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Anna Lindh conference in Naples

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NAPLES - Women are increasingly vulnerable in the southern shore of the Mediterranean amid migration, growing Islamic radicalism and social conservatism with growing risks that they may suffer violence especially migrants in transit to Europe, according to participants of the ongoing international conference "Kimiyya. Women actresses of dialogue" organized at the Museo della pace in Naples by the Mediterranean Foundation and the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF).

The meeting through September 14 gathers some 150 representatives from 12 national networks of ALF (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Mauritania, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Slovenia and Tunisia) who participate in the common action Kimiyya - a word taken from ancient Mediterranean languages (Aramaic, Greek, Arabic), which means 'putting together', 'meeting', 'sharing', 'mixing'.

"In the context of the current crises in which precariousness multiplies and vulnerability increases - said Esther Fouchier, president of the committee promoting the project - several studies show that women are touched first and the inequality between men and women are on the rise" in terms of rights as well as access and control of economic, political and social resources. "The employment of women and the percentage of women in political life remain crucial", she noted.

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