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Believe in Dialogue, Act for Citizenship

Anna Lindh Exchange

**23rd – 26th June 2011
Tunis, Tunisia**

Call for Participants

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1. Background

The historical events that the Mediterranean region has experienced in the last months, in particular in Tunisia and in Egypt, represent an important challenge for the Anna Lindh Foundation as a shared and central institution for intercultural dialogue in the region. Through their work in the civil society, the Foundation's National Networks are concerned about the implications that this historical shift can and should bring to the Foundation's work.

The Anna Lindh Foundation has therefore launched the "*Believe in Dialogue, Act for Citizenship - Exchanging Practices on Participation and Democracy*" Initiative, consisting of a comprehensive programme of activities to be developed during the year 2011.

In the framework of this Initiative, new specific activities have been elaborated by the Foundation and among them the **Anna Lindh Exchange, a Euro-Mediterranean encounter for exchange and debate on citizenship and intercultural dialogue**, to be held in Tunis (Tunisia) on 23-26 June 2011.

The ALF is organizing this event in partnership with the **Foundation for the Future** and in close collaboration with the Tunisian Network - represented by the **Tunisian Ministry of Culture** and the **Club Unesco Bardo**.

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective

The overall objective of the Anna Lindh Exchange is to bring cultural and media operators, non-governmental organizations and young activists from the Euromed region together to exchange experiences and debate about the major challenges which the EuroMed societies are facing in terms of citizenship and intercultural dialogue, especially those engaged in social change and democratic transition.

2.2. Specific Objectives

- To foster debate and facilitate exchange, contact-making and partnership among civil society partners acting in the field of citizenship, democracy, human rights and participation through an intercultural approach;
- To offer tools and resources for the empowerment of civil society with respect to the relationship between dialogue and the above mentioned fields;
- To encourage sustained interaction and mutual support between citizens from all participating countries and contribute to spread awareness about intercultural citizenship.

The meeting will gather around **160 representatives** of civil society organisations as well as speakers from different fields from the whole Euro-Med region. The initiative will offer a space for:

- o Reflection,
- o Sharing proposals for action and best practices of Euro-Mediterranean institutions and associations acting in the region,
- o Formulating recommendations and enhancing cooperation between the North and the South.

3. Provisional programme

THURSDAY 23 June 2011	FRIDAY 24 June 2011	SATURDAY 25 June 2011	SUNDAY 26 June 2011
Arrival of Participants + Registration	9.30-11.00 Opening Session Plenary	09.30 – 11.00 Resources for Action*	09.30 – 11.00 Resources for Action*
	11.30 – 13.30 Debate Workshops*	11.30 – 13.30 Debate Workshops*	11.30 – 13.30 Closing Session Plenary
	13.30 – 15.00 Lunch Break – Open Artistic Contributions		13.30 Farewell Drink
	15.00 – 18.30 Exchange Best Practices & Ideas*	15.00 – 18.30 Exchange Best Practices & Ideas*	Departure
19.30 Welcoming Ceremony + Sidi Bouzid Caravan	"Bees Factory" (informal space for free exchange) Option: Films Screenings	19.30 – 21.00 Dinner 21.30 Theatre performance + Awarding Ceremony of "72 Hours for Dialogue" Winners	

*Simultaneous sessions

The participants selected through this Call for Participation will participate in the following components of the Anna Lindh Exchange:

- Debate Workshops,
- Presentation of Best Practices and Project Ideas and
- Resources for Action.

3.1. Debate Workshops

Dedicated to promote the debate and formulate recommendations for future action.

The topics addressed during the Debate Workshops will be:

1. Creativity for Change: Culture and Artistic Expression

- *The role of arts and cultural creation in supporting new forms of citizenship*
- *Cultural cooperation policies in contexts of social and political change*
- *Major challenges for the cultural industries in the new social environment*
- *How can cultural interactions promote multiculturalism in the EuroMed societies*

2. Spreading Ideas: Media and Tools for Social Expression

- *Media reporting in supporting intercultural dialogue, human rights and social change*
- *The role of new media and social networking in bringing people together*
- *The role of social institutions and communities for people`s mobilisation and empowerment*
- *Synergies and cross initiatives for promoting free debate and opinion-making*

3. Spaces for Participation: Civil Society Development and Resources for Citizenship

- *The role of NGOs in developing democratic and multicultural societies*
- *Developing intercultural tools for social movements*
- *Addressing human rights and diversity in societies under change*
- *Improving education and intercultural learning for citizenship*

3.2. Exchange

ALF network members, Euro-Med regional networks, institutions and initiatives, local associations and representatives of NGOs will be invited to share their ideas and their experiences in order to create new opportunities for intercultural actions in topics related to Citizenship, Democracy, Civil Participation and Rights, and to establish new partnerships.

The Exchange will address the same topics of the Debate Workshops, i.e.

- 1) Creativity for Change: Culture and Artistic Expression,
- 2) Spreading Ideas: Media and Tools for Social Expression and
- 3) Spaces for participation: Civil Society Development and Citizenship Resources

The Exchange will consist of:

1. Presentation of Best Practices and Project Ideas

This space will provide participants with the opportunity to:

- present Best Practices of organizations, social movements and other key stakeholders, sharing positive experiences and key projects implemented as well as results obtained and obstacles faced in the field work and
- present innovative Project Ideas in order to develop new projects and look for partnerships for future activities.

2. Resources for Action

This space will aim at providing participants with information on resources, tools and methodologies to address issues related to democracy, citizenship and civil rights through an intercultural approach.

This space will consist of simultaneous sessions on components such as partnership making; fundraising, learning and training; capacity building; advocacy and campaigning.

“Resources for Action” will seek to orientate participants to work together on common regional proposals.

3. Bees Factory

The Anna Lindh Exchange foresees as well an informal exchange space during the night of 24 June 2011. Participants will be able to enjoy the coolness of a Café environment while discussing about their visions and projects (the opportunity to display printed materials will be offered).

4. Participants profile and Eligibility Criteria

Around 160 participants are expected to be selected to participate in the meeting. They will consist of ALF members and partners, NGOs, other Euro-Med networks, institutions, experts and personalities from across the region (120 Euro-Med participants - 40 from the North¹ and 40 from the South² - and 40 from Tunisia).

This Call is also open to ALF network members and non-ALF network members. In case of selection, non ALF members will be required to apply for ALF membership.

¹ 27 EU member states + Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Monaco, Montenegro

² Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey

The participants must:

- be a national or resident of one of the 43 countries³ of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership;
- be a representative of an organisation, social movement, EuroMed network or institution or be an expert in the addressed fields;
- have considerable knowledge/experience in the field of the selected debate workshops; and/ or
- have relevant *Best Practices*, innovative *Project Ideas* or interesting *Resources for Action* to be presented in one of the Exchange sessions;
- be strongly motivated and make a contribution to the Anna Lindh Exchange;
- be able to communicate fluently in English and/or French;
- be able to participate during the full duration of the event.

4.1 Working Languages

The main languages of the Anna Lindh Exchange in Tunisia will be:

- For the two Plenary Sessions: Arabic, English and French (translation between these languages will be provided).
- For the Debate Workshops: English/French
- For the “Practices and Ideas”: English/French
- For the “Resources for Action”: English/French

4.2 Travel and Accommodation expenses

For all selected participants, the ALF will cover

- some expenses related to board (coffee breaks and meals during the event, if indicated in the program)
- all expenses related to travel and accommodation.

(Visa costs, if any, will be borne by the participants)

5. Application and selection procedures

This Call for Participation will be available on-line on the ALF website: www.believeindialogue.org.

Deadline for receiving applications by email (at the address Tunis.exchange@believeindialogue.org) is **Tuesday, 3 May 2011, 15:00h Egyptian time**. Kindly note that applications received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

Applications can be submitted in English, French or Arabic, with preference for English.

The ALF Secretariat will be in charge of the selection of participants.

The following points will be taken in consideration during the selection process:

- the consistency between the application and the objectives of the initiative;
- a geographical balance (160 participants from the Euro-Med region - 80 from the North and 40 from the South - and 40 Tunisians);
- a balanced diversification of stakeholders (small and large NGOs, independent and public institutions, networks etc.);
- a balanced diversification of fields of action taking into account the 3 topics of debate and exchange;
- the added value of the proposed participant`s contribution to the event (based on his/her experience in the field and contribution to the *Debate Workshops*, and/or *Presentation of Best Practices and Project Ideas*, and *Resources for Action* sessions).

The ALF Head of Network institutions will be consulted regarding the selection of participants from their respective countries.

All successful applicants will be notified by Tuesday, 31 May 2011, the latest.

³ The 27 European Union member states, and 16 partner countries (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey).

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