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ANNA LINDH FORUM 2010

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A unique Euro-Mediterranean Meeting on Intercultural Dialogue

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The Anna Lindh Foundation is a Network of National Networks promoting intercultural dialogue in the forty-three countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. Its extraordinary and unique richness relies on its **more than 2,800 members** working in a wide range of fields, including culture, arts, education, youth, research, migration, communication, governance, gender issues and environment.

For the very first time, the Foundation would like to gather around 500 of these organizations, together with other thematic networks and ALF strategic partners in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The aim is to give **new momentum to the cooperation among civil society organizations** committed to intercultural dialogue in the region and to increase its impact on the establishment of the Union for the Mediterranean while enriching the activities of the National Networks and the work of the Foundation.

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Strengthening intercultural partnerships and dialogue in the UfM

The organization of such an event in Barcelona, during the Spanish Presidency, will be a proof of civil society commitment in favour of a renewed Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, fully acknowledging the importance of the dialogue between cultures, more necessary than ever in the social, political and cultural context.

As future home of the **UfM Secretariat**, Barcelona as host city of the Forum constitutes a strong added value for such initiative. It is also there that the Barcelona Process was born, in 1995. The **European Institute for the Mediterranean (IEMed)**, the ALF Spanish Head of Network, will be the main partner for the organization of the Forum.

Space for reflection, space for dialogue

For the first time, the civil society represented in the ALF network, partner networks and institutions will meet to promote the intercultural agenda of the "Euro-Med Project". The aim is to offer **an occasion for reflection and action** that could develop and consolidate in the organization of an **Anna Lindh Forum on a regular basis** (every two or three years) in order to reflect on the accomplishments as well as the obstacles relevant for social and cultural cooperation in the Euro-Med region.

A twofold format event

AGORA

Plenary Sessions:

Dedicated to reflect with experts and stakeholders on the accomplishments as well as the obstacles relevant to the institutional development of social and cultural cooperation in the Euro-Med region. In collaboration with our media partners, the key sessions will be broadcast across the 43 Euro-Mediterranean countries.

Workshops:

Dedicated to debate and reflect on key issues in the field of Euro-Mediterranean dialogue and to analyse the accomplishments of the Foundation in this domain. These debates will serve as inspiration for the development of future ALF programmes and of the Euro-Med agenda on intercultural dialogue. The main topics of the workshops refer to the strategic fields defined in the triennial programme of the Foundation:

- **Education, Intercultural Learning & Youth:**
"Learning to live together in diversity"
- **Cultural & Artistic Collaborations:**
"Creativity for Dialogue"
- **Creating Spaces of Peace and Co-existence:**
"Restore Trust, Rebuild Bridges"
- **Cities, Migrants & Diversity:**
"Valuing Diversity, Understanding Migration"
- **Religion, Spirituality and Values:**
"Inter-religious dialogue & common values for action"

MEDINA

ALF national network members, Euro-Med regional networks, institutions and initiatives, local associations and international NGOs will be invited to share their ideas and their experiences to create new opportunities for intercultural actions and to establish new partnerships:

- ***Intercultural Fair*** - Presentation stands for ALF network member and other organizations of the Euro-Med region active in ALF strategic fields;
- ***Info Sessions*** on subjects related to intercultural practices (e.g. funding programmes, network management);
- Presentation of ***Best Practices*** registered among the actions of ALF and its member organizations, outlining positive experiences, but also challenges related to field work;
- Spaces to present ***Project Ideas***, debate about them with other participants and look for new partners and developments;
- ***Self-organised Sessions by members of ALF networks and partners*** (e.g. network meetings);
- ***Artistic Exchange:*** exhibitions, video & film screenings, installations developed in collaboration with network members and Euro-Med partners.

Objectives of the Forum

The main objective of the Anna Lindh Forum 2010 is to re-launch the cooperation between civil societies in the region and to reflect on the role of intercultural dialogue in the establishment of the Union for the Mediterranean. The gathering of around 500 representatives of civil society organisations as well as high-profile speakers from the political, cultural and economic field from the whole Euro-Med region will serve as inspiration for the development of the Euro-Med agenda and as a tool to influence policy-making in the field of intercultural dialogue. The creation of permanent thematic platforms within the ALF network will help the Foundation in the orientation of its future programmes and activities.

Provisional programme

THURSDAY 4 March 2010	FRIDAY 5 March 2010	SATURDAY 6 March 2010	SUNDAY 7 March 2010
	AGORA		
11.00 - onwards Registration 12.00 Meeting ALF BoG & HoN	09.30 - 11.00 Plenary Session 11.30 - 13.30 Workshops	09.30 - 11.00 Plenary Session 11.30 - 13.30 Workshops	09.30 - 11.00 Plenary Session 11.30 - 13.00 Closing Session
14.00 - 16.00 Lunch with ALF BoG, AC & HoNs	13.30 - 15.00 Lunch	13.30 - 15.00 Lunch	13.30 Farewell Drink
16.00 Press Conference 17.00 - 18:30 OPENING Intercultural Fair WELCOME COCKTAIL	MEDINA Intercultural Fair Artistic Exchange		Closing of the Intercultural Fair
	15.30 - 20.00 Best Practices Info sessions Self-organised sessions Project ideas	15.30 - 20.00 Best Practices Info sessions Self-organised sessions Project ideas	
19.00 OFFICIAL INAUGURATION of the ANNA LINDH FORUM 2010		21.00 - 23.30 CONCERT & COCKTAIL DINNER Museu Maritim	

Preparatory Meetings - a participatory process

Several *preparatory meetings*, organized in cooperation with the ALF networks in the months prior to the event and involving more than 200 civil society organizations and experts served to identify the priorities and main topics of this first Anna Lindh Forum 2010.

- **“Euro-Med Media Task Force”** 22 Sept. 2009, Stockholm, Sweden
- **“Creativity, Mobility and Dialogue”** 1-4 Oct. 2009, Rhodes, Greece
- **“Challenges and Solutions for Inter-religious Coexistence in the Euro-Med Region”** 26-29 Oct. 2009, Tirana, Albania
- **8th ALF Heads of Network Meeting** 7-9 Nov. 2009, Göteborg, Sweden
- **“Euro-Med Youth Policies on Intercultural dialogue”** 25-28 Jan. 2010, Strasbourg, France
- **“Cities, Migrants & Diversity: Valuing Diversity, Understanding Migration”** 10-13 Feb. 2010, Munich, Germany

Conditions for Participation

Around 500 people - ALF members and partners, other Euro-Med civil society organizations and networks, institutions, experts and personalities from across the region - are expected to participate in the Anna Lindh Forum 2010.

1. The participation fee for ALF members is 30 Euro/ person; the participation fee for non-members is 100 Euro/ person.
2. **Invitations:** The ALF will cover visa, travel, accommodation and the participation fee of **around 220 participants** (around 170 of them selected through a call for participation to the ALF member organizations, the others are **personalities and experts** who will participate in the Agora or the Medina activities). Besides that, the ALF will provide **the meals to all participants**. The ALF will also invite the 43 Members of the **ALF Board of Governors**, the 43 **ALF Heads of Network institutions** and the 18 members of the **ALF Advisory Council**.
3. **Participation/ Registration:** **ALF members and other Euromed civil society organizations** are invited to participate on their own expenses and to register on the ALF website.

ALF will ensure a balance in the geographical participation and also between stakeholders (small and big NGOs, independent and public institutions) and the fields more relevant for intercultural dialogue.

Visibility and Communication

- **Promotional Tools** to communicate the brand of the Forum: stands and promotional banners; flyers, posters and stickers; notebooks; press and information kits; merchandise articles.
- **Website** www.annalindhforum.org including a 'virtual forum'; live broadcasting of the key sessions of the Forum in order to offer participation from remote through online questions and video messages; real-time online debates during the Forum through blogs and Twitter.
- **Media Engagement** with a network of over 1.000 press and journalists based across the 43 Euro-Mediterranean countries. In addition, the ALF is working in close collaboration with the Euro-Med Media Task Force, a network of over 500 journalists supported by the European Commission. During the Forum, the ALF will hold specific **media events** in collaboration with partners including the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the Euro-Mediterranean Audio-visual Network (COPEAM).

Languages : Inauguration & Closing Session : English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Catalan
Agora: English, French

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