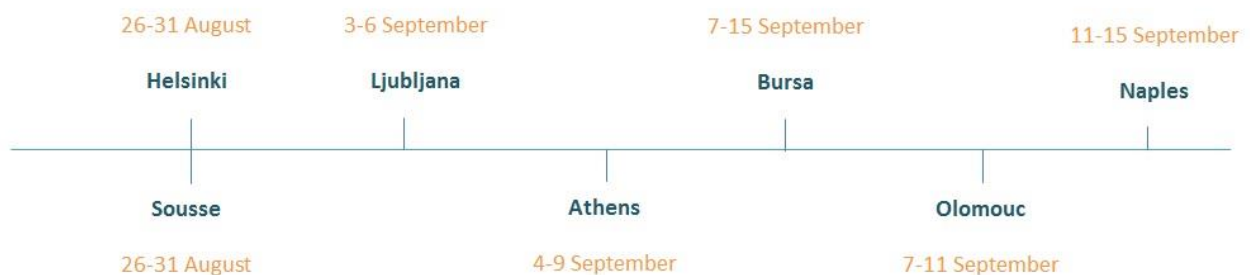


600 Euro-Med citizens work together to promote Intercultural Dialogue and face the region's current challenges

In August – September 2017, **28 Head of Networks (HoN)** organisations partnered to implement, together, **7 projects** in more than **7 cities** focusing on: (1) Education for intercultural citizenship (2) the importance of artistic expression in fragile areas such as war zones, refugees camps and marginalized regions, (3) building new partnerships, (4) intercultural cities, (5) creative and social entrepreneurship, (6) women empowerment and (7) awareness campaigns. Consequently, The ALF National Networks established **60 partnerships** that contributed in the realisation of these projects. The projects gathered more than **600 participants** including: young leaders, civil society actors, policy makers, politicians, municipal representatives, experts and media.

In addition, *Aliki Moschis, Teresa Bean and Konrad Pedziwiatr*, authors of the 3rd Edition of the *Anna Lindh Report on Intercultural Trend*, actively participated in 3 projects, in Ljubljana, Athens and Olomouc, to present the Report's [Survey](#) results carried out by Ipsos Mori.



“Albania, Algeria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey and United Kingdom”

Virtual Reality: How does living in Aleppo look like?

Helsinki (Finland) 26-31 August 2017. The Finnish HoN, in partnership with 8 ALF Networks, organised a 2 days Forum and a 4 days training gathering more than 50 participants. During the Forum, the participants had the opportunity to try out a virtual reality experience where Helsinki has been transformed into a conflict-zone similar to Aleppo. On the other hand, the 4-days training aimed at familiarizing educators with the [Anna Lindh Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship Education](#) and finding solutions to the current challenges facing Intercultural Education. During the 6 days event, the participants have found new possible partners to develop their project ideas. They also created a network of [ICE educators Facebook page](#) that

aims at raising awareness about the subject and involving Euro-Med countries with it.



Virtual Reality Experience – Helsinki

The Role of Arts in Helping Victims of Fragile Areas

Sousse (Tunisia) 26-31 August 2017. The Tunisian HoN collaborated with 12 Networks and brought more than 100 young people, NGO leaders and experts from the Euro-Med region to reflect on current challenges and share experiences. The event was composed of six workshops to discuss the role of arts in war zones, refugee camps and marginalised areas and its role in helping victims of violence, exclusion and radicalisation. There was also a crafts fair and an artistic component. The event was a continuity of the Euro-Arab Youth Forum organised in partnership with the “Sfax Capital of Arab Culture”.



Workshop – Sousse

Diversity Builds Intercultural Cities

Ljubljana (Slovenia) 3-6 September 2017. A Forum, organised by the Slovenian HoN, collated 120 participants including civil society actors, public sector, policy makers, media and education experts to reinforce the exchange between organisations working on intercultural issues in Euro-Med cities, to build new partnerships and share knowledge and experience in addressing challenges related to intercultural dialogue at regional and sub-regional level through intercultural phenomena in urban areas. The opening of the Forum was addressed by the Secretary General Union for Mediterranean *H. E. Amb. Fathallah Sijilmassi*.



Participants - Ljubljana

Support Refugees: Training and Art Production

Athens (Greece) 4-9 September 2017. The UK HoN and 4 other Networks, all working directly with organisations that supported and developed refugee communities, sent a filmmaker to each country to record best practice approaches in each context. The resulting footage will be produced into a digital toolkit for wider distribution of best practices.

The project culminated in Training of Trainers in Athens, with 3 organisations from each country. In total 18 people were trained and certified in the CSEP Training of Trainers, enabling them to take this programme to their own places of work to train refugees they work with. The programme, enables to bring diverse organisations together around a common theme so that they could all share and learn.

Social Enterprise for Intercultural Dialogue

Bursa (Turkey) 7-15 September 2017. The Turkish HoN – with 4 other Networks – organised a seminar on “Creative and social Entrepreneur for better intercultural integration” as part of the project 3.S Intercultural Citizenship Education. The event gathered 35 networks member to discuss how can citizenship education be a key concept to foster socio-cultural integration and a deeper and mutual understanding between people with different backgrounds. *Mr. Kostas Pinteris*, a fisherman from Lesbos (Greece) who has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for having saved

a thousand of migrants from the treacherous Mediterranean Sea, was hosted by the leader of the project and attended the Photo Exhibition in which he was one of the main characters. The exhibition was also attended by the Mayor of the municipality of Bursa Mr. Mustafa Bozbey.

The 3.S project organised 3 activities in Tangiers (2-8 August), Mazara del Vallo, Italy (17-23 August) and Bursa, Turkey (7-15 September) to strengthen the advanced level of mutual understanding and to develop an Intercultural Citizenship Education (ICE) platform in the Euro-Med region.



Participants - Tangiers



Participants – Mazara del Vallo



Workshop - Bursa

Use of Media to Deconstruct Stereotypes

Olomouc (Czech Republic) 7-11 September 2017. The Czech Republic HoN, in partnership with 6 other Networks organised “Be Effective! Learning and Sharing” event. The 3 days meeting gathered 45 in interactive sessions and working groups designed to equip them with effective communication skills and capacities to reach a wide range of audiences and convey the message in an innovative and attractive way to combat xenophobia and extremism in CEE societies and to inspire and fuel a constructive and inclusive dialogue within societies. The meeting also covered the topic of ‘media tools and its proper use’ to deconstruct stereotypes about refugees and promote cooperation. In addition, a one day training on non-violent communications (NVC) skills took place to introduce the principles of NVC to the participants who could then use the newly-acquired knowledge in practical exercises. In the last day, the participant were invited for a hike for networking, followed by a session by Konrad Pedziwiatr, ALF Report author, to present the survey results.



Participants - Olomouc

Women Speak for Dialogue

Naples (Italy) 11-15 September 2017. **Mr. Sergio Mattarella**, assigned the "**MEDAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC**" to the event “Kimya: Women Actress of Dialogue” that was organised by the Italian Head of Network in participation with 6 other Networks. In addition, several political leaders actively participated in the event such as **Anna Maria Carloni, Alessandra Rubino, Massimo Pica Ciamarra, Paola Parri and Federica Romano**. It gathered 150 representatives from 12 national networks during an international conference to discuss emphasis on the importance of the role of women “as actors of dialogue” in civil society in fields including training, education, economy, creativity etc. The conference also aimed to find the tools that will increase women’s participation in decision making. The activity consisted of 6 workshops that focused on various topics including Women and Migration, Women, social inequality and democracy, Voices of women, Women, health and science, Economic Empowerment of Young Women and Women, former professions and crafts.



Workshop – Naples

About the ALF Cross-Cultural Activities Programme

The Cross Network Activities (CNA) is a scheme designed to foster collaboration and support joint projects and activities among the National Networks of the ALF. Its aim was to capitalise on Network members' knowledge and experience in addressing challenges related to intercultural dialogue at regional and sub-regional level.

The Cross Network Activities emphasize on promoting Intercultural Dialogue competences among member organisations of the ALF National Networks, while empowering the Heads of Networks to work together through collaborations and exchange of good practices at regional or sub regional level.

The main target group of this Call are the Member organisations of the ALF National Networks involved in the partnership. Non-member organisations had the opportunity to be exceptionally involved when their participation was proven to be an added value to the Activity.

This call was closed 15 September 2017

To know more

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