



## **ANNA LINDH FORUM 2013**

# **The Road Map for the Anna Lindh Forum 2013**

**(follow up of the Preparatory Meetings)**

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Steering Committee will Coordinate the Follow-Up and assure the Coordination of the Work.

**Pre-Forum Preparatory Meeting *“Youth Contributions  
for Dialogue and Change”***

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## I. BACKGROUND

The Anna Lindh Forum is a major civil society gathering for the promotion of intercultural action across the Mediterranean region to bring together civil society and NGO representatives from the Union for the Mediterranean countries to debate and create action in favour of dialogue, mutual understanding and peace. The event is organized every three years.

In line with the objectives and level of participation of the first and successful [Anna Lindh Forum 2010](#), which took place in Barcelona, the ALF Secretariat plans to hold the second edition of the Anna Lindh Forum in Marseille, France, in April 2013.

Building on the outcomes of the Forum 2010, ensuring continuity with the results of the [Tunis Exchange Forum](#), held in Tunis in June 2011, the Anna Lindh Forum 2013 has the ambition to be one of the most relevant and pioneering Euro-Mediterranean civil society events following the major changes recently experienced by the region. The event is meant to be a platform where participants from different backgrounds are encouraged to exchange ideas, debate, network and be part of a participatory process aiming at designing a final road map for purposeful and concrete recommendations and actions to improve mutual knowledge and perceptions among the people of the Euro-Mediterranean societies.

The Forum will seek to contribute to the promotion of intercultural dialogue at all the levels of the society, through community mobilization and participation and supporting the implementation of civil society's initiatives. More specifically, the second edition of the Forum will not only aim at targeting those who are already acquainted with the ALF core mission but will also attempt to bring in a wide range of civil society actors in the Euro-Mediterranean region, and the participation/involvement of local civil society at the grass-root level will be of high importance.

Based on the successful model of the first edition, the Anna Lindh Forum 2013 will consist of an AGORA (plenary sessions and seminars referred to the strategic fields of the Foundation), a MEDINA (workshops on best practices initiated among ALF activities and aiming at addressing topics and common problems related to field work) and an Intercultural Fair (a space of networking where all ALF network members and partners present their activities to the public at large as well as exhibitions and artworks).

Conceived as a participatory process articulated in three main phases, the Forum 2013 will begin with a preparatory phase, which will include a series of Pre-Forum Preparatory Meetings that will be held in 2012 focusing on Youth, Women and Migrants, as active agents of dialogue and facilitators of Intercultural Dialogue within and between communities and societies.

The rationale for holding the Pre-Forum Preparatory Meetings is to identify - from the perspective of the respective focus groups of the ALF activities relevant Ideas for

Discussion, Ideas for Action and Inspiring Experiences to set the scene for the 2013 Anna Lindh Forum and the ensuing of a that will result from it.

## II. MEETING'S OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The Pre-Forum Preparatory Meeting “*Youth Contributions for Dialogue and Change*” represents the first preparatory meeting for the Forum 2013.

The Meeting gathered a group of 45 young participants from the Euro-Mediterranean region from 28 June - 1 July 2012, to debate, interact and share experiences focusing on the 4D ALF strategy: Dialogue, Democracy, Development and Diversity.

The Call for Participation for the ALF Pre-Forum Preparatory Meeting “*Youth Contributions for Dialogue and Change*” was launched on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2012. The selection of participants started on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. Applications received before deadline were 440 from all over the Euro-Med Region. The criteria to assess the applicants can be resume as follows:

- **knowledge** on Youth Activities, PM thematic axes, and in the field of Development, Dialogue, Diversity & Democracy;
- **experience** on Youth Activities, PM thematic axes, and in the field of Development, Dialogue, Diversity & Democracy;
- **motivation** to work on at least one of the three topics of the Meeting and ensure a follow-up to the Meeting;
- **Language proficiency** in English and/or French.

The general objective of the Meeting is to contribute to the formulation, development and implementation of the Programme of the Anna Lindh Forum 2013 by articulating a Youth Perspective on broad social, cultural, economic and political challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean context in the wake of the major changes experienced by the region in the last year and a half.

This objective is accomplished through inviting all participants to contribute actively to the sessions with Ideas for Discussion and Ideas for Action and to present their activities and identify inspiring/relevant experiences at some stage during the meeting.

The methodology of the meeting is dividing participants to three break-up groups of 15 participants each. All groups discuss the three thematic axes in parallel. A plenary session is organised to bring together the conclusions and proposals of the three groups on each of the themes and allow for a joint discussion.

In addition, the project ideas are presented as a result of the working sessions and which translates the theories discussed into practical actions. One project idea of each thematic workshop is selected at the end of the Meeting.

### III. RESULTS OF THE MEETING

#### A. Meeting Summary

The meeting was held in the Beyoğlu Municipality Youth Centre in Turkey from 28<sup>th</sup> of June to 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

The meeting started with the experts introducing the meeting's methodology as explained above. Participants were distributed on three groups taking into consideration the balance of North and South countries and gender. During two days participants shared with the experts opinions, experiences and ideas regarding the three thematic axes.

At the last day, groups' rapporteurs introduced the project ideas that came up with. Also, there was a debate regarding the projects discussed, the methodology of the meeting and the inputs to be added to the Forum.

The meeting was ended with a fruitful joint dinner with the ALF Advisory Council where participants had the chance of meeting their countries ambassadors and prominent figures in the Euro-Med region.

#### B. Main Ideas For Discussion and Ideas for Action Emerging from the Workshops

##### ▪ Dialogue and Diversity

**1. Issues of minorities and marginalized groups** often framed as 'the problematic group' laying the grounds for a discourse where the insecurity of the majority is fuel to many problems. Government spend resources trying to let minorities adapt to the majority type of life instead of focusing the efforts on maintain the culture. There is also a lack of knowledge on the history of the countries and the relations between different cultures; if the education system included history of countries and the neighbors they would appreciate more the relations, culture and understand the differences and the common trades too.

##### → Ideas for discussion:

- Promotion of intercultural dialogue should also include marginalized groups.
- Lack of dialogue between different cultural, generational, religious, ethnic groups within national borders.
- Media should be the voice minorities and priorities to be heard on a national level and increase the importance of their problems.

##### → Ideas for Action:

- Regional Media output project (development of a platform, e.g. website, radio channel, magazine, or content, e.g. sound, video, text, or support of existing such initiatives)
- Regional NGO policy coordination with policy makers
- ALF as an ideal established forum for facilitating regional policy debate
- Joint research projects – educational level

- Bilateral country to country exchange collaborate projects.

**2. Lack of freedom of mobility in the region** has created obstacles in exchange of ideas, slowed the communication between different cultures. Youth in the region needs more flexibility to enjoy the dialogue regarding common problems understanding of the others which will encourage accepting the differences and enforce the mutual approached.

→ **Ideas for discussion:**

- Promotion of exchange between cultures.
- The mobility should start online through the exchange of ideas and opportunities.

→ **Ideas for Action:**

- Mobility activities; intercultural exchange.
- Online communication and education platforms for practitioners
- Online public resources about jobs and news for youth and facilities people get informed.

- **Democracy**

**1. Youth Participation in the Decision Making process** under the context of Policy Making, the southern end societies seem to be toying with the nascent democracy without really knowing how to get the best out of it. Initially youth seemed to be at the center of the Southern turmoil leading and implementing change until time proved they were clueless as how to make use of that extra space created by democracy. In the north however youth seemed to be more as a victim of the crisis without playing a specific role in its immediate aftermath. Here the question presents itself loud and clear: how can youth promote democracy and benefit from it? What are the proper entry points to integrate youth activities through the existing democratic institutions?

→ **Ideas for discussion:**

- Analyzing the governmental actions taken in favor of youth
- The Importance of the discussion between countries on how to increase youth participation in policy making and how to build the capacity of youth organizations and youth themselves to advocate for youth directed policies.

→ **Ideas for Action:**

- Active citizenship capacity building programs: training, workshops, youth exchanges. Mapping of existing programs and then develop a new comprehensive tailored made program for euromed countries. The program will include a ToT program, workshops, exchange program.
- Database monitoring actions of the government taken in favor of youth.

**2. Obstacles in the political system enabling youth to participate in political life;** the aim is to identify problems faced by youth willing to be engaged in the political life. The research should focus on various aspects of political life like party structures, voting systems, etc. Youth don't understand their role in the political life, they are not aware of their capacity to participate in changing or developing process. They are

engaged in several problem of unemployment and stopped by major entry obstacles and difficulties until they lost hope and belief of their potentials.

→ **Ideas for discussion:**

- Are today's youth aware of the meaning of democracy? What is the level of political literacy for the youth in the Euro-Med?
- Obstacles that elder experienced politicians create to prevent youth from political life.

→ **Ideas for Action:**

- Publications and broadcasting: collecting qualitative and quantitative data, good practices, manual, toolkit, online and free. Assess current tools, adapting them to new contexts, and create new tools. Inviting participating countries to reflect and assess the tools they are using and also customizing and adapting them into local communities.
- Establishing an Erasmus program of exchange on educational level for youth in the Euro-Mediterranean level. The Erasmus Programme is an EU exchange student programme and its purpose is to provide foreign exchange options for students from within the European Union and it involves many of the best universities and seats of learning on the continent.
- Youth NGOs educate secondary age level students on politics and citizenship. By providing education, workshops and other tools of knowledge sharing to promote politics and citizenship, underage youth (ages 14-18) can learn from people they can relate to of the how's and why's of political involvement.

▪ **Development**

1. **Development is a material condition for intercultural dialogue**, and even for a true exercise of civil and political rights, for political participation and hence for the development of democracy. But in the current social context in Mediterranean Countries, where youth (15-30 years old population) makes up more than 30% of the population, development is not possible anymore without the social and economic integration of youth (currently, out of the 60 million young people in Mediterranean Partner Countries, 33% are in education or training, 25% are in informal under-standard employment, 40% are neither in education nor in employment or training and only 2% are in formal employment). Whereas intergenerational solidarity has traditionally been understood as a way to ensure decent living conditions for older people not working anymore, there is a case now, both in Southern and Northern Mediterranean countries, to redefine intergenerational solidarity so as to establish mechanisms allowing working adults to support the social and labour insertion of young people.

→ **Ideas for discussion:** How to redefine inter-generational solidarity so as to promote the social insertion of youth? How to operationalize it?

→ **Ideas for Action:** On the basis of the existing Anna Lindh Foundation networks, to create Thematic Networks within the Anna Lindh Foundation, specifically on development and social work. The Anna Lindh Forum 2013 could be a founding moment for such a network.

2. It is puzzling how, despite the explosion of social demands in the wake of the Arab Spring and the increasing attention paid to socio-economic issues in the framework of youth work in the whole Euro-Mediterranean space, there is hardly any public debate (among youth and in society at large) on the development model at large and the economic policies required to fulfil those demands. Since in a global world changes in the economic model cannot be brought about in a single country, such a debate has to be organized at international level; the Mediterranean, as a crossroads of major economic, environment, social and cultural challenges in a global world, is an appropriate level for it.

➔ **Ideas for Action:** In this context, YOUTH PUBLIC DEBATE on the development model, the economic policies and policy issues affecting youth life prospects has an intrinsic value as an instrument to enhance youth participation in public life and should be promoted at all levels (local, national, Arab, Euro-Mediterranean). The Anna Lindh Foundation Forum 2013 should be a highpoint of such a debate. A major challenge in this respect is how to link the general debate on the development model with LOCAL ACTION by youth organizations.

3. **Beyond debate and engagement, Youth organizations** can act as actors of social innovation (testing new ways, for instance in exploring alternatives ways of social/labour integration or social entrepreneurship) and test new models of social self-organization (as they did in the Arab revolutions, particularly in Tahrir Square, and in the social protest movements throughout Europe and the US, to cover their basic needs). In this regard, it is important that individual strategies (aiming at improving living conditions of young people) do not clash with collective responses (requiring an improvement of social conditions at large).

➔ **Ideas for discussion:** What spaces for youth? (how to optimize existing spaces, free them from any political control and develop new spaces for youth?) How to enhance the role of youth organizations as accelerators of social change?

How to facilitate exchanges on practices between Youth organizations in Europe and Southern Mediterranean Countries, and in particular between members of the ALF network?

4. For young people, **development means** mainly two things:

- **Jobs** (access to the labour market). Emphasis is put in the mismatch between skills and capabilities of young people and those demanded by the employers, but in most of the Mediterranean (North and South) what happens now is that no jobs are created, of any kind. This should become the top priority of public policies.
- **Education.** Current education systems are inadequate in that they do not provide practical experience or soft skills which are required to thrive in the labour market and in life, despite the fact that often education systems are being oriented to produce workers rather than citizens. Economic developments have led to a work environment where young people cannot expect anymore to have a life-long job or even work in their field of study, and social developments lead to ever more diverse and plural societies. So the capability to adapt and change professional profile throughout your professional life and life-long learning and to

mediate across cultures and social groups are key dimensions of education: **intercultural capabilities are crucial to succeed in this social and economic environment.**

5. **In both areas, youth organizations can play a very positive role**, as first entry-point to the professional life for many young people and in providing the precisely the intercultural capabilities which are required to complement formal education and prepare both for labour world and for an active citizenship. Voluntary work in youth organizations is a driver of those capabilities, but it often lacks formal recognition as a professional experience (Europass system is limited to Europe and is does not ensure full recognition). International youth work should be part and parcel of this enabling experience.

➔ **Ideas for discussion:** How to enhance this role of youth organizations?

➔ **Ideas for action:** A system to recognize and certify (intercultural) experience acquired in non-governmental organizations and voluntary work as a first professional experience could be established Ideally, this would have a Euro-Mediterranean reach and lead to official recognition and mutual accreditation, but in a first time it could be started by the Anna Lindh Foundation as a certification system for the 3.000 member organizations of its **network** (this would require some standard setting for quality traineeships, probably some system of “examination” and some certification/labelling).

6. **National Youth Policies do contribute by:**

- Ensuring some level of support for youth NGOs and hence a space to promote youth voluntary work and youth involvement in public life;
- Facilitating participation of youth in policy-making (and some degree of influence of youth in policy decision-making)
- Promote structured dialogue on specific issues of concern for youth (here the involvement of governmental and business representatives as well as other social groups is required).

However, they still play a rather marginal role in State action and are often rather declaratory or purely a legitimizing alibi.

➔ **Ideas for discussion:** What mechanisms to mainstream youth and a youth perspective in hard-core economic and social policies (employment, education....)?

7. **Support for advocacy on youth priorities and interests (and even sometimes action ideas) in required, since youth and youth organizations are not *selling well their needs and priorities*** (articulating them in political platforms with concrete proposals and promoting them). This was evident in the difficulties to generate concrete debate and ideas in the workshops. However, the reality is that youth priorities are different in the North and the South of the Mediterranean and some work is required to develop a true Mediterranean youth Perspective on issues.

➔ **Ideas for discussion:** What common Euro-Mediterranean agenda for youth advocacy? How to develop it? What can be the role of the ALF in this context? How

best to organize support for youth advocacy?

➔ **Ideas for action:** Studies on Youth needs assessment, problems and obstacles at national level (with a comparative approach) as a basis for action and Mapping of youth organizations, projects, resources and policies to take stock of what is being done. This could lead to an Euro-Mediterranean Report on the State of Youth Policies and eventually to a Youth Summit or some other follow-up activity.

8. **Mobility across the Mediterranean for young people** is a precondition to match unsatisfied labour demand in Europe (which is set to emerge even in a context of economic crisis) and excess labour supply in the Southern Mediterranean countries, as well as to enable international work of youth organizations.

9. More specifically on the Euro-Mediterranean context, it is important to **analyse the EU financial assistance in the framework of the whole set of Euro-Mediterranean economic relations** (including trade relation, migration, foreign direct investment and debt). Otherwise, Euro-Mediterranean cooperation risks to be ignored in the discussion of socio-economic issues in the region (in the debates in the workshops it was hardly mentioned).

➔ **Idea for discussion:** What model for EU-Mediterranean cooperation? traditional development cooperation model; border management and reform agenda as in the ENP; co-development and convergence)

## C. PROJECT IDEAS

### ▪ Dialogue and Diversity

1. History teaching/teachers addressing masses through popular/mainstream media cultural communications academy.
2. training men in rural/urban periphery
3. working with kinder garden teachers/students
4. regional history initiative projects-research products/works
5. regional media outlet & co-productions of popular media outputs
6. regional policy advocacy campaigns
7. regional research – scholarly work database bilateral (south-south cooperation)

### ▪ Democracy

1. [www.medideas.com](http://www.medideas.com) crowd sourcing citizen initiative
2. A Platform for sharing publications and broadcasting
3. Active Citizenship Capacity Building Programme
4. Accessibility to Democracy Education
5. Monitoring the governmental actions taken in favor of youth
6. Erasmus in the Mediterranean
7. Youth NGSs educate secondary age level students on politics and citizenship

- **Development**

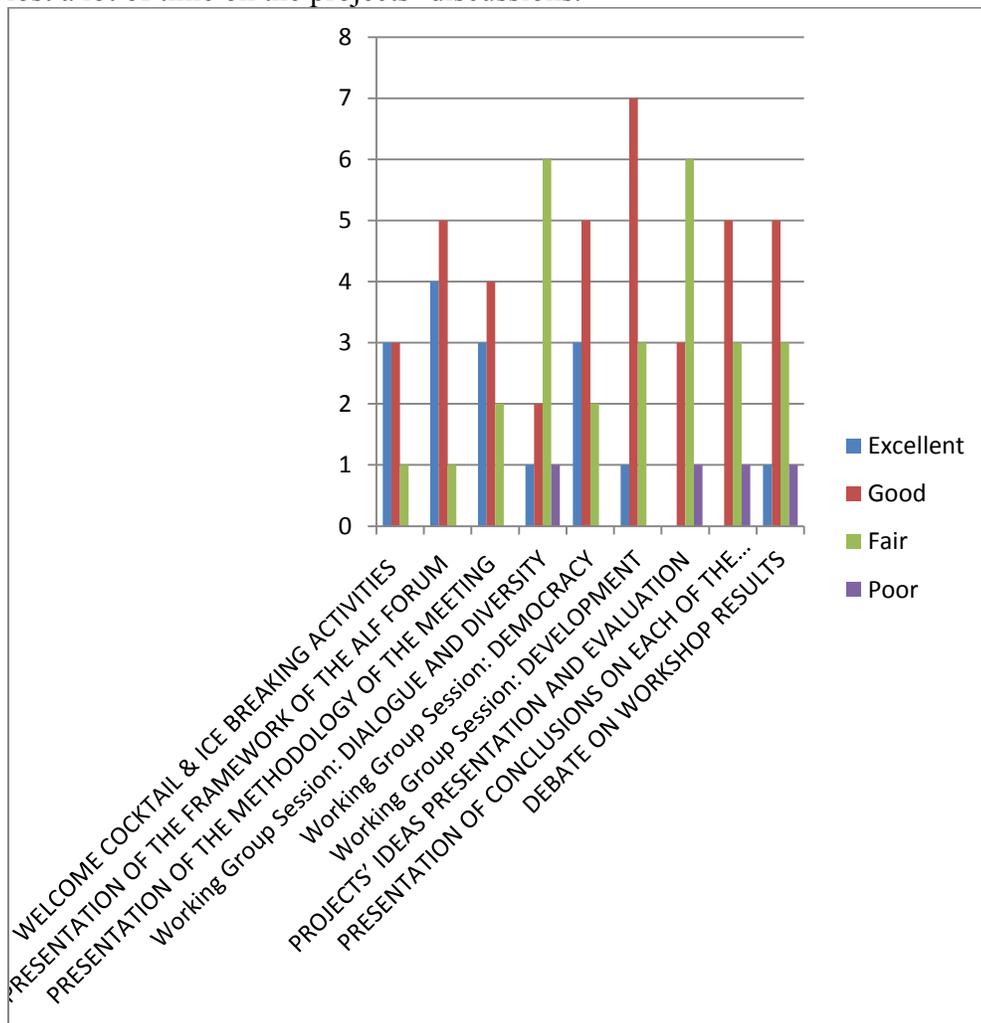
1. Recognition and certification of Youth Voluntary Work
2. Development: Youth as a key of change in a new social and political context
3. Cooperative Study of Youth Problems and Youth Policies(EUROMED)
4. Thematic ALF Networks

#### IV. EVALUATION AND IDEAS FOR FOLLOW-UP

An evaluation form was sent to the participants to be filled after the meeting. 24% of the participants have sent it filled. The general feedback was satisfying in terms of preparation, selection of participants and the quality of discussions.

The change in the meeting methodology and the presentation of workshop was not clear for all the attendees. Also, there was not enough time for the discussions which will be considered the upcoming meetings.

The participants were confused from developing project ideas in the workshop time and lost a lot of time on the projects' discussions.



Regarding the follow up, the main ideas suggested by the participants were concentrated in four main topics:

- a. Participation in the follow-up plan through:
  - Consulting participants on the roadmap, and allow space for it to change.
  - Making sure everyone participates on the report which is going to be made from the meeting.
  - Sharing the final reports with the participants and continuously keeping the discussion on about the outcomes so that the participants can fully grasp the vision and creatively produce knowledge products that can be useful in the preparation of the forum.
- b. Online Communication tools through:
  - Using web tools such as surveys and scheduled chat-rooms or skype conversations to keep the group working
  - Using email and on-line platforms to follow-up and compile all the recommendations.
  - Encouraging the participation and proactiveness on the Facebook Group.
  - Using easy to use common platforms like "FB Doc and Google Doc".
  - Using the below website to add a challenge and encourage people to develop proposals  
<http://www.openideo.com/open/web-start-up/winning-concepts/openfunding-platform/>
- c. Involvement of Organizations through:
  - Keeping in mind that many of the participants represent organisations of many members, and that they are very willing to involve all their members in the process so that more young people are involved. Therefore the follow up has to keep this in mind by having consultations which can involve people beyond the group in Istanbul.
  - Allowing member organizations to engage in developing more precise activities/projects in line with the suggested actions of the meeting and having them present these during the forum. Since participants are already so many members with different expertise it will be both most efficient as well as in the interest of ALF and the member organizations to delegate the responsibility.
- d. Ideas for Improvement through:
  - Setting up a structure and main themes for working groups and plenary, in accordance with the main trends. And of course I will do maybe an e-questionnaire on the ALF webpage to ask people what they think about outcomes of the preparatory meetings.
  - Presenting successful youth experiences in Euro-Mediterranean region from 2010 to 2013 (from Barcelona to Marseille).

## **VI. NEXT STEP – FOLLOW-UP STRUCTURE**

Participants are requested to:

- Exchange these conclusions with their organizations to involve them in the follow-up.
- Make comments, propose changes and/or add new ideas to the above document;

- Develop concrete proposals on how to integrate ideas for discussion and ideas for actions in the programme of the ALF Forum.
- Provide new ideas for action that can be integrated into ALF programme of activities and can benefit your respective organizations

By sending email to [Noha.Kawanna@bibalex.org](mailto:Noha.Kawanna@bibalex.org)

**Three rapporteurs** will be in charge of processing the proposals received. The participants interested in being one of these three rapporteurs and are willing to commit for a whole 3 months, please inform us by **sending us an email**.

The outcome of the first processing conducted by the three rapporteurs will be discussed and analysed in depth by a **Steering Committee**. The steering committee will be composed of nominated 2 participants; 3 rapporteurs and the experts/facilitators. The Steering Committee would hold the following activities:

- validate the proposals and generate a final comprehensive document which includes the meeting's conclusions;
- be associated to the preparation of the ALF Forum 2013.

The nomination of the members of the committee will be based on the level of participation and commitment of the participants.

The final document reviewed and edited by the Steering Committee will be disseminated to all the applicants of the preparatory meeting in Istanbul, ALF Heads of Network.

It will be integrated in the programme of the Forum and used as bases for the discussion during the ALF Forum through:

- During the Agora, the ideas for actions proposed will be debated, and key recommendations for the intercultural agenda and the future action of the Foundation would be developed.
- During the Medina, the practices and the project ideas will be presented and discussed during one or two of the sessions .

The active participants will be selected to attend and present the project ideas during the Forum.

Steering Committee will remain involved and updated with all the preparation of the ALF Forum after delivering final document. They will receive bi-weekly the preparation updates, conclusions from other preparatory meetings and news from other related activities.

The group will be informed about all the process of the forum and about the major conclusions of the rest of the seminars.

Working Plan:

| Activity  | Period of Execution | Deadline | Output  |
|---|---------------------|----------|---|
| Receiving proposals, comments and ideas                   | 1 month             | 15 Oct   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Identification of three rapporteurs and Steering Committee</li><li>– Processing with the Received proposals</li></ul> |
| Verifying received proposals and preparing final document | 1 month             | 15 Nov   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Reviewing proposals</li><li>– Delivering final document of meeting's conclusions</li></ul>                            |

## APPENDIX 1. FORUM PRIMARY CONCEPT PAPER



### **ANNA LINDH FORUM 2013**

**A unique Euro-Mediterranean Meeting  
on Intercultural Dialogue**

**[www.annalindhforum.org](http://www.annalindhforum.org)**

## ***A unique initiative***

The Board of Governors of the Anna Lindh Foundation, which is comprised of the Senior Officials and Ambassadors of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, approved the organisation of the second Anna Lindh Forum during its next operational phase (2012 to 2014).

The ALF Secretariat plans to celebrate the Forum in **April 2013**, in line with the **objectives and level of participation** of the first and successful Forum of Barcelona, which took place in March 2010 ([www.annalindhforum.org](http://www.annalindhforum.org))

**The goal is to ensure that the Forum will be one of the most relevant and pioneering Euro-Med civil society events following the historic changes which have taken place in the Region.**

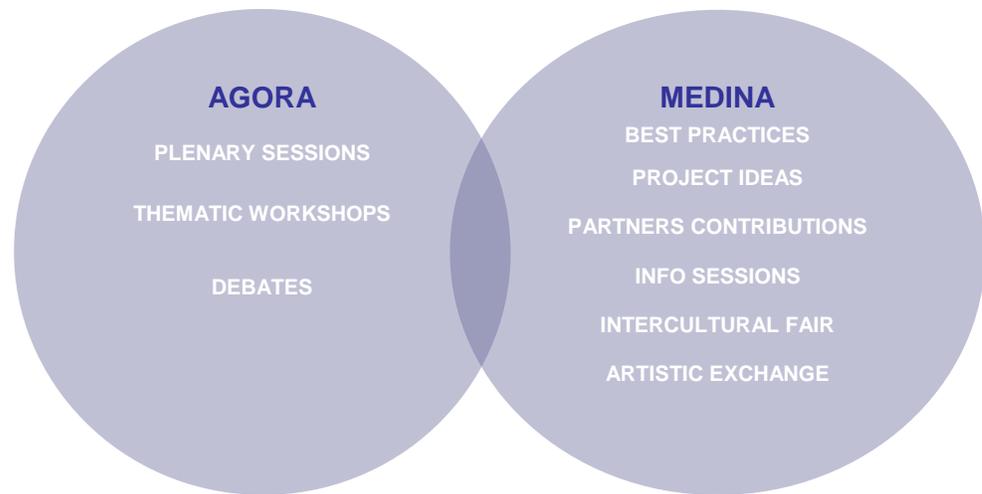
This second edition will gather around **1000 representatives from the societies of the Region during 3 days**, to exchange ideas, experiences and good practices on intercultural dialogue and the participation of civil society in building plural, open and democratic societies (the Forum of Barcelona gathered 1013 participants during 4 days). Taking place in the new regional context, the Forum will be a unique platform for exchanging experiences on the main programmes supporting civil society recently launched in the region.

The **participants** will include members of the 42 Anna Lindh National Networks, as well as some of the most important regional programmes of cooperation, experts and intellectuals, representatives of the regional institutions, members of the ALF Board of Governors and leaders of the Euro-Med civil society working in the fields which are relevant for the mission of the Anna Lindh Foundation. The majority of participants will be **Youth**. In total, **300** will represent the civil society of the country where the Forum will take place and around **700** will come from other Euro-Med countries. Priority will be given to participants from the Arab societies which are experiencing processes of reform and democratic transition.

The Forum is to be seen as a **participatory process articulated in three main phases:**

- *Preparation* phase, which includes thematic meetings (and other related activities) intended as preparatory events for the Forum;
- *Implementation* of the Forum itself, intended as a laboratory for reflection/debates/ideas/recommendations for actions and a catalyst of programmes/projects/activities;
- *Follow-up* phase where the results of the two previous phases will have to be translated into concrete activities aiming at generating impact on the concerned civil society.

## *Two spaces for dialogue*



This initiative paves the way to a new working approach of the Anna Lindh Foundation; an approach based on "**thinking, sharing and building**" together an intercultural policy built on reflection, exchange of know-how and common actions, in cooperation with the highest number possible of ALF partners. It is a working approach that sets out to learn from and be inspired by the field work carried out by civil society - represented by our and other networks in the region - in order to identify the best policies and practices to achieve the Foundation's objectives in its strategic fields. In short, the Foundation wants to start from the networks to go beyond.

Following the successful model of the Forum 2010, the upcoming Forum will be organised in thematic workshops, partner debates, information sessions and good practices presentations. Moreover, it will provide participants with the possibility of establishing partnerships and showing their work on the ground, in a social and cultural fair open to the participants and the civil society of the host country.

The Anna Lindh Forum 2013 **major spaces for dialogue** will consists of:

1. The **Agora**, 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 could serve as inspiration for the development of future ALF programmes and of the Euro-Med agenda on intercultural dialogue. A special debate will be organised for televised broadcast in collaboration with

media partners and will be also web-cast across the 42 Euro-Mediterranean countries.

**2. The Medina of intercultural initiatives** where different actors and NGOs can meet, exchange experiences and establish new partnerships. The Forum will offer a fair and exhibition space, organize the presentation of good practices and info sessions in different thematic fields related to intercultural work and provide the opportunity to exchange project ideas and to search for donors and operational partners. An Intercultural Fair will promote the exchanges between programs and major initiatives. Artistic activities open to the public at large and gathering artists from the two shores of the Mediterranean, especially theatre groups, music bands and visual artists that are members of the ALF network.

***Provisional Programme*** (Following the model of Forum held in Barcelona 2010. To be revised for the definitive program)

| Thursday<br>4 April 2013   | Friday<br>5 April 2013   | Saturday<br>6 April 2013   | Sunday<br>7 April 2013               |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
|  | <b>AGORA</b>   |  |                                      |
| 11.00 - onwards<br>Registration  | 09.30 - 11.00<br>Plenary Session<br><br>11.30 - 13.30<br>Workshops                           | 09.30 - 11.00<br>Plenary Session<br><br>11.30 - 13.30<br>Workshops                           | 10.00 - 12.30<br>Closing Session     |
| 13.30<br>Press Conference  | 13.30 - 15.00<br>Lunch   | 13.30 - 15.00<br>Lunch   | 12.30<br>Farewell Drink              |
|  | <b>MEDINA</b><br>Intercultural Fair<br>Artistic Exchange                                     |  | Closing of the<br>Intercultural Fair |
| 17.00 - 18:30<br><b>OPENING</b><br>Intercultural Fair  | 15.30 - 19.30<br>Best Practices<br>Info sessions<br>Self-organised sessions<br>Project ideas | 15.30 - 19.30<br>Best Practices<br>Info sessions<br>Self-organised sessions<br>Project ideas |                                      |
| 19.00<br><b>OFFICIAL INAUGURATION</b><br>of the<br><b>ANNA LINDH FORUM 2013</b><br>WELCOME COCKTAIL<br><br>20.00<br>Dinner at the Chamber of<br>Commerce (350 PAX) |  | 21.00<br>CULTURAL EVENT IN DOCK<br>DES SUDS  |                                      |

## ***Objectives of the Forum***

In line with the objectives of the ALF Phase III, the Forum will contribute **to foster the role of the Foundation in the promotion of intercultural dialogue at all the levels of the society**, through community mobilization and participation and supporting the implementation of civil society's initiatives.

More specifically, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Forum will aim at targeting not only those who are already acquainted with the ALF core mission but also a **wider spectrum of segments of the Euromed civil society**.

The Forum will attempt to be a **catalyst** for gathering and presenting:

- the **ALF programmes/projects and activities**, creating **synergies** between them, facilitating **networking** among the stakeholders and constituting a starting point for the development of future ALF activities;
- the most important regional programmes of cooperation that have been implemented in response to the current social changes in the Euromed region, and in the Southern shore of the Mediterranean in particular.

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

The ALF follow-up in the short term will be the **integration of the Forum's results into the ALF overall programme** as well as the development of **concrete initiatives (projects/activities) to ensure continuity with the Forum** and the achieved results.

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 (second edition after 2010) in order to reflect on the accomplishments as well as the obstacles relevant to the institutional development of social and cultural cooperation in the Euro-Med region etc.

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

Several **preparatory meetings** will be organized in cooperation with the ALF networks in the months prior to the event in order to identify the priorities and main topics of this second Anna Lindh Forum 2013. It is in this context that possibilities for synergies

and partnerships with regional networks, international platforms and international organizations will be explored.

## Topics

### Agora

The main topics of the plenary sessions and seminars will refer to the strategic fields defined in the triennial programme of the Foundation.

Considering the current social changes taking place in the societies of the Euro-Mediterranean region and valuing the voice of people, groups and civil initiatives emerging in the whole region (Northern and Southern shores of the Mediterranean), the Forum will aim at supporting project ideas that promote the mobilization and empowerment of civil society for inclusion and citizenship in line with the ALF '4D' Strategy. This Strategy conceives intercultural Dialogue as a civil society mobilization factor, aimed at valuing Diversity, promoting the participation of the society in building open and plural Democracies, and fostering inclusive and sustainable human Development.

Priority will be given to the project proposals focusing on the following dimensions:

- Intercultural Dialogue encouraging exchange and participation in public life;
- Social and Cultural Diversity as a tool for cohesion and cooperation;
- Democracy related practices and awareness actions in civil society and
- New approaches to human Development, integrating socio-economic and environmental dimensions.

The sessions will be developed through the fields of action identified for the current phase of the ALF:

- Culture and Creativity;
- Education and Intercultural Learning;
- Urban spaces and Citizenship;
- Media and Public Opinion.

The preparatory meetings will have the function to outline the content and possible speakers of the seminars.

The Medina of Intercultural initiatives will consists of:

- Workshops on best practices registered among ALF activities and aiming at addressing topics and common problems related to field work;
- Info sessions on subjects identified during the preparatory meetings;

- Spaces for presentation of project ideas, info sessions for partner search, partners contribution, potential donors and stakeholders participation;
- Intercultural Fair , with presentation stands for ALF national networks and other organizations active in the Euro-Med region. The Anna Lindh Foundation will have a specific stand to inform participants about ALF accomplishments and activities;
- Spaces self-managed by ALF network members
- Artistic exchange with presentation of exhibitions and creativity work, in close cooperation also with the cultural initiatives in the city.

### ***Preparatory Meetings - a participatory process***

As first stage of a three-step process, and based on a participatory approach, the preparation of the Forum activities will be done with the **active participation/collaboration of the Heads of Network** and active stakeholders since the early stage of the design/development phase of the event: relevant Heads of Network will be involved in the preparation and implementation of the Forum **preparatory meetings**, according to their area of expertise. Specific working groups, coordinated by the ALF HQ, will then be created to carry out the work.

The preparatory meetings are to be seen as part of a coherent process of reflection and action - the outcomes of these meetings are to be instrumental to the discussions/debates that will take place in the Forum thematic working groups, basis for the elaboration of a concrete road map for action.

The first **preparatory Meeting focused on Youth** was held in Istanbul (28 June-1 July 2012) where 45 young participants from 35 countries gathered and discussed the “Youth Contribution for dialogue and change” across the 3 thematic axis: Dialogue and Diversity, Democracy and Development.

Two preparatory meetings are being prepared in close collaboration with the ALF networks focusing on **Women and Migrants**, gathering ALF Networks, existing regional platforms/networks, experts and grassroots level representatives working on related issues in the Euromed region, with the aim to identify thematic priorities for the **elaboration of the program of the Forum**.

**Other meetings and initiatives** organized by the heads of network and key programs will be encouraged to merge in the Forum preparation.

**Preparatory website** and participatory process will be promoted by the ALF in order to facilitate the exchange of information and networking between initiatives.

### APPENDIX 3. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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1st Preparatory Meeting for the Anna Lindh Forum 2013  
28 June - 01 July 2012 Istanbul (Turkey)**

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