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**Euro-Med Award Presidency of the
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This document presents ALF proposals for the theme,
Presidency of the Jury and Time-table of the Eighth
Edition of the Euro-Med Award for Dialogue 2013.

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Theme of the 8th Edition of the Euro-Med Award for Dialogue between Cultures

Theme history:

Every year the Presidency of the Jury of the Award chooses a different theme. The themes of the previous editions are:

- **2006:** Mutual Respect among People of Different Religions or Any Other Belief
- **2007:** Women and Men Hand in Hand for Gender Equality
- **2008:** Dialogue Through Arts
- **2009:** Dialogue for Peace and Coexistence
- **2010:** Dialogue for Ecological Sustainability
- **2011:** Dialogue for Citizenship and Freedom
- **2012:** Youth for Change, Social Justice and Shared Development

Proposed Themes 2013:

For the Eighth Edition, the Anna Lindh Foundation is proposing the following themes:

I. MIGRANTS AS AMBASSADORS FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

- Migration movements in the Euro-med region are a key issue at human, socio-economic, political and legal level; instead to be highlighted as essential work and development resources, and as exchange and link agents to other countries, migrants have been often represented as “external danger” or “cultural contamination factors”;
- Migrants are one of the ALF target groups and the theme of Migration has been already evocated by the Euro-Med Award Presidency of the Jury;
- One of the ALF Strategic Fields of Action is Migration, City and Diversity.

The proposal is to honour best practices of Euro-Med citizens and movements for the promotion of dialogue between migrants and societies, their integration, the protection of their human and cultural rights, and the promotion of their role as intercultural bridges between different countries.

II. DIALOGUE BETWEEN GENERATIONS FOR A COMMON DESTINY

- The 2012 Edition of Sea of Words is focusing on this theme looking at how children, parents and grandparents face the future;
- This theme has already been evocated by the Jury;
- The objective is to highlight good practices putting together different generational sensitivities and realities in facing common issues the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The proposal is to bestow Euro-Med citizens in the promotion of crossing generation bridges towards a common future.

III. WORKING FOR SHARED VALUES AND A MEDITERRANEAN IDENTITY

- The social movements recently emerged, in the North and in the South have shown that the claims on both shores of Mediterranean have common characteristics, and highlighted same shared values such as common citizenship and social justice;
- The promotion of mutual understanding and a shared Mediterranean identity is one of the ALF scopes;
- 2013 is the European Year of Citizens.

The proposal is to prime the initiatives working for a better understanding of the common background and future in the Mediterranean region.

Proposed Presidency of the Jury of the 8th Edition of the Euro-Med Award for Dialogue between Cultures

Presidency of the Jury History:

Every year, the Presidency of the Jury rotates among the Heads of Network.

- **2006:** Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of Malta and Cyprus (European countries) and Algeria, Egypt, Turkey (Med. partner countries).
- **2007:** Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of Malta and Cyprus (European countries) and Jordan, Lebanon and Morocco (Med. partner countries).
- **2008:** Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of Malta and Cyprus (European countries) and Israel, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia (Med. partner countries).
- **2009:** Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of Croatia, Czech Republic, Portugal, Sweden (European countries) Egypt, Morocco and Turkey (Med. partner countries).
- **2010:** Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Spain (European countries) and Mauritania, Israel and Tunisia (Mediterranean partner countries).
- **2011:** Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of Poland, France, Romania, Denmark (European countries), Egypt, Tunisia, Palestine (Mediterranean partner countries).
- **2012:** Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of Ireland, Finland, Latvia and Germany (European countries), Turkey, Algeria and Jordan (Mediterranean partner countries).

Proposed Presidency of the Jury for the 8th Edition:

Anna Lindh Foundation Executive Director, Fondazione Mediterraneo President, Heads of Network of **Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lithuania, Netherlands, UK** (European countries) and **Lebanon, Mauritania, Libya** (Mediterranean partner countries; for Libya, once the Network is constituted).

The role of the Presidency of the Jury is to primarily choose the annual theme/topic of the Award, evaluate the Winner Tour programme, participate in the selection of the 5 short-list finalists¹, and finally to make proposals for the methodology and mechanism of the Award and the winner selection process.

Election Procedure: Voting for the Winner

In order to have a more balanced and fair voting system, we propose to:

- Enrich the online info available for the candidates, requesting the finalists to prepare a short video clip or visual material;

The following measures have already been taken as of 2012:

- Extend the deadline of the final referendum to two weeks at least.
- Use a double voting system:

50% of the scores goes to the five final candidates according to the total proportion of votes obtained;

50% of the scores according to the national lists (1 country, 1 vote, as it applies now).

Winner Tour: Evaluation

What is our assessment of the Winner Tour 2012? Any ideas for tour models for 2013?

Since 2012, preference is given, when financing the Winner Tour, to the Networks which have participated more in the electoral process.

Annex

Proposals for the time table of the Eighth Edition of the Euro-Med Award for Dialogue 2013:

Time-table of the Eighth Edition of the Euro-Med Award for Dialogue 2013	
8 November 2012	Adoption of VIII Edition Theme at the Presidency of the Jury meeting
June – July 2013	Nomination for the Award
September 2013	Selection of 5 Finalists by Heads of Network
Beginning – mid October 2013	Voting for the Winner by members of the Network

¹ In the first two editions (2006 & 2007), the Presidency of the Jury selected exclusively the 5 finalists. Since 2008, Presidency of the Jury and the other HoNs select the finalists.

November 2013	Announcing the Winner
November 2013 – March 2014	Awarding Ceremony and Programme of the Winner

Time-table of the Eighth Edition of the Euro-Med Award for Dialogue 2013	
8 November 2012	Adoption of VIII Edition Theme at the Presidency of the Jury meeting
April-May 2013	Nomination for the Award
June 2013	Selection of 5 Finalists by Heads of Network
Beginning – mid September 2013	Voting for the Winner by members of the Network
October 2013	Announcing the Winner
October 2013 – February 2014	Awarding Ceremony and Programme of the Winner

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