



The Anna Lindh Review 2005-2011

Forging a common destiny across the Mediterranean

Dialogue between cultures, which is the roadmap of the Anna Lindh Foundation, is a long-term strategy to address the true causes - political, ideological and social - that have deepened and radicalised the human gap between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

During the last two decades, the Mediterranean landscape has been characterised by cultural misunderstandings and political conflicts. All of us have been hostages, whether as passive observers or as tragic victims, to those who have set out to take over our cultures and values.

The launching of the Anna Lindh Foundation in 2005 was a historic and collective step to address this 'clash of ignorance' between people living across the Mediterranean. Shared and supported by the 43 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, the Foundation was born to bring together the civil society of the region for intercultural dialogue and to work for a common future.

Since my first days as President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, we have made it very clear that the perspective of the Union for the Mediterranean exists as the engine of the Foundation's daily work; a 'ball of twine' to forge and give chance to a common destiny for the societies of the region, beyond identities and beliefs, and based on co-ownership and reciprocity.

In its first years, the Foundation has supported region-wide initiatives and campaigns in fields of education, culture and media, focusing its activities in the spaces where advocating for dialogue is more needed. Involving many thousands of NGOs in its programmes and activities, the Anna Lindh Foundation has become one of the most credible and legitimate institutions working within the Euro-Mediterranean civil society.

In the Southern and Eastern countries of the Mediterranean but also in Europe, this very same civil society has shown a strong resilience not to accept the logic of status quo and cultural divide and is calling for a different future, based in shared democratic values, dignity and mutual respect.

In this way, the work of the Anna Lindh Foundation today, six years on from its launch, is more challenging and more essential than ever. Building on what has been achieved in the first years, the Foundation is now in a position to play a central role in putting an end to the regressive and archaic notion of a clash of civilizations and ushering in a new era of Euro-Mediterranean relations.

André Azoulay
President of the Anna Lindh Foundation



Italy

The Italian ALF Network launched and partnered in regional cooperation projects financed by the Foundation and focused on cross-cultural dialogue; the Network is coordinated by the Napoli-based *Fondazione Mediterraneo in cooperation with 18 regional coordinators.*

In December 2005, the ALF organised in Naples, in partnership with the Italian Network Head, the first 'Euro-Med Youth Workshop' with 70 young people. The following year, in 2006, the ALF and Network co-launched the first edition of the Euro-Med Dialogue Award, a region-wide prize to raise the visibility of cross-cultural leaders. For 2008's '1001 Actions for Dialogue' campaign, following the initial phase of mobilisation, the ALF received in the opening month of the Initiative over 200 proposed dialogue actions, ranging from theatre events and story-telling workshops in Lecce to dance festivals in Rome; in the framework of '1001 Actions', the ALF also organised in Italy the Euro-Med Youth Forum on Water and Intercultural Dialogue in cooperation with Paralleli Institute and supported the 'Manipulations of Peace' initiative with young artists from Egypt, Israel and Palestine. In 2008, the Network hosted in Naples the Advisory Council meeting.

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For ALF's 2009 Initiative, 'Restore Trust, Rebuild Bridges', the Network launched 'The Bridge for Euro-Med Dialogue' which consisted of several Initiatives for peace and cultural diversity. In the framework of the ALF's Journalist Award, Reporting across Cultures, winning Italian journalists have included Annalisa Monfreda of the GEO Italia magazine for her article about the Albanian migrants to Italy, and Ennio Remondino of Rai TV for his reportage about religious ethnicities coexisting in Turkey. In October 2010, the ALF and Italian Network Head co-organised the seminar on non-violence with social activists, educators and former combatants from Euro-Med countries.

- ▲ 419 civil society organisations have been involved in the Italian Network
- ▲ 67 Italian civil society organisations were either leaders or partners in transnational intercultural projects supported by the Anna Lindh Foundation
- ▲ Egypt, France, Morocco, Jordan and Turkey are the countries that the Italian civil society organisations most partnered with through the Anna Lindh Grant Programme
- ▲ 261 new projects mobilised by ALF through the '1001 Actions for Dialogue' campaign
- ▲ In 2009, Ennio Remondino, a senior correspondent at the Rai TV won the Anna Lindh Foundation Journalist Award
- ▲ 57 Italian civil society organisations were represented at the ALF 2010 held in Barcelona
- ▲ Salvatore Bono and Ambassador Lucio Guerrato of Italy have been members of the ALF Advisory Committee (2005-08) and Advisory Council (2008-11) respectively

Dialogue through non-violence seminar in Naples

1st International Peace Workshop
Dialogue through Non-Violence

From Confrontation to Reconciliation in the Euro-Mediterranean Region
Naples (Italy) 15-17 October 2010

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RETE ITALIANA
ITALIAN NETWORK
2005-2010



restore trust
rebuild bridge

Publication of the Italian Network (2005-2010)

Projects Involving Italian civil society organisations / selection

Project	Italian Organisation	Partner countries
Zalab TV - 2006	"Lunaria - leader "	Tunisia, Spain, Palestine
Euromed gender connexion - 2006	Centro Studi ed Iniziative Europei - leader	Egypt, Estonia, Jordan
Mediterranean women course on development - 2006	Centro di Educazione Sanitaria - leader	Tunisia, France, Lebanon
Mare di Danza (Danse en Mer) - 2006	Associazione Carovana S.M.I - leader	Turkey, Egypt, France
War Gifts - 2006	"Eufonia Societa Cooperative - leader "	Egypt, Spain, Turkey, Cyprus
Going Public '06. Atlante Mediterraneo - 2006	Associazione Culturale aMAZElab - leader	Egypt, Spain, Turkey, Cyprus
Week of Global Education - 2006	Volontariato Internazionale per lo sviluppo - leader	Israel, Palestine, Spain
Nourriture et interculture dans l'expérience migratoire - 2007	CFP Comune di Pavia - leader	France, Morocco, Tunisia
Funducq, héritage, recherche et création - 2007	AGLAIA - partner	Belgium, Algeria, Tunisia
Euromedcafe - 2007	Fondazione Laboratorio Mediterraneo - partner	Belgium, Algeria, Denmark, Egypt, Greece, Lebanon
Tahqiq Sahafi : Journalisme culturel et enquêtes en Méditerranée - 2009	Babelmed - leader	France, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Turkey
JAM: Jeunesse Artistique de la Méditerranée - L'ART Comme Moyen Pour la Paix - 2009	Associazione Culturale Link - leader	Algeria, Jordan, Spain, Turkey, Morocco
The Rights Perspective - 2009	Opportunities Aid Foundation - leader	Egypt, Lithuania, Turkey
Point of views' Ambassadors - 2009	Organizzazione "il Germoglio" - leader	Israel
www.euromedradio.org portal - 2009	Circolo Culturale Africa - leader	Israel, Morocco, Palestine, Spain
Les Ondes pour la Méditerranée - 2009	CO.PE.A.M - partner	Tunisia, Algeria, France, Morocco,
ADYAN understanding - 2009	IFIIE - partner	France, Lebanon, Poland, Syria,
Through Desert and Sea Migratory journeys towards Mediterranean cities - 2010	Servizio Civile Internazionale - leader	Israel, Egypt, Morocco
Lives Re-Veiled: an enquire about veil across Mediterranean - 2010	Istituto Paralleli - leader	Israel, Egypt, Morocco
There is here: citizenship(s) of Moroccan migrant women - 2010	Associazione "Orlando" - leader	Morocco

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Partnerships established through Anna Lindh Grants

