

Internal Network Rules of the Estonian Network of the Anna Lindh Foundation
The Estonian Network referred to hereinafter as *National Network* or *the Network*.

I. THE HEAD OF NETWORK

In 2004 the Estonian Ministry for foreign affairs asked me to establish an Estonian ALF network and to become its head. In the meanwhile during our informative meetings the members of the Estonian ALF network confirmed several times my position as a coordinator of this network. Additionally the Ministry of foreign affairs agreed with this confirmation twice, in 2006 and in 2008.

Concerning the accountability I have to say that it depends on the common project we have in mind. As I mentioned in my report several members of our network are very to continue in organizing further editions of the 1001 actions of dialogue night as a Baltic Mediterranean Spring festival. Unfortunately not all members take part, but more and more.

As I mentioned in my report during our informative meetings once in a months there is a close accountability between me and the participating members. But not only then, there are further more or less regular reports to our network and the Ministry for foreign affairs.

3. The Head of Network:

1. Acts as national coordinator of the Estonian national network.
2. Acts as official national representative of the Foundation in the country;
3. Promote the Foundation's image as Euro-Mediterranean institution established for strengthening the regional dimension of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership – Union for the Mediterranean in social, cultural and human affairs (the Third Chapter of the Barcelona Declaration).
4. Manages Network membership; Identifies potential active actors of the civil society in the country, who can join the network;
5. Contributes to the development of the ALF annual and triennial programmes. In this exercise, the Head will take into consideration the interests of its national network;
6. Supports and supervises training and capacity building for the national network;
7. Acts as a public relations agent, producing information material for dissemination, and contributing to the ALF website (mini-website);
8. Informs network members on the announcement of calls for proposals, co-organization of events, modalities and procedures on how to apply;
9. Facilitates the search for project partners for the members of the network. In the development of partnerships with foreign partners, the Head of network could pay particular attention to members having organizational or other kind of difficulties in taking part in the ALF activities;
10. Assists the members of the network or other international partners in project development and project financial management;

11. Encourages applications for project funding of the network;
12. Participates in the annual meeting of the ALF Heads of network. Before this meeting, the Head shall organize a meeting of the members of the network, or ensure other appropriate forms of consultation and discussion at national level;
13. Co-ordinate with the ALF headquarters on a regular basis.

II. NATIONAL NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

1. The Estonian National Network is independent and autonomous;
2. The Estonian National Network is a permanent structure, part of the Anna Lindh Foundation Network that is acting in the frame of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership;
3. The Network is open to all institutions, organizations and other partners who adhere to the principles and the mission of the Anna Lindh Foundation as defined in art. II.1 of the ALF Statutes, and which work on the basis of democratic, pluralistic, and multilateral values; first and foremost, the Network represents civil society's actors;
4. Its members could belong, as a rule, to the following categories: Individual members; NGOs; Public institutions, including local and regional authorities; public and private "not for profit" Foundations; other "for profit" partners promoting "not for profit" activities and corporate social responsibility policies;
5. The National Network reflects the diversity of its own civil society and is invited to associate partners involved in the ALF thematic fields as defined below: International/Cultural relations, Heritage, Religion, University and research institutes, Human Rights, Democracy and Community Development, Arts, Youth, Education, Gender, Environment/Sustainable Development, Media;
6. The Head of Network retain the right of rejection of membership applications as well as of exclusion of existing members, when the concerned organizations do not comply with the mission of the Anna Lindh Foundation;
7. Membership applications are addressed to the Estonian Head of Network, with copy to the ALF Network Coordination Unit;
8. The Network can be considered valid if it includes at least 5 members;
9. The Head of Network is entitled to provisionally limit the maximal size of the Network in order to consolidate it and improve its performance;

III. NATIONAL NETWORK STRUCTURE

The Estonian ALF network has more or less monthly informative meetings with a strict agenda. By the agreement of the members of the Estonian ALF network this network is and will not be formed as an association. The Estonian ALF network as equal members who form for special projects inner steering committees but not for its own operating work yet.

IV. NATIONAL NETWORK MISSION

1. The National network promotes the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership at the national and international level;
2. The National network will contribute to the development of the Foundation's priorities and programmes, sharing the visions among other National Networks and with the ALF Headquarters;
3. The Network promotes common activities at the national level among Network members, in line with the objectives of the Network Development and Action Plan, designed in the framework of the ALF Network Support Scheme;
4. The Network uses for its activities the Anna Lindh Foundation label;
5. Network members can participate in ALF calls for proposals;
6. During the informative meetings and through email and phone contacts we support our members in project development.

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