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## ANNA LINDH NEWS AND EVENTS



### New phase of financial support for National Networks

The Anna Lindh Foundation headquarters has launched the latest phase of its Network Strategic Development Scheme with a financial allocation of 1.35 million Euros. The 'Step 4' edition of the scheme, which provides logistical and operational support to Anna Lindh National Networks, focuses on follow-up to the Forum 2010 and the mobilisation of debates for the first Anna Lindh Report on Intercultural Trends. The scheme also precedes next month's region-wide launch of the Calls for Proposals 2010. [www.euromedalex.org/news/networks-support](http://www.euromedalex.org/news/networks-support)



### 2010 Edition of the Anna Lindh Journalist Award launched

The launch of the latest edition of the Anna Lindh Mediterranean Journalist Award was among a series of new media partnerships and projects announced by the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, André Azoulay, at the annual COPEAM Audiovisual Forum taking place in Paris. The Award, which is the leading regional prize for reporting across cultures, has been expanded to include online media in addition to TV, radio and printed articles, with the latest edition of the competition open until the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. [www.euromedalex.org/journalist-award](http://www.euromedalex.org/journalist-award)



### Anna Lindh Report takes centre stage in Seville

An international seminar on 'Media and Dialogue in the Mediterranean' took place in Seville, Spain, from 7 to 8 April, co-organised with the 'Three Cultures of the Mediterranean'. During the seminar, which was attended also by the Foundation's Director Andreu Claret, the upcoming first Anna Lindh Report on Intercultural Trends in the Euro-Med Region took a central position in the discussions, especially in relation to its thematic focus this year on the role of the media in shaping mutual perceptions. [www.euromedalex.org/news/seminar-seville](http://www.euromedalex.org/news/seminar-seville)



### '101 Books Exhibition' for Children's Literature

Until the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2010, publishing houses and non-governmental organisations involved in producing story books for children in Arabic language are invited to nominate titles to be included in the second edition of the 'One Hundred and One Books Exhibition'. With the aim of providing a broad audience of children with access to quality stories written in Arabic, local exhibitions featuring the selected books, will also be organised across the Region in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria. [www.euromedalex.org/news/101-books](http://www.euromedalex.org/news/101-books)



### Anna Lindh Board to meet for the first time in Alexandria

Following consultation with the co-presidents of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Spanish Presidency of the EU, it has been confirmed that the next Anna Lindh Board of Governors meeting will take place on 11 May 2010 in Alexandria. The Board, which is comprised of the 43 senior officials of the Union for the Mediterranean, discussed the proposal during its meeting at the Anna Lindh Forum 2010, and it will be the first time the body gathers in Alexandria since the Foundation's launch in 2005. [www.euromedalex.org/news/board-alex](http://www.euromedalex.org/news/board-alex)

## NEW EUROMED PROJECTS COME TO FRUITION

From Vienna and Amman to Beirut and London, civil society actors and artists are coming together through a series of new intercultural projects launched during the month of April with the support of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

### Living Together

From the 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April, the first conference of the project **'Euro Mediterranean Abrahamic Forum'** took place in Amman, Jordan on the theme "Living Together: The Role of Religion in Establishing Dialogue".

The Project sets out to build an active and effective network of religious leaders and practitioners committed to interfaith dialogue and focused on working towards the establishment and reinforcement of harmonious inter-communal relations between Jews, Muslims and Christians in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

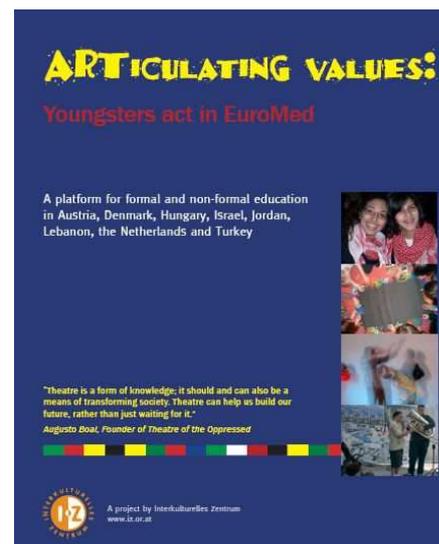
The Conference, which is part of a two-year long-term programme supported by the Anna Lindh Foundation through its Call for Proposals, was organized by five partner organizations: the Interfaith Encounter of Israel, Youth Spirit Centre of Jordan, Hope Flowers School of Palestine, Via Dialogo of Belgium and the Polish Peacemakers Community.

### Articulating Values

From the 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010, an international training seminar **'Articulating Values'** is taking place in Vienna with the participation of twenty-two schools and youth groups from a range of Euro-Mediterranean countries including Austria, Denmark, Hungary, the Netherlands, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Speaking about the upcoming initiative, Rebecca Zeilinger, project leader from Austria's Interkulturelles Zentrum, said: *"We are setting out with the aim to use culture as a tool to build bridges between minority groups and the wider population within the countries of the Region, breaking down stereotypes about asylum seekers and refugees"*

The participants who are attending the seminar will have the opportunity to take part in writing and drama workshops, with the challenge of putting together a final performance to be presented at the end of the programme to the general public.



### Arab Creative Women

From the 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April in London a two-day conference took place on the theme of **'Arab Creative Women'**. The conference brought together over twenty artists including designers, filmmakers, journalists and performers from the Arab world, sparking a debate about the role of creative women in their societies and the obstacles they encounter in the creative sector.

Organized by the University of Kingston, in partnership with the Anna Lindh Foundation, the conference marks the beginning of a series of discussions and debates about creativity as a tool in gender representation.

### Research-based Art / Art-based Research

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the official kick-off meeting took place for the initiative **'Research-based Art / Art-based Research'**, with representatives from Germany, Lebanon, Turkey, Palestine, Portugal and the UK. The aim of the project, organized with the Einrich Boll Foundation, is to develop a partnership among art academics and institutions across the Euro-Med Region, focused on integrating artistic research into an international post-graduate programme and supporting and promoting mobility through the exchange of artists, students and teachers.

### Faces of the Mediterranean

The **'Faces the Mediterranean'** exhibition is a common action of the Anna Lindh National Networks in Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Lebanon, Bulgaria and Egypt taking place between April and May, which aims at engaging with young people and with individuals from migrant backgrounds. The Euro-Mediterranean cultural exhibition, which will last over a two-week period, will be hosted in a range of cities and towns across the two shores of the Mediterranean including Athens, Beirut, Cairo, Nicosia, Podgorica, Zagreb and Belgradchik.



**EuroMed Dialogue Award 2010**  
 Together for ecological sustainability

## RECOGNISING INTERCULTURAL LEADERS

The latest edition of the Euro-Med Award for Intercultural Dialogue is launched on the theme of ‘ecological sustainability’, as last year’s winners embark on their regional tour

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, the Anna Lindh Foundation officially launched the fifth edition of its region-wide prize for intercultural dialogue.

Co-founded in 2006 by the Foundation and its Italian Head of National Network, ‘Fondazione Mediterraneo’, the Euro-Med Dialogue Award is an annual prize in recognition of the achievements of institutions and individuals working for the promotion of intercultural understanding, with a thematic focus announced each year.



*‘Combatants for Peace’, Winners of the 2009 Euro-Med Dialogue Award*

### An Award of the Euro-Mediterranean Civil Society

The Award has a unique format which gives the possibility to members of the Anna Lindh National Civil Society Networks, working across the 43 countries of the Union for the Mediterranean, to nominate candidates for the Prize and to take part the voting process to select the annual winner.

For the first time in 2009, more than three hundred members of the Anna Lindh Networks participated in the online vote to elect the winners and the official runners-up, with former Award winners including Rim Maroun (Lebanon), Rodi Kratsa

(Greece), Der Mar Musa (Syria), Jan Willems of Theatre Day Productions (Netherlands/Palestine).

### Addressing the issue of Ecological Sustainability

For 2010, which has been labeled by the United Nations the ‘International Year of Biodiversity’, the steering committee of the Award selected the theme of ‘bringing people together for ecological sustainability’ based on the importance the environment represents to many civil society organizations working across the Mediterranean.

With cultural developments arising from the constant interaction between the environment and the communities living in it, the aim of the latest edition of the Dialogue Award is to identify and promote individuals or organizations who are have been engaged in promoting intercultural action to address current environmental challenges and contribute to finding common solutions for the ecological age.

**Deadline for Nomination:**  
 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010

*“The Award is an incentive. It helps us to keep focused on our work in the field and inspires us to be creative in addressing the day-to-day issues at stake”*

Former Winner Jan Willems

### Combatants for Peace embark on Regional Tour

One of the outcomes of the annual Award is the involvement of winners in activities organized by the Anna Lindh National Networks.

Over the last weeks, Combatants for Peace, the joint Israeli-Palestinian social movement who won the 2009 prize edition on the theme of ‘coexistence’ have had the opportunity to share their grass-root experiences with audiences in France, Finland and Spain.

In Marseille at the end of March, Bassam Aramin from Palestine and Einat Gutman from Israel met with members of the French National Network, while on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April project representatives took part at the University of Helsinki to speak on the theme of ‘The War in Gaza 2009 and Peace Research’.

Upcoming planned activities include participation at the regional meeting hosted by the Anna Lindh Slovak Network and involving members from Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Austria.

[www.euromedalex.org/dialogue-award](http://www.euromedalex.org/dialogue-award)

### Award 2009 facts:

**44** nominations received for the 2009 edition

**5** finalists selected by the Heads of National Networks

**308** member organizations participated in the voting

**113** votes given for the winning organization ‘Combatants for Peace’

## INSIDE THE NETWORKS

An insight into activities taking place this month across the forty-three National Networks of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

### Egypt: New Initiatives launched from Alexandria

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Anna Lindh Egyptian Network held its meeting at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina with around forty of its members from different regions and governorates including Upper Egypt and East, West and North Delta. During the meeting, 'Bridges of Cultures', the new magazine of the National Network developed through the Anna Lindh Network Support Scheme, was launched, as well as the scheduling of a forthcoming capacity-building event on project-writing. [www.euromedalex.org/networks/egypt](http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/egypt)

### Anna Lindh in 43 Countries



### Finland: Helsinki hosts peace research seminar

The Anna Lindh Finnish Network organised in Helsinki on the 8th of April a one day seminar on "The War in Gaza and Peace Research". The aim of the seminar was to go beyond the political discussions on the significance of the Gaza war and to draw together the academic reflection carried out by researchers, putting the conflict in the context of intercultural dialogue in the Region. [www.euromedalex.org/networks/finland](http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/finland)

### France: Over 100 Members gather in Marseille

Member organisations of the Anna Lindh French National Network gathered in Marseille for a general assembly meeting between 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting included two special sessions devoted to 'Cooperation with the Anna Lindh Moroccan Network' and to the organisation of the 'Marseille European Capital of Culture 2013', as well as a debate on the overall Network development following the Anna Lindh Forum 2010. [www.euromedalex.org/networks/france](http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/france)

### United Kingdom: New Head of Network introduced in Manchester

An exchange of experiences from the Anna Lindh Forum and a discussion on future actions was on the agenda for the UK National Network, gathering together on 13 April in Manchester. The meeting was also an opportunity to introduce the new Head of National Network, the Centre for Urban Education at the Manchester Metropolitan, who will assume this May responsibilities from the British Council. [www.euromedalex.org/networks/united-kingdom](http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/united-kingdom)

### Morocco: Migration top on the agenda in Casablanca

On the 16 April, members of the Moroccan Network, researchers and experts from Euro-Med countries have gathered in Casablanca to discuss issues related to migration, addressing the impact of migration, with the issue of fuelling prejudices, from the view point of departing and hosting countries with a particular focus on the role of women. [www.euromedalex.org/networks/morocco](http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/morocco)

### Bulgaria: Intercultural Fair in Belogradchik

Taking inspiration from the first Anna Lindh Forum, members of the Bulgarian National Network are gathering in Belogradchik to share good practices and project ideas. The meeting is the culmination of a series of six decentralised gatherings which took place since the New Year and brought together a range of different actors at the local level. There has also been preparation of the international photo exhibition 'Faces of the Mediterranean' [www.euromedalex.org/networks/bulgaria](http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/bulgaria)

## Financial Support for Networks

The Anna Lindh Foundation has announced the launch of the latest phase of its Network Support Scheme ('Step 4'). Heads of the Anna Lindh National Civil Society Networks have until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 to send their individual proposals to the headquarters of the Foundation on behalf of their Networks and with a focus on national common actions, follow-up to the Anna Lindh Forum 2010 and the mobilization of debates for the first Anna Lindh Report on Intercultural Trends. [www.euromedalex.org/news/networks-support](http://www.euromedalex.org/news/networks-support)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

### Internship Opportunities in Sweden and Bulgaria

Students or recent graduates aged between 19 and 32 years old, and proficient in two or more of the official languages of the Union for the Mediterranean countries, have the possibility to take part in the Anna Lindh Foundation's internship programme.

Current vacancies include a work placement at the Anna Lindh Heads of National Civil Society Networks in Bulgaria and in Sweden, with the additional opportunity to take part in a two-month training and orientation programme at the Foundation's headquarters prior to the national placement.

[www.euromedalex.org/about/job-vacancies](http://www.euromedalex.org/about/job-vacancies)

### Regional Contact-making and Capacity-building

Until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2010, members of the Foundation's National Networks have the opportunity to propose their candidature for the regional contact-making and capacity-building training seminar, planned to take place at the start of June in Romania.

The aim of the seminar is to encourage Network members to meet together and develop common projects at the regional level, with the call open to project leaders in the 43 Euro-Med countries who are interested in developing intercultural initiatives and can work in English or French.

[www.euromedalex.org/news/traininq-romania](http://www.euromedalex.org/news/traininq-romania)

### Join the Anna Lindh Network in your country

Civil society organisations and groups working in one of the 43 countries of the Union for the Mediterranean have the possibility to apply through the Anna Lindh Foundation website to become a member of the National Network in the country where they operate.

Membership of the National Network entitles organisations to have access to partners across the Euro-Mediterranean Region and to apply to take part in the Anna Lindh Foundation activities and grant schemes for local and transnational projects, as well as shaping the work at the national level.

[www.euromedalex.org/networks/join](http://www.euromedalex.org/networks/join)

## AGENDA OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Day	Event	Further Information
1 – 30 May	Faces of the Mediterranean Exhibition – Athens, Beirut, Belogradchik, Nicosia, Podgorica, Zagreb	Part of a common National Network action taking place across the Euro-Mediterranean Region
5 May	Fourth meeting of the Anna Lindh Report Scientific Committee – Madrid, Spain	The meeting focuses on the recommendations for the forthcoming Anna Lindh Report on Intercultural Trends
6-7 May	'Europe and the Arab Countries: Views, Opinions, Perspective' - Madrid, Spain	In collaboration with Casa Arabe and Cidob, the meeting gathers academic experts to review key trends of relations between Europe and the Arab region
11 May	Meeting of the Anna Lindh Foundation's Board of Governors – Alexandria, Egypt	The proposed agenda includes a focus on the follow-up to the Anna Lindh Forum and the Anna Lindh Report
14-16 May	Euromed Civil Society Forum – Alicante, Spain	The Forum will bring together representatives of non-governmental organisations from the Euro-Med Region
18-19 May	Forum on the occasion of the European year against social exclusion – Weimar, Germany	The event aims to facilitate the exchange of good practice of working with youth with migrant background
20 May	Deadline for nominations for the Euro-Med Dialogue Award	Members of the National Networks have the possibility to submit nominations through the Anna Lindh website

### About the Anna Lindh Foundation

The Anna Lindh Foundation is an organisation shared and resourced by the forty-three countries of the Union for the Mediterranean, with a mandate to bring people together for dialogue between cultures. With its headquarters in Alexandria, the Foundation runs a Euro-Med Network comprised of many hundreds of civil society organizations, forming the back-bone of the Foundation's programme which centres on leading and supporting actions in fields impacting on mutual perceptions.

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