



# Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue Award Ceremony to reward initiatives against hate-speech and xenophobia

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BRUSSELS (19/11/15) - The 10th Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue Award Bestowing Ceremony will be held in Brussels, Belgium, on 19 November 2015. The event will take place at the Westminster Hall room of the Royal Windsor Grand Place Hotel at 17:30.

The President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Élisabeth Guigou, as well as representatives of civil society organisations from 42 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean region will be present at the Award ceremony. This year's Award recognises outstanding initiatives that aim at fostering cultural exchange against hate-speech and xenophobia, that contribute to build alternative narratives based on the positive potential of diversity as well as projects that build on shared values for inclusive citizenship. The Euro-Med Award will take place in the framework of the 14th Annual Heads of Network meeting of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

The Euro-Med Award for Dialogue between Cultures is an annual prize, co-organised by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Fondazione Mediterraneo, which recognizes the efforts of individuals and organizations working for the promotion of intercultural dialogue. Launched in 2006, the Euro-Med Dialogue Award is now in its tenth edition. Organisations working in the cultural and artistic field have been awarded in the past, as well as initiatives that address the challenges of interculturality from paths as peaceful resolution of conflicts and sustainable environment. Among the individuals that have received the award, father Paolo Dall'Oglio of Mar Musa Monastery, winner of the very first Anna Lindh Euro-Med Award, reported kidnapped in Syria since 2013.

The Jury of the Award is composed by representatives of the ALF networks and renowned personalities in the field of intercultural dialogue.

There are three finalists selected among more the 60 candidatures:

Adyan Foundation for Interreligious Studies and Spiritual Solidarity (Lebanon)

Adyan is an independent organization operating in Lebanon, but also regionally and internationally. Adyan implements its different cultural, educational, social and spiritual programs to work on fostering peace, social cohesion and spiritual solidarity between individuals and communities, through positive relations, objective understanding and shared commitment.

Ashtar for Theatre Productions and Training (Palestine)

ASHTAR is a dynamic local Palestinian theatre promoting creativity and commitment for change. With the objective of empowering youth, women, and other marginalised groups within the Palestinian society, ASTHAR works on introducing new ideas and perspectives on social change, while developing the technical capacity of theatre professionals and providing a vital space for

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innovation and creativity.

Capoeira 4 Refugees (United Kingdom)

Capoeira4Refugees (C4R) is a UK registered charity running projects in Syria, Palestine and Jordan. C4R uses capoeira, consisting of music, sport and play, to strengthen fractured communities broken apart by war and forced to flee their homes. Its programmes promote inter- and intra cultural dialogue, tolerance, respect and solidarity.

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