

- *Preparation* phase, which includes thematic meetings (and other related activities) intended as preparatory events for the Forum;
- *Implementation* of the Forum itself, intended as a laboratory for reflection/debates/ideas/recommendations for actions and a catalyst of programmes/projects/activities;
- *Follow-up* phase where the results of the two previous phases will have to be translated into concrete activities aiming at generating impact on the concerned civil society.

As first stage of a three-step process, and based on a participatory approach, the preparation of the Forum activities will be done with the **active participation/collaboration of the Heads of Network** and active stakeholders since the early stage of the design/development phase of the event: relevant Heads of Network will be involved in the preparation and implementation of the Forum **preparatory meetings**, according to their area of expertise. Specific working groups, coordinated by the ALF HQ, will then be created to carry out the work.

The preparatory meetings will have the function to contribute to the formulation, development and implementation of the Programme of the Anna Lindh Forum 2013 by articulating different Perspective on broad social, cultural, economic and political challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean context in the wake of the major changes experienced by the region in the last year and a half.

From 28th June to 1st July 2012, the first preparation meeting of the Forum "**Youth Contributions for Dialogue and Change**" was held in Istanbul (Turkey), bringing together a group of 45 young participants from the Euro-Mediterranean region to debate, interact and share experiences focusing on the youth perspective for the 4D ALF strategy: Dialogue, Democracy, Development and Diversity.

The second Preparatory Meeting **focused on Women issues** will be organised in Casablanca, Morocco, from 22 - 25 November 2012 in close cooperation with the coordinators of the ALF National Network of Morocco and France. It will gather around 45 participants in order to explore the major cultural and socio-political challenges of women in the Euro-Med Region.

The next preparatory meetings will take place in Algeria (January 2013) focusing on Migration and in Barcelona-Spain (28 February - 1 March 2013) focusing on Media.

The preparatory meetings are being prepared in close collaboration with the ALF networks gathering ALF Networks, existing regional platforms/networks, experts and grassroots level representatives working on related issues in the Euromed region, with the aim to identify thematic priorities for the **elaboration of the programme of the Forum**.

ALF is launching Forum website to **promote the Forum and its related activities** and to facilitate the exchange of information and networking between initiatives as part of the preparatory process.

## 4. Provisional Programme

| Thursday<br>4 April 2013  | Friday<br>5 April 2013                                       | Saturday<br>6 April 2013                            | Sunday<br>7 April 2013  |
|---|--|---|---|
|   | <b>AGORA</b>   |   |   |
| 11.00 - onwards<br>Registration   | 09.30 - 11.00<br>3 Parallel<br>STRATEGIC DEBATES             | 09.30 - 11.00<br>3 Parallel<br>STRATEGIC DEBATES    | 09.30 - 11.00<br>PLENARY SESSION on the<br>outcome of the:<br>– Strategic Debates<br>– Workshops sessions<br>– Best practices<br>sessions<br>– Project ideas sessions |
|   | 11.00 - 11.30<br>Coffee Break                                | 11.00 - 11.30<br>Coffee Break                       | 11.00 - 11.30<br>Coffee Break   |
|   | 11.30 - 13.30<br>10 Parallel WORKSHOPS                       | 11.30 - 13.30<br>10 Parallel WORKSHOPS              | 11.30 - 13.30<br>CLOSING SESSION  |
| 13.30<br>Press Conference   | 13.30 - 15.00<br>Lunch                                       | 13.30 - 15.00<br>Lunch                              | 13.30 - 15.00<br>Farewell Drink   |
|   | <b>MEDINA</b><br>Intercultural Fair<br>Artistic Exchange     |   |   |
| 17.00 - 18:30<br>OFFICIAL<br>INAUGURATION<br>of the<br>Anna Lindh Forum | 15.00 - 16.00<br>7 Parallel<br>GOOD<br>PRACTICES<br>Sessions | 15.00 - 16.00<br>3 Parallel<br>PARTNERS<br>Sessions | 15.00 - 16.00<br>7 Parallel<br>PROJECT<br>IDEAS<br>Sessions   |
| 18.00 - 19.00 DEBATE  |  |   | 15.00 - 16.00<br>3 Parallel<br>PARTNERS<br>Sessions   |
| 19.00 - 20.30 OPENING<br>of the<br>INTERCULTURAL FAIR                   | 16.30 - 17.30<br>Coffee Break/Donors Session                 |   | 16.30 - 17.30<br>Coffee Break/Donors<br>Session   |
| 20.30 - WELCOME<br>COCKTAIL   | 17.30 - 19.00<br>7 Parallel<br>GOOD<br>PRACTICES<br>Sessions | 17.30 - 19.00<br>3 Parallel<br>PARTNERS<br>Sessions | 17.30 - 19.00<br>7 Parallel<br>PROJECT<br>IDEAS<br>Sessions   |
|   |  |   | 17.30 - 19.00<br>3 Parallel<br>PARTNERS<br>sessions   |
|   | <i>Free Evening</i>  |   | 21.00 - COCKTAIL DINNER &<br>CULTURAL EVENT   |