

We the undersigned, convened in Cosenza (Italy) from 27th to 31st October 2011 for the third edition of the Mediterranean Youth Meeting (MeYouMe), on behalf of our respective bodies and organizations:

- concluding a path of reflection and elaboration started during MeYouMe 2009 edition and led in an enlarged and participated form throughout the two following years, thanks to the commitment of a promoting partnership constituted by the Italian Movement for Volunteering (MoVi), Provincia di Cosenza, Comune di Cosenza, the Department of Sociology and Political Science of Università della Calabria, Fondazione Carical and the social Cooperative Delfino Lavoro, joined by other organizations and social networks, institutions and bodies;
- collecting the vital power expressed by youth in many Mediterranean countries during 2011 through forms of mobilization for freedom, democracy and the improvement of life conditions for everyone;
- wanting to relaunch the role of young people in the creation of a Mediterranean of peace, cooperation and wellness;
- aware that:
 - o social and political changes widely depend on the choices and the cultures of people and that it is therefore necessary to favour the leading role of civil society organizations;
 - o youth leaders are those young people who participate in the life of their communities and their countries as well as in the creation of a supranational social space. Young leaders are those young people who concretely work on those realities that directly influence the opportunities of social integration for themselves and the others: affectivity, training, work. This way, Mediterranean young people directly contribute to the social construction of rights and peace for everybody;

approve the present Charter.

Institutive Charter of

MANY

Mediterranean Autonomous Network for Youth

Art. 1 - Institution, name, seat

The network named "**Mediterranean Autonomous Network for Youth**" is instituted, non profit organisation having its legal seat in Cosenza (Italy). The network can also be identified through the acronym "MANY".

Art. 2 – Identity and aims of the network

Many is a mediterranean platform of communication, Exchange and cooperation for youth and, indirectly, for people who deal with youth. Its aims are:

- promote meeting, knowledge, personal relationship among young people belonging to different geographical, socio - political, cultural and religious backgrounds;
- state the culture and the practice of dialogue and mutual cooperation in the Mediterranean area;
- develop opportunities of training and personal growth of young people in the Mediterranean area;
- facilitate information exchange, open and critic debate, sharing of ideas and concrete planning collaboration among youth and youth organizations of the Mediterranean area;
- favour aware participation of young people in social life and political decisions on a local, national, and international level;
- help increase the involvement of public institutions and enterprises in favour of young people, their rights and their future.

Art. 3 – Scopes and operative tools

MANY Network will operate in every field that its own members will consider significant by consent or that will prove interesting for some of them.

Special attention will be focused on the following areas: Peace and intercultural Dialogue, Training, Human rights, Active Citizenship. Development and Cooperation, Environmental Preserve and Cultural Promotion will be also relevant..

MANY Network will provide itself with all operative tools, that, from time to time, will result more appropriate and sustainable.

Among the favorite operative procedures: seminars/workshops; training; networking; research.

Art. 4 – Organizational form

MANY is a light network, to which it is possible to access without too many ties and from which one can exit whenever one wants. The power of cohesion of the network must not be formal rules but the will to join and contribute in the pursuit of common goals. In this sense, beyond the government bodies of the network, every young person and every organization that concretely operates within the network for the pursuit of its aims will be protagonist.

Art. 5 – Members of the network

The members of MANY network are ordinary members or associate members.

Ordinary members of MANY network are youth organizations, having all the following features:

- they are private organizations;
- they are organizations whose majority consists of young people (from 18 to 35);
- they are organizations whose government bodies are constituted at least partly by young people.

Associate members are non-youth private organizations, training organizations, institutions, enterprises that, joining the network, commit themselves to support it in its development and in the pursuit of its goals by placing cultural, scientific, relational, financial resources at its disposal.

Art. 6 – Rights of ordinary members

Ordinary members of the network have the right to:

- contribute to the decisions of the network by participating in the Assembly work and through the chance to express opinions and proposals through all the spaces of expression activated by the network;
- participate in the election of the representative bodies of the network;
- contribute in the pursuit of the goals of the network through the autonomous fulfilment of actions and projects;

- leave the network at any time and without authorization, except the duty of carrying out commitments assumed in favour of the network.

Associate members of MANY network have the right to:

- contribute to the network trends through the participation in the Assembly works with right of speech, as well as through the chance to express opinions and proposals through all the spaces of expression activated by the network;
- participate in the nomination of the Coordination Body of the Many Resource System; contribute to the pursuit of the aims of the network by placing at its disposal resources of different kinds.

Art. 7 – Duties of the members

The members of MANY network have the following duties:

- to contribute towards the cohesion and development of the network;
- to respect the decisions taken by the bodies of the network;
- to cooperate as much as one can with the other members of the network towards the fulfilment of activities pursuing the aims of the network.

Art. 8 – Bodies of the network

The bodies of MANY network are:

- Assembly
- Board
- Presidency
- Many Resources System
- General secretariat

Art. 9 - Assembly

The Assembly consists of all the ordinary members of the network. Associate members can participate without the right to vote.

The Assembly decides:

- Political lines of the network (documents, agenda, calls, reflection and research trends...);
- general lines of internal organization of the network;
- composition of internal bodies.

It normally gathers once a year, within "*MeYouMe. Mediterranean Youth Meeting*".

Art. 10 - Board

The Board consists in four representatives of the ordinary members, one for each geographical macro-area (North Africa, Middle East, Balkans, Europe), nominated every two years in occasion of the Assembly, by the members belonging to the respective macro-areas.

Si riunisce ordinariamente una volta al mese in video-conferenza.

Il Consiglio ha il compito di:

- To nominate its President and a Vice-president, with an annual and non renewable mandate;
- To encourage the functioning of the network and active participation of all members;
- To decide projects to be developed and the possible participation in calls and announcement of competitions or for the collection of different resources;
- To provide the General Secretariat with instructions to carry out its activities;
- To decide the subject and the specific goals of the annual Meeting;

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The members of the Coordination Body of Many Resources System can join the meetings of the Board.

Art. 11 - Presidency

The Presidency consist of the President and the Vice-president, nominated by the Board with an annual mandate. The President has the following tasks:

- To represent the network from a legal and political point of view;
- To preside over the Assembly and the Board meetings;
- To encourage and coordinate the works of the Board;
- To keep into relations with the General Secretariat and with MANY Resource System coordination body.

The Vice-president supports the President in carrying out his/her tasks and replaces him/her in case of impediment.

Art. 12 - MANY Resources System

Many Resources System (MRS) consists of all associate members of the network.

The tasks of Many Resources System are the following:

- To support Many network by placing at its disposal financial, cultural, scientific, operative, relational... resources.
- To contribute towards the elaboration of strategic choices and programmes of Many network.

Many Resources System nominates four components of its own that form the Coordinating Body.

The Coordinating Body has the following tasks:

- to facilitate the functioning Many Resources System;
- to favour the adhesion of new members to Many Resources System;
- to favour the connection among Many Resources System resources, Many network activities and the need of Many network members.

Art. 13 – General secretariat

The General Secretariat is is the technical body supporting the functioning of MANY network.

The tasks of the General Secretariat are the following:

- To encourage communication among members and the different bodies of the network;
- To keep in contact with technical bodies of National and International institutions on behalf of the network;
- To facilitate the collection of resources for the network activity;
- To take care of administration and financial resources reports.

Many General Secretariat is entrusted – for the network's first three years of life - to the social cooperative Delfino Lavoro, the body which started and supported the process of constitution of MANY Network.

Art. 14 – Territorial focal points

The members of MANY network can autonomously create territorial focal points of the network, freely deciding their geographical level (National, regional, local). Focal points are spaces for free debate among the members for the elaboration of ideas and initiatives. They do not have the function of representing members towards the network or the outside.