

ANNA LINDH MEDITERRANEAN FORUM 2013

Re-launching Dialogue Across the Mediterranean

4th - 7th April 2013
Marseille, France
Palais du Pharo

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION (for ALF Network members only)

1. BACKGROUND

The Anna Lindh Mediterranean Forum is a unique gathering that brings together civil society youth leaders and organisations, influential policy-makers and intercultural experts from across the Euro-Mediterranean region. Our goal is to provide an innovative and participative space for debate, networking and good practice exchange on intercultural dialogue initiatives. We welcome innovative perspectives, and the participation of people from diverse origins, cultures and beliefs who can turn new ideas into action following the Forum.

The second edition of the Anna Lindh Forum will take place **from 4th to 7th April 2013** in the French city of **Marseille**, European Capital of Culture 2013. In the new Mediterranean context, following historic Arab Awakening and the social impact of the economic crisis in Europe, the 2013 Forum will be a landmark event for re-launching dialogue at the regional level. More specifically, the Forum will be an opportunity to address the major **Trends, Tensions and Transitions** facing the Euro-Mediterranean societies, and for adapting **intercultural dialogue** as a tool for civic participation.

As with the previous edition, the Forum 2013 agenda has been built from the ground through a series of preparatory meetings involving Anna Lindh National Networks and civil society organisations.

2. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The Forum's overall objective is to foster the role of the Foundation in the **promotion of intercultural dialogue at all the levels of the society** supporting through community mobilisation and participation, the implementation of civil society initiatives.

It is an occasion for **reflection and action**, a space for **exchange** on the accomplishments as well as the obstacles relevant to the institutional development of social and cultural cooperation in the Euro-Med region.

ALF Network members, Euro-Med regional networks, local associations and representatives of the cultural and business fields will be invited to share their ideas, practices and potential source of funding in order to create new **opportunities for intercultural actions**.

The main expected output of the Forum will be a **road map for purposeful and concrete recommendations and actions**.

The Forum's conclusions will be integrated into the **ALF overall programme** as well as in the development of **concrete initiatives** (projects/activities).

3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The Forum is based on the three following formats: the AGORA, the MEDINA and the INTERCULTURAL FAIR.

Thursday 4 April 2013		Friday 5 April 2013	Saturday 6 April 2013	Sunday 7 April 2013	
		AGORA			
11.00 - onwards Registration	INTERCULTURAL FAIR The Intercultural Fair will be open throughout the entire Forum with static spaces for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of stands for ALF network members & other partners • Networking Wall Point • Creative Point 	09.30 - 10.30 3 Parallel STRATEGIC DEBATES	09.30 - 10.30 3 Parallel STRATEGIC DEBATES	09.30 - 11.00 PLENARY SESSION	
		10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break	10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break	11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break	
		11.00 - 14.00 10 Parallel WORKSHOPS	11.00 - 14.00 10 Parallel WORKSHOPS	11.30 - 13.30 CLOSING SESSION	
13.30 Press Conference		14.00 - 15.30 Lunch	14.00 - 15.30 Lunch	13.30 - 15.00 Farewell Drink	
		MEDINA			
17.00 - 18:30 OFFICIAL INAUGURATION		15.30 - 17.00 7 Parallel GOOD PRACTICES Sessions	15.30 - 17.00 3 Parallel PARTNERS Sessions	15.30 - 17.00 7 Parallel PROJECT IDEAS Sessions	15.30 - 17.00 3 Parallel PARTNERS Sessions
20.30 WELCOME COCKTAIL		17.00 - 18.00 Coffee Break		17.00 - 18.00 Coffee Break	
		18.00 - 20.00 7 Parallel GOOD PRACTICES Sessions	18.00 - 20.00 3 Parallel PARTNERS Sessions	18.00 - 20.00 7 Parallel PROJECT IDEAS sessions	18.00 - 20.00 3 Parallel PARTNERS Sessions
		<i>Free Evening</i>		20.00 - COCKTAIL DINNER & CULTURAL EVENT	

3.1 AGORA

The AGORA (morning sessions) is composed of strategic debates and thematic workshops.

Strategic Debates

The Strategic Debates (SD) should feed the workshops and the Medina with ideas and suggestions about the Euro-Med context and the ALF Strategy. Each **Strategic Debate** is an opportunity to raise issues which are at the heart of the ALF and Euro-Med debate, at the top of the regional social and cultural agenda. There will be three parallel sessions during 2 days where the debate will address *Trends, Tensions* and *Transitions* of the Euro-Med societies and the relation between *Intercultural Dialogue, Diversity, Development and Democracy*.

Thematic Workshops

The Thematic Workshops are 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 should serve as inspiration for the development of future ALF programmes and of the Euro-Med agenda on intercultural dialogue. The main workshops' topics are the result of the meetings organised during the preparatory phase of the Forum and refer to the strategic fields defined in the triennial programme of the Foundation which includes the following:

- **Education & Intercultural Learning:**
 - Educational practices embracing diversity
 - Education through art and for change
 - Promoting pro-active citizenship: intercultural learning in active participation of citizens
- **Culture & Creativity:**
 - Creativity as a tool for knowledge, dialogue and freedom
 - Artistic practices and cultural spaces as tool for awareness and cultural diversity recognition
 - New platforms and spaces for expression in light of the new social developments
- **Media & Public Opinion:**
 - Impact of social transitions on mutual perceptions across the Mediterranean
 - Reporting on social and economic crisis
 - New challenges of media freedom and reporting across cultures
- **Urban Spaces & Citizenship/Migration:**
 - Urban spaces as laboratories for exchange and cross-cultural fertilisation
 - Social cohesion and solidarity challenging sustainable cities
 - Youth in local policies: spaces for participations and cooperation
- **Youth & Women for Social Change:**
 - Youth and young organisations involvement in the public sphere
 - Addressing the challenges of employment and mobility
 - Investing in the intercultural capability of youth
 - The gender cultural dimension and stereotypes
 - The challenge of equality and socio-economic integration

3.2 MEDINA

The MEDINA (afternoon sessions) will consist of Good Practices, Project Ideas sessions and Partners sessions. It is a space where different civil society organisations can meet, exchange experiences and establish partnerships. It will offer a space for those who want to share programmes and projects and will provide an opportunity for exchanges, networking and fundraising.

Good Practices

ALF member organisations and partners are invited to present examples of projects they are currently implementing or they implemented recently addressing not only positive experiences but sharing also major challenges and problems related to field work. The projects will be presented in thematic round tables. No translation will be provided.

Project Ideas

ALF member organisations and partners are invited to present a project idea and/or future initiative, to discuss and to look for new partners and/or to get recommendations and feedback from other participants. The projects will be presented in thematic round tables. No translation will be provided.

Partners Sessions

A space will be provided to some relevant programmes and partners to discuss with the participants key projects and opportunities for collaboration.

3.3 INTERCULTURAL FAIR

The Intercultural Fair will be available throughout the Forum with stands for presentation of projects in the field of Intercultural dialogue of the ALF Network Members and other partners. A **networking wall point** and a meeting point for exchanges will be provided in the Fair.

Stands

Depending on the requests from participants, stands will be available to present the work of their organisation. (Most probably only for one day due to the important number of organisations represented).

Creative Point

Some of the ALF Network members will have the opportunity to present the results of their creative projects (exhibitions, video & film screenings and installations), developed in collaboration between different Euro-Med partners. Based on the characteristics of the Palais du Pharo, performances or concerts cannot be planned.

The ALF will not be able to cover the costs related to the production, promotion, technical equipment and assistance for the creative point. It will be at the own expenses of the selected organisation.

4. PARTICIPANTS PROFILE AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Anna Lindh Mediterranean Forum 2013 will gather around 1000 participants from the Euro-Med region. The participants will be ALF Network members¹, partners, NGOs, other Euro-Med networks, institutions, experts and personalities from across the region.

¹ The applicant organisation has to be registered as ALF Network member by 31/10/2012 at the latest.

The ALF will cover the visa, travel and accommodation costs of around 400 participants:

- **220 participants among the ALF network members** - including a delegation of about 50 participants from the hosting country, France - **will be selected through this specific Call** (max. one person per organisation) depending on the quality of the **contribution** they can make along the different Forum sessions.
- The remaining participants will be designated by the ALF among the partners of relevant ALF programmes.

ALF will also cover visa, travel and accommodation costs of one representative of each ALF Head of Network institution.

Furthermore, in February 2013, there will be an opportunity for more people to participate to the Forum through an **online registration** open to all **ALF members and non-members who wish to come at their own expenses**.

The participants to the Forum should meet the following criteria:

- be a resident in one of the 42 countries² of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, Syria, Libya; and/or
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- have knowledge/experience in the field of the selected workshop; and/or
- be able to present their organisation/ projects in one of the Medina sessions;
- be strongly motivated to work and make a contribution to the Forum;
- be able to communicate in English or French;
- be able to participate during the full duration of the Anna Lindh Forum 2013.

5. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

This Call for Participation will be sent by e-mail to all ALF Network members. The Application Form will be published on-line on the ALF website: <http://www.annalindhforum.org/>

Deadline for receiving applications is Friday, 21 December 2012, 15:00 Egypt Time (GMT+2). Kindly note that applications received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

The selection committee at ALF Headquarters will examine the received applications and select up to 220 applicants accordingly to the above mentioned eligibility criteria.

In setting the final list of selected participants, ALF will take into consideration the size of the Network, past involvement of the candidates in other ALF activities, gender and geographical balance (North/South, 42 countries), and balance between stakeholder categories (small and big NGOs, independent and public institutions, networks) and fields of action (culture, education, migration etc.).

All successful applicants will be notified by **31 January 2013**, the latest. Please note that only selected applicants will be contacted.

6. VISA, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES

The ALF will cover

² The 27 European Union member states, and 15 partner countries (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia and Turkey).

- all expenses related to visa, travel, accommodation of the 220 participants selected through this Call;
- most expenses related to board (meals and coffee breaks mentioned in the Forum programme) for all participants.

7. LANGUAGES

The official working languages of the Anna Lindh Forum 2013 will be English and French and translation between these two languages will be provided during the Workshops. During the inauguration and the closing session, also translation into Arabic will be provided. The sessions in the Medina will be either in English or French.

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