



REPORT ON THE THIRD EDITION OF THE EURO-MED AWARD FOR THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CULTURES

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Introduction:

This document presents a report on the first three phases of the III edition of the Euro-Med Award for the Dialogue between Cultures (Euro-Med award). The next phase of the Award will be the awarding ceremony and the programme of the winner, which is being prepared now and will be shared with all the heads of network and will also be published online.

This year's edition of the Euro-Med Award is about **dialogue through arts**, in particular **visual arts** which includes the following disciplines: drawing, painting, photography, and sculpture.

The winner of the Euro-Med Award 2008 is **Rima Maroun** (Lebanese Photographer).

The five runners-up are (in descending order):

- **Abed Abdi**, (Palestinian Photographer)
- **Ramzi Harrabi** (Tunisian Painter, Poet, Singer)
- **Katja Schaefer** (German Artistic Director)
- **Marcel De Munnynck** (Belgian – Photography)
- **Atilla Durak** (Turkish Photographer)

OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST PHASE OF NOMINATION FOR THE EURO-MED AWARD EURO-MED 1 MAY – 10 JUNE 2008

The first phase of the Euro-Med Award is the nomination phase by the members of the national network.

Below is a detailed statistics of this phase:

- Number of applications received **before** the deadline: 44
- Number of applications received **after** the deadline: 3
- The total number of applications in **English**: 27
- The total number of applications in **French**: 14
- The total number of applications in **other languages**: 3
- The nominees are citizens from the following countries:
 - **Five** nominees from: Morocco – France
 - **Four** nominees from: Egypt
 - **Three** nominees from: Belgium – Lebanon – Tunisia
 - **Two** nominees from: Turkey – Italy – Israel – Austria
 - **One** nominee from: Palestine – Spain – Denmark – Poland – Netherlands – Greece – Algeria – Hungary – Jordan – Serbia – Slovenia – Germany – Syria
- **No nominees** from the following countries:
Bulgaria – Cyprus – Czech Republic – Estonia – Finland – Ireland – Latvia – Lithuania – Luxembourg – Malta – Portugal – Romania – Slovak Republic – Sweden – UK
- Number of members involved in the nomination: **40**
- **EIGHT** Nominations made by heads of network from: Denmark – Morocco – Belgium (2) – Germany – Turkey – Austria (2)

OVERVIEW OF THE SECOND PHASE OF SELECTION OF THE SIX FINALISTS OF THE EURO-MED AWARD

16 JUNE – 1 JULY

Phase II of the Euro-Med Award is the selection of the short-list finalists by the heads of network.

After the deadline of the online nomination for the Euro-Med Award on June 10th, the Network Coordination Unit team (Solera, Shaaban, Omera) made the first administrative screening of the received nominations (total 44) and have prepared a short list of the eligible candidates for the selection by the Heads of National Network from 16 June – 1 July through a dynamic and user-friendly online voting system.

The total number of heads of network who participated in the selection of the top five finalists is **27** which are the following: Cyprus – UK – Austria– Slovakia – Tunisia – Syria – Lebanon - Latvia – Italy – Germany – Belgium – Romania – Bulgaria – Hungary – Egypt – Jordan – Portugal – Morocco – Lithuania – Algeria – Czech Republic – Spain – Finland – Palestine – Poland – Malta – Greece.

The following countries expressed their disinterest in the selection of the five finalists: France and Israel because they “think they give a bad or false image of the ALF missions and objectives”. However, these countries were involved in the previous editions in the final selection of the winner.

The following countries did not participate in the selection (without giving reasons): Denmark – Estonia – Ireland – Luxembourg – Netherlands – Sweden – Slovenia – Turkey

The top six finalists are:

- (a) Attila Durak (Turkish) ----- 15 votes
- (b) Abed Abdi (Israeli/Palestinian) ----- 12 votes
- (c) Ramzi Harabi (Tunisian) ----- 12 votes
- (d) Katja Schaefer (German) ----- 11 votes
- (e) Marcel de Munynck (Belgian) *ex aequo* Rima Maroun (Lebanese) ---- 8 votes

OVERVIEW OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE WINNER OF THE EURO-MED AWARD 17 – 27 JULY 2008

The third phase of the Euro-Med Award is the voting for the winner of the Award.

For one week, the voting for the winner of the Euro-Med was published online on the homepage of the Anna Lindh Foundation website. It is the first time for the members of the national networks to be invited to choose and vote for the winner of the Euro-Med Award. During this week, three circular emails (on 17, 22, 24) were sent to the members of the national networks inviting them to participate in the voting process.

The total number of votes received: 189

- **Eligible** votes from members: 131 (7% of the total no. of nat. net. members)
- **Non-eligible** votes by non members: 57
- **Heads** of network voted: 22¹

N.B. no eligible votes came from the Luxembourg network.

Our **initial assessment** identifies the following reasons for the low participation of network members in the final election of the winner:

- (a) the delay in the launch of the online voting for technical reasons. Therefore, the vote took place prior to summer and the holiday season.
- (b) absence of network mobilization on the part of some heads of networks.
- (c) the exposure to an innovative methodology which implies simultaneous electronic democratic consultation for the first time ever in the national networks history.
- (d) the fact that some emails were not getting to the persons in charge of the ALF affairs but to direction offices.

The candidate who got the majority of votes within a national network, s/he was considered the candidate of this respective network.

- **Rima Maroun** has got the majority of votes in **16 countries**
- **Abed Abdi** has got the majority of votes in **10 countries**
- **Ramzi Harrabi** has got the majority of votes in **5 countries**
- **Katja Schaefer** has got the majority of votes in **4 countries**
- **Marcel De Munnynck** has got the majority of votes in **1 country**
- **Attila Durak** has got the majority of votes in **1 country**

¹ In some cases of equal votes, we had to resort to the heads of networks vote in phase II in order to decide who should be the candidate of this respective network.