



The City of Turin, from the **20th** to the **25th of May** will host **WATER&CULTURES IN DIALOGUE – TURIN YOUTH FORUM**, promoted by **Paralleli Institute** and **Anna Lindh Foundation**.

The aim of the project is to gather young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region who are active in the topic of water, in order to create exchange opportunities, to promote new collective ideas having social-political and inter-cultural implications, and to raise the youth's role in building better understanding and pacific co-existence between Euro-Mediterranean peoples. Out of the 200 applications received, an international jury has chosen two young candidates for each of the 37 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership<sup>1</sup>.

The young selected participants have developed research works in three areas: **Water, Heritage and Intergenerational Dialogue; Water, Spirituality and Emotion; Water, Sustainable Development and Civil Society.**

The 74 chosen young participants will meet in Turin at Open011 - Casa della mobilità giovanile e dell'intercultura (Corso Venezia 11) and will join three workshops dealing with those thematic areas. In the end, they will elaborate the following three outputs for the host city, working in collaboration with the international experts and the local trainers:

- **Creative Map of the city's heritage and organization of an innovative city cultural route** (coordination by Viaggi Solidali / international expert: Ameer Jeridi);
- **Collective performance/exhibition, mixing experiences and creations of the participants** (coordination by Assemblea Teatro / international expert: Asa Maria Bengtsson);
- **Drawing up proposals on water management and climate protection for the City of Turin, which will be debated in a public session** (coordination by Istituto per l'Ambiente e l'Educazione Scholè Futuro / international expert: Michal Kravčik).

An international jury has chosen, of the 200 applications received, two proposals for each of the **37 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership**, proposals which can be found on **www.torinoyouthforum.org**.

The young people have showed interest in three areas: **Water, patrimony and exchange between generations; Water, spirit and emotions; Water, development and civil society.**

**The 74 chosen people** will meet in Turin, and will participate at **three workshop**, which will be finalized in some concrete ideas for the host city:

### **The public events of the Forum are the following:**

<sup>1</sup> Algeria, Austria, Belgio, Bulgaria, Cipro, Danimarca, Egitto, Estonia, Finlandia, Francia, Germania, Grecia, Irlanda, Israele, Italia, Giordania, Lettonia, Libano, Lituania, Lussemburgo, Malta, Marocco, Olanda, Palestina, Polonia, Portogallo, Repubblica Ceca, Regno Unito, Repubblica Slovacca, Romania, Siria, Slovenia, Spagna, Svizzera, Tunisia, Turchia, Ungheria

**The Opening Ceremony, Wednesday 21th May (from 9.00 to 13.00)  
ENVIRONMENT PARK, Via Livorno 60.**

**Greetings from the following institutions:**

Piedmont Region: Nicola de Ruggiero; Turin Municipality: Domenico Mangone; Turin District: Dorino Piras; Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Cosimo Risi; Paralleli Institute: Renato Lattes; Anna Lindh Foundation: Eman Quaraeen

**Presentation of the working methodology and of the awaited results of the Forum by the international experts:**

Michal Kravcik (Slovakia); Åsa Maria Bengtsson (Sweden); Ameer Jeridi (Tunisia)

**Presentation of Hydroaid** by the Director Engineer Rossella Monti

**Presentation of Environment Park** by Engineer Paola Zitella

**International Conference: "Water and climate in the area of the Mediterranean in XXI century" Thursday 22th May, 15,30 – Natural Sciences Museum, Via Giolitti 36.**

Which consequences of the available water have suffered climatic changes that can be expected in the next decades? How to improve and defend the available quality and amount? Which systems of management should be used? There are some interesting experiences.

In some places it's a greater need of it, in others it can be used better. Waste and shortage sometimes live together. There are solutions depending on each other's point of view. It must be managed and distributed better.

How can the north and the south, the different sites and experience of the Mediterranean collaborate?

**Chairman**

Giancarlo Chevallard, Vice president of Paralleli

**Moderator**

Beppe Gamba, Kyoto Club

**Speakers**

- Salvatore De Giorgio, Director of the Regional Ambient Direction
- Silvano Ravera, Director ARPA- Regional agency for the Protection of the Atmosphere  
INSUFFICIENT AND PRECIOUS RESOURCE: ASSOCIATE MANAGEMENT THE WATER SERVICE FOR AN OPTIMAL USE
- Mario Agostinelli, speaker for the World-wide contract of energy and climate  
WATER, SUN AND DESERT: COMMON ASSETS IN UNCERTAIN EQUILIBRIUM
- Ameer Jeridi, Member of the Board of the African Network for Water and Sanitation-ANEW  
EUROMED, YOUTH, AND BLUE GOLD: VALUES VERSUS RESOURCES IN DIALOGUE FROM AN INTERGENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVE
- Michal Kravcik, Hydroecologist  
WATER FOR RECOVERY OF THE CLIMATE AROUND MEDITERRANIAN COUNTRIES

**Closing ceremony and public presentation of the outputs of Group 1 and 3,  
Saturday 24 May**

**At 10.00 at the Sala Rossa of the City Council - Piazza Palazzo di Città 1 second floor**

**Greetings from the following institutions:**

Deputy Mayor of Turin Municipality: Tom Dealessandri;

Paralleli Institute: Renato Lattes;

Anna Lindh Foundation: Eman Quaraeen

**Presentation of the outputs of Group 1 and 3 by the international experts:**

Michal Kravcik/Stefano Moretto/Angelo Renato Mojetta

Creative map of the cultural heritage concerning water of the city of Turin

Ameur Jeridi/Laura Valieri

Operating proposals and paper of attempts

**At 18.00 at Sala polifunzionale ATC – Corso Dante 12**

**WATER AS A MIRROR**, multimedia performance by Asa Maria Bengtsson and Marco Pejrolo  
of Assemblea Teatro

**L'HOMME DE SPA** exhibition by Max Vandervorst

**1001 ACTIONS FOR DIALOGUE  
"THE NIGHT OF THE DIALOGUE"  
Turin, Thursday 22th May 2008**

Turin Youth Forum is part of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and it is in the framework of the international campaign of the Anna Lindh Foundation: "**1001 Actions for Dialogue**".

The plan is to gather a large number of people in order to contribute to the promotion of the intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The dialogue is seen as an instrument against racism, xenophobia and any type of discrimination. The campaign proposes a number of initiatives that will take place in the Euro-Mediterranean region from Morocco to Portugal, from Lebanese to Turkey, from Poland to Greece and Egypt. The key element of the night will be "**The night of the Dialogue**" **on the 22 May** and will take place at the same time in the 37 participant states. Among the activities there will be public debates, concerts, theatre shows, workshop and a culinary festival which will stimulate your curiosity about our Mediterranean neighbours.

On the night of 22 May, Turin will become the ideal landscape for a number of events which will promote the intercultural dialogue in its multiple shapes and expressions.

It will start in the morning with a lectio magistralis, edited by **Luca Mercalli** at Open011, Corso Venezia 11, followed in the afternoon by an international conference called: "**Water and climate in the area of the Mediterranean in 21 century**" which will take place at Natural Sciences Museum, Via Giolitti 36.

In the evening at the Quadrilatero Romano will be presented the project "**Waiting for water / In between**" by the **Palestinian artist Walid Mawad**, edited by Sara Conforti & Cittadellarte - Pistoletto Foundation. The project "Waiting for Water" will present in the streets of the quarter a new "urban" declination of its concepts. In this idea, the installation which in all of its appearances on rivers has given the impression that it can hold water, will make a more metropolitan incursion. It will use, therefore, the same metaphor of the cloth in order to stimulate the reflection; the same black colour that symbolically reflects the power and the limitation of the perspective. But we are not on the river Dora, not on the river Po, and not on the biellesi or friulani torrents. We are in the heart of Turin, but the message has the same meaning: flow of waters, flow of people. Going between the metropolitan places (In between), the wall of Waiting for Water sets its goal in intensifying the reflection about the conflicting relationship between us and the water..

The Piazza Emanuele Filiberto will be animated by the gastronomic radio of Turin, **Cocina Clandestina** and by **the Sans Papier live band**.

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