

Conference
YOUTH PARTICIPATION
in EuroMed context(s)

Marly-le-Roi, France, 12th - 16th of November 2008



FINAL REPORT

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1. Background of the Conference

“YOUTH PARTICIPATION in EuroMed context(s)”

Participation of Young people is one of the major topics of the European Youth in Action programme. On one hand, it is a horizontal priority that is implemented through all the various actions of the programme; on the other hand, in the Southern and Eastern shore of the Mediterranean sea, there is a strong will for young people to participate in public life and in all European exchange programmes.

The French National Agency Youth in Action, in cooperation with the SALTO YOUTH EuroMed and SALTO YOUTH Participation Resource Centres, and in partnership with the South Cooperation Agencies Network of the Youth in Action Programme, decided to organise this conference to offer a platform for reflecting on the issue of Youth Participation and for debating on the realities of Youth Participation in EU and MEDA countries involved in the Barcelona process.

The conference gathered actors involved in Youth participation at different levels - Young people, Youth workers and Youth policy makers.

This event was taking place in the framework of the French Presidency of the European Union.

In partnership with the
"South Cooperation Agencies Network of the Youth in Action Programme"
Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey

2. Aims and objectives

Aim of the conference:

to reflect on the issue of Youth Participation in the European and Mediterranean context(s).

Objectives:

1. To clarify the concept/definition of “Youth participation”
2. To compare the existing situations of Youth participation in Programme as well as MEDA countries
3. To reflect about the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes as tools for stimulating participation: such as introducing good practice projects, support structures that develop methods and strategies, input by experts and researchers
4. To identify challenges for the development of Youth Participation in the EuroMed Youth cooperation
5. To stimulate partnership building and development of projects supporting Youth participation in the framework of the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes

3. Profile of participants, selection and preparation.

The participants selected for this conference were coming from programme countries of the Youth in Action programme, mainly from members of the “South cooperation agencies network”, and from mediterranean partner countries (MEDA).

They were young people, youth workers, Youth policy stakeholders, multipliers, having experience in the field of Youth Participation.

Information on the Conference was available on the websites of the involved National Agencies, EMYUs and the SALTO EuroMed and Participaton Ressource Centres. The participants, selected by the NAs and EMYUs according to their expertise in Youth Participation (young people, youth workers, Youth policy stakeholders, multipliers with experience in the field of Youth Participation), were invited to actively use the e-learning platform of SaltoEuroMed, and to share relevant documentation for the topic of the conference as well as presentations of their projects, which some of them did.

40 participants signed up in the virtual community. 23 pax showed interest to present their projects in a workshop, 10 participants finally really run one.

All participants gave in their application an associative “3 words description” of Youth Participation. English was the working language, **but support in French was also provided** (french translation was provided in plenary, chuchotage in some workshops).

Final number of participants

62 participants

38 from program countries (32 from the South Cooperation Agencies Network)

24 from mediterranean partner countries

The participants could refer to the ressources of:

9 representatives of NAs

3 representatives of Salto Ressource Centres

2 representatives of Euromed Youth Units

8 expert speakers

4. Methodology used

- lectures and presentations
- workshops
- discussions
- group work in smaller groups
- exchange of experiences/practices
- participative approach

Due to the specifications of the project format “conference”, a certain part of the programme was reserved to inputs in form of lectures or presentations.

To emphasise the participative approach and involve the participants as much as possible, the programme’s methodology scheduled activities focussed on interactivity and exchange of experiences, as in discussions in small groups, like in “3 words” or the “participation café”, or in individual presentations of projects and organisations, delivery of workshops, and the common design of future projects.

In the preparation phase, participants were invited to actively shape the common space by sharing documents and knowledge through the SaltoEuroMed e-learning platform, and to propose workshop ideas for the conference.

A further opportunity for direct contribution and sharing of experiences of participative projects was offered in the programme part called “Projects’ fair”.

5. The program - overview and activities day by day

5.1. Program overview

Time	WED, 12.11.	THURSDAY, 13.11.	FRIDAY 14.11.	SATURDAY 15.11.	
09:00-10:30	ARRIVAL	<p>Official opening C.Giusti - French Ministry of Health, Youth, Sports and Community Life, < H. Mécheri, INJEP J.Chiris, French national agency J.M. Munz, European Youth Forum F. Laanan - SALTOs Participation</p> <p>and presentation of the conference</p>	<p>Presentations: European Youth Policy Development (<i>D. Bey</i>) - European Neighbouring Policy & EuroMed Youth programme (Dua'a Qurie)</p>	« Participation Café » (discussion)	
10:30-11:00		COFFEE BREAK			
11:00-12:30		<p>Common development of the concept of youth participation (activity „3 words“)</p>	<p>Parallel presentations of institutions on youth participation (in 2 rounds)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Youth Forum • EuroMed Youth Parliament • Ligue Arabe • EuroMed Youth Platform • Creecide • Ligue Arabe • <p>[13 :00]</p>	<p>continuation</p> <p>“Participation Café” : Results and recommendations</p> <p>Further perspectives NA and SALTOs</p>	
12:30-13:30		LUNCH			
14:30-16:30		<p>Introductive inputs on Youth participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in Europe (B. Roudet) - in Egypt (Assia Boutaleb) - in EuroMed (V. Cicchelli) 	<p>Parallel workshops: sharing experiences of participative projects (2 rounds)</p>	Partnership Development	
16:30 - 17:00		Coffee Break			
17:00 - 18:30		<p>Presentation of the ressource centres SALTO EuroMed and SALTO Participation (B. Abrignani et F. Laanan)</p> <hr/> <p>Preparation of the projects' fair</p>	<p>Continuation of parallel workshops - sharing experiences (2 rounds)</p> <hr/> <p>Preparation of the evening</p>	<p>Evaluation</p> <p>Closing</p>	
19:00-20:00		DINNER		x	DINNER
20:30		Welcome and getting to know	PROJECTS' FAIR	20:00 BUFFET & EUROMED Participation Night	FAREWELL PARTY

5.2. Activities day by day

Wednesday, 12 NOVEMBER

Arrival

The participants arrived to INJEP, Marly le Roi, during the afternoon of the 12th November and were welcomed by members of the logistic support team from Avicenne. Pax registered and received the welcome bags with info material and name tags, and were taken for the participants list.

During the dinner in the restaurant, the participants were invited to write on table cards “ENJOY YOUR MEAL ” in their own language - as an intercultural impulse for getting to know each other at the dinner and breaking the ice.

Welcome evening

After dinner, a short meeting took place in the big hall in the INJEP building, as informal welcome and getting to know each other, with a HUMAN BINGO game and a welcome drink with a “conference toast”, done by Gilles Baccala, training officer of the French NA and Fatima Laanan from Salto Participation in the name of the organisers and stakeholders.

This activity was supposed to facilitate orientation and getting to get to know each other in an informal setting.

Description:

- start in the hall with short welcome and visualisation of the team
- Human Bingo: each pax received a sheet of paper with various abilities or characteristics mentioned, and had to find at least one person fitting to each of these abilities/characteristics, and put the name on the paper. Who finished first got a special price ☺.
- First orientation and announcements for the morning session (where and when is breakfast, we do we start...)
- Welcome words by FR National Agency and SALTO Participation RC, and toast.

It was a relaxed short evening activity, around 40 participants having arrived already. Welcome words by FR NA and SALTO Participation gave an insight in the background and the framework of the conference.

Thursday, 13 NOVEMBER

Official opening

The official opening next morning started with the welcome notes directed to the participants by *Hervé Mecheri*, director of INJEP, and *Charles Giusti*, Deputy Head of the Youth Policy and Community Education Unit from the French Ministry of Health, Youth, Sports and Community Life.

Jean Chiris, Head of the French National Agency for the Youth in Action Programme, introduced to the conference, followed by the intervention of Jan Martin Munz who spoke for the European Youth Forum.

The session was closed by Fatima Laanan, Head of Salto Participation, who underlined the importance of this event for the coorganising resource centres Salto Participation and EuroMed.

→ session report

The team (Markus Albrecht, Lidija Buric) welcomed the participants and reiterated the aims and objectives of the conference, and presented the programme and practicalities.

Youth participation for me...

After a short coffee break, the participants were invited to share their personal view on youth participation.

Already in the application form the participants had to think about 3 terms that for them expressed Youth participation and write them down (see collection below)

influence - change better future - guide - energy - action - Hope - Involvement - Achievement - vision - planing - implementation - Knowledge of the project "Youth in action" - Cultural exchange with other countries - Report my participation - solidarité - fraternité - tolérance - Apprentissage - Interaction - Démocratie - Inclusion - sharing - cooperation - Action - Contribution - Equality - démocratie, citoyenneté, initiative - Competences - Passion - Risks - renforcement professionnelle - pour vision de changement - vers intégration - - donner la parole aux jeunes et les aider à prendre les décisions - - apprendre aux jeunes les vertus de la démocratie - - impliquer les jeunes au travail socio-culturel - engagement, freshness and action - implication - contribution - être responsable - democracy - dynamism - entrepreneurship - valued democratic development - Citoyenneté - Respect - Démocratie - Integretation - Democracy - Networks - Awareness - Friendship - Energy - vapour, water, ice - paroles libres - possibilités d'agir - mixité filles / garçons - Commitment - democracy - work together - Youth Movement - Leadership - Youth Policy - Motiver - Encourager - Applaudir - commitment - social/political consciousness - movement with less fixed, traditional ideas - land - water - sun - volonté - volontariat - confiance - écouter - proposer - agir - interacting - networking - learning - action - responsibility - future - volonté - action - développement - ex-change - innovation - active citizenship - Strong - un-organized - effected - Long Live Learning begins now - Responsibility - Opportunity - Democracy - important - obligation - connection - liberté - action - interculturalité - Energy - Freshness - Impact - reflection - dialogue - action - Engagement - mobilisation - écoute - Entraider - rigoureux - connaissance - Imagination, energy and powerfull - Acteur - vecteur - avenir - Sharing - Tolerance - Achieveing - engagement - responsabilité - positionnement - Rights - Access - Future - Dignity - Respnibility - freedom - smile - ask - speak - Creative, humanitarian and colorful - Liberté - égalité - fraternité - Future - Ambition - Achievements - Potential - Power - Change - OWNERSHIP - everyone has the right to STAND UP for his/her beliefs and is RESPONSIBLE for what he/she does or doesn't do! - Ensemble - Action - Humanité

The aim of this activity was to introduce into the topic and the field of definition of youth participation in a participative way, and at the same time bring in a group building element.

Description: Participants write on cards 3 terms they associate with youth participation. Then they share it in a small group of 2 pax (mixing EU & mediterranean partner countries), and decide through discussion on 3 common terms.

Then in groups of 4, again discussing and deciding on 3 common terms, and finally, being in a group of 8, making a flipchart, highlighting the 3 final terms, found through discussion (but also mentioning all the other terms).

Then the 8 groups share the results with the others, presenting it shortly, and putting the flipcharts on the wall (in the hall).

(presenting, via microphone, in the hall, in the big group, the outcomes of the discussions, the "last words"). Duration: 1,5 h

In the lunch break, a short meeting with participants who had volunteered to run a workshop on youth participation and good practics on Friday afternoon was held in the cafeteria to clarify open questions and establish a time structure, as well as a meeting with the speakers for Friday afternoon.

In the afternoon, a series of [Introductory inputs on Youth participation](#) were given by expert academic lectures to introduce the concept of youth participation from different perspectives, giving a European, MEDA and EuroMed point of view. The discussions that followed the inputs were vivid and controversial.

Bernard ROUDET - Youth Participation in Europe

Assia Boutaleb - Political participation of young people in Egypt

Vincenzo Cicchelli - Youth Participation in EUROMED

Fatima Laanan, Head of SALTO Participation RC, moderated the discussions in between the inputs (of around 30 minutes length).

More details, see:

→ [abstracts](#)

→ [session reports](#)

In the later afternoon, the programme continued with the [Presentation of the resource centres SALTO EuroMed and Salto Participation](#), presented by their respective heads, Bernard ABRIGNANI and Fatima Laanan. They presented the whole network of SALTO Resource Centres and introduced their scope of work by providing information from their web sites. Both SALTOs provided info desks with resource materials that were available during the whole conference.

After these inputs on support structures, the participants were invited to prepare their stands for the [Projects' Fair](#) in the big corridor of the cafeteria where, after dinner, they had the opportunity to present their projects and organisations and to expose and illustrate the situation of youth participation in their local/regional context ("youth participation in my country"). After a short "official opening", participants had the opportunity to use the open space to see who was there, which projects, which knowledge, which possible partners were present.

Friday, 14th of November

After the [intro to the day](#), done by the participants Basman Ammous, France, and Maria Louta, Greece, and some announcements of practicalities, the conference day started with presentations on European policies, the presentation of the [European Youth Policy Development](#), done by Dora BEI, Head of the Greek National Agency, and the presentation of the [European Neighbouring Policy](#) and the [EuroMed Youth Programme](#), by Bernard ABRIGNANI, Head of SALTO EuroMed and Dua'a QURIE, Head of the EuroMed Youth Unit in Ramallah.

After this inputs the group took some air and gathered for the [photo shooting of the group](#) outside.

The rest of the morning (after the coffee break ☺) was dedicated to [Presentations of institutions on Youth Participation](#). Representatives of 6 organisations active in the field of youth participation had prepared an introductory announcement with the key elements of their presentations/workshops to facilitate the participants to make their choice. The presentations were run in two rounds, in parallel sessions, 4 in the first, 3 in the second round.

European Youth Forum - Jan Martin MUNZ
EuroMed Youth Parliament - Massinissa BOUAGACHE
League of Arab States - Sarah ZAIMI / Haythem KAMEL
Youth in Action 1.3. and 5.1 - Fatima LAANAN

League of Arab States - Sarah ZAIMI/ Haythem KAMEL
EuroMed Youth Platform - Ryan BUGEJA (replacing Amanda ZAMMIT)
CRECCIDE ASBL - Robert TROLIN (Carrefour Régional et Communautaire de la Citoyenneté et de la Démocratie)

Presentations and background materials of most sessions are available in electronic version on the Salto e-learning platform.

See also appendix: → [session reports](#)

The afternoon continued with workshops, run by participants, focussing on [Sharing experiences of participative projects](#)

Mahmoud NIHAL, Egypt	<i>Youth Political Participation</i>
Georges SYLVESTRE, France	<i>EuroMed in culture</i>
Tabet LAMA, Lebanon	<i>Sports for a non-racist society</i>
Jose Ángel ROMO GUIJAREEO, Spain:	<i>TIPITOPA. Congress about non formal education</i>
Marwa WASFY, Egypt	<i>Youth who we care - Youth can make the change</i>
Hélène CREPAUD, France	<i>Forum Europe Jeunesse</i>
Eleni MARAGKAKI, Greece	<i>Youth Participation in Greece</i>
Wolfgang GAISER, Germany	<i>Results of research about Youth Participation</i>
Khalil SAKHRI, Algeria	<i>Caracteristiques de la jeunesse en general et un aperçu sur la jeunesse algerienne</i>
Federica DEMICHELI, Italy	<i>Active learning of a foreign language ... within a group of young people with fewer opportunities</i>

These inputs are partly available in digital form on the e-learning platform.

→ session reports are also available.

After short information on the EuroMed Participation Night, a participants' committee was constituted to coordinate the preparation of the evening.

The [EuroMed Participation Night](#) was opened by a magnificent [buffet](#). Apart from the “standard” buffet, there were tables where participants offered food and drinks, and put info material about their country’s culture. Some participants were in traditional clothes. Everybody was invited to visit different tables and to try what was offered. At a certain point, a DJ was playing a mixture of typical songs from different regions (Meda and Europe) and participants had the opportunity to teach each other typical dances.

Saturday, 15th of November

After the intro of the day, again run by participants (thanx!), we started with the [Participation Café](#), trying to identify *challenges* for Youth participation. Using a modified «world café» method, we worked on 8 different tables, with 8 to 10 people each, answering different questions, in 3 rounds, moving to other tables; one person per table was asked to stay all the time at the table as reporter.

The questions were:

- What makes a good project? Quels sont les éléments d’un bon projet ?
- What is the motivation of young people to participate? Quelle est la motivation des jeunes pour participer ?
- What is the “must” (minimum) for a youth participation project? Quels sont les critères minimum d’un projet participatif de jeunes ?
- Which support is needed to run a youth participation project? De quel soutien avons-nous besoin pour réaliser un projet participatif de jeunes ?
- How to ensure sustainability of the project? Comment assurer la durabilité d’un projet ?
- How to multiply the effect of a youth participation project? Comment multiplier l’impact d’un projet participatif de jeunes ?
- What are the biggest challenges in a youth participation project? Quels sont les plus grands défis d’un projet participatif de jeunes ?

The results were presented in plenary, and stakeholders and participants could comment.

As a closing of the morning we had some remarks on [Further Perspectives](#) by NAs and SALTOS, Jean Chiris speaking the final words of the morning.

The afternoon of the last day was themed [Further development](#) and focussed on partner matching and partnership development. NAs, SALTOS, EuroMed Youth platform, European Youth Forum were available as ressources for consultations. At the end the results of the partner matching / partnership work was visualizaed on a map.

To start the process, “partnership cards” - expressing participants’ project ideas (focus, topic, target group, activity) were put on one of the walls, and other participants could show their interest and join in by signing. During the whole process, two “resource teams” (NAs, EMYUs and SALTOS), one “mobile”, one “fix” were available for consultations.

The developed project ideas (18!!) were at the end visualized geographically on a map and presented to the plenary with some details (which countries and participants take part, what is the common interest related to youth participation in the EuroMed context(s), what kind of partnership is aimed at, what are the next steps, who will be responsible for what, ...).

Before the [eEvaluation](#), we had a short resumee in form of a powerpoint, a retrospective that was ment to help to have clear in mind all the different parts of the conference.

Then participants were asked to evaluate their satisfaction with the conference collectively by sticking colored dots on the "evaluation pizza" (satisfaciton close to the centre). The different slices stood for:

1. The Conference in general
2. content of the conference
3. methodology used
4. information provided/available
5. own participation/contribution
6. board and lodging

An individual evaluation questionnaire was handed out to participants at the offical end of the conference, and they were asked to fill them in until the dinner time (51 got back).

The offical closing was with a video of Bernard Abrignani.

Again a marvellous buffet opened the evening, and the Farewell Party started - two bands playing, enjoyable food and music and company ... and a lot of dance...

SUNDAY, 16th of November

during the morning - departure of participants

The team

The facilitators' team was composed by two trainers/facilitators:

Lidija Buric (Croatia), freelance trainer, nominated by Salto Participation, and Markus Albrecht (Austria), free lance trainer, coordinator of the conference on behalf of Salto EuroMed.

The logistics were done by the team of Avicenne, association based in Paris: **Faiza, Dalila, Wilhelmine, Sabrina, ...** who as a "reporting force" also took over the task to keep detailed records of the conference.

The coordination team furthermore counted with Bernard Abrignani, coordinator of Salto-Youth EuroMed RC, and Fatima Lanaan, coordinator of Salto-Youth Participation RCTeam, who identified programme needs for the conference and also invited guest speakers, and had an overall supportive approach.

From the French National Agency, Gilles Baccala as TCP Officer was the responsible for the event, supported by Alice Dartout, Assistant, and Isabelle Olivier, Action 3 Project officer.

The stakeholders' team was composed by:

Fatima Laanan, head of Salto Youth Partizipation
Bernard Abrignani, head of Salto EuroMed
Stephanie Henry, Salto EuroMed
Altino Barradas, NA Portugal
Guiseppe Gualteri, NA Italy
Ryan Bugeja, NA Malta
Amanda Zammit, EuroMed Youth Platform
Sefa Yahsi, head of NA Turkey
Oya Bumin, NA Turkey
Dora Bei, head of the NA Greece
Gilles Baccala, NA France
Isabelle Olivier, NA France
Muhannad Akroush, EMYU Jordania
Dua'a Qurie, EMYU Palestine

In the steering group were also present:

Christoffer Gronstad, European Youth Forum
Solène Charuau, NA France
Valéry Loirat, AFCCRE (Association Française du Conseil des Communes et Régions d'Europe)

6. Annexes to the report

- 1) Programme
- 2) Projects
- 3) Evaluation -
- 4) Presentation and speeches - list & compendium
- 5) Liste/Booklet participants - as pfd
- 6) Documents on the website - a list

6.1. programme overview

Youth Participation in EuroMed context(s) *Conference, INJEP, Marly le Roi, 12 -16 of November 08*

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OF NOVEMBER

till 19:00 Arrival of participants

19:00 Cold dinner available in restaurant 1 until 11pm

20:00 Welcome cocktail and getting to know each other : HUMAN BINGO

THURSDAY, 13 OF NOVEMBER

09:00 Official opening
Hervé MECHERI, Director of INJEP, National Institute for Youth and Community Education
Charles GIUSTI, Deputy Head of Youth Policy and Community Education Unit, French Ministry of Health, Youth, Sports and Community Life
Jean CHIRIS, Head of the French national agency for the Youth in Action Programme
Jan Martin MUNZ - European Youth Forum
Fatima LAANAN - SALTO Participation RC

10: 15 Short coffee break

10: 30 Introduction to the Conference
Aims and objectives of the Conference, programme, practicalities

10:50 Introduction to the topic: Youth participation for me...
Group activity.

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Short Meeting of team and participants who will run a workshop on Friday afternoon (14th of November) IN CAFETERIA.

14:30 Introductory inputs on Youth participation
Fatima LAANAN - Head of SALTO Participation RC - Moderation
Bernard ROUDET - Youth Participation in Europe
Assia BOUTALEB - Political participation of young people in Egypt
Vincenzo CICCHELLI - Youth Participation in EUROMED

16:30 Break

17:00 Presentation of the resource centres SALTO EuroMed and SALTO Participation
Fatima LAANAN - Head of SALTO Participation
Bernard ABRIGNANI - Head of SALTO EuroMed

17:30 Projects' fair - preparation

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Projects' Fair - around projects/organisations of the participants, and the situation of youth participation in their local/regional context, till 21:45

FRIDAY, 14TH OF NOVEMBER

09:00 Intro to the day

09:15 Presentations of the
European Youth Policy Development - Dora BEI, Head of the Greek agency
European Neighbouring Policy & EuroMed Youth Programme - Bernard ABRIGNANI, Head of SALTO EuroMed and Dua'a QURIE, Head of the EuroMed Youth Unit in Ramallah.



- 10:15 PHOTO SHOOTING OF THE GROUP
- 10:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:00 Presentations of institutions on Youth Participation, in parallel sessions, in two rounds:
 European Youth Forum, Jan Martin MUNZ
 EuroMed Youth Parliament, Massinissa BOUAGACHE
 League of Arab States - Sarah ZAIMI
 Youth in Action 1.3. and 5.1 - Fatima LAANAN
- League of Arabe States - Sarah ZAIMI
 Euromed Youth Platform -Amanda ZAMMIT
 CRECCIDE ASBL - Creccide Carrefour Régional et Communautaire de la Démocratie - Robert TROLIN
- 13:00 LUNCH
- 14:30 Sharing experiences of participative projects, in parallel workshops, 2 rounds:
 14:30 - 14:50 Introduction & choice of workshops
 14:50 - 15:30 1st round
 15:30 - 16:10 2nd round
- 16:10 Break
- 16:30 Continuation of parallel workshops, 2 rounds
 16:30 - 17:10 3rd round
 17:10 - 17:40 4th round
- 17:40 Information of EuroMed Participation Night; constitution of the evening Committee, preparation of
- 20:00 BUFFET & Opening of EuroMed Participation Night
- 21:00 Dancing Space

SATURDAY, 15TH OF NOVEMBER

- 09:00 Intro to the day
- 09:15 *Participation Café - "Identifying Challenges"*
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Continuation *Participation Café - "Recommendations"*
- 11:45 Further Perspectives by NAs and SALTOs
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 14:00 Further Development - partner matching, partnership development - NAs, SALTOs, EuroMed Youth platform, European Youth Forum as resources
- 16:00 Resuming Partnerships
- 16:30 Coffee Break
- 17:00 Evaluation
- 17:30 Closing - with Photos & Video
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Farewell Party

SUNDAY, 16th of November

during the morning – departure of participants

<p>1. Florian Fischer, Germany</p>	<p>Long term, multilateral EVS in EuroMed (with at least 5 partner orgs from MEDA & EU) Partners: Laura (Portugal), Orlando (Italy), Dania (Jordan) Common interest: sending and hosting long term volunteers between MEDA and EU countries - topic: creativity and innovation Principles of partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one coordination organisation (applying at centralised level (ICYE European association) with at least 5 national organisations - from 5 MEDA & 5 EU member/EFTA countries exchanging 1 - 2 volunteers • bilateral agreements between hosting and sending organisations • division of tasks: what sending org, hosting org & coordinating org have to do <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sending out infos from coordinating organisation (ICYE EA) to interested partners • signing part3 to partners until 1st JAN 09 • applying for project centrally at the EACEA in 1st of February
<p>2. Abdesalam ZiouZiou, France-Moroc</p>	<p>Traveling Project in the Mediterranean Partners: Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Algeria, Jordan, Germany, France, Greece Nadja Talmi, Sahar Assaf, Judith Nübold, Donia Aqel, Massi Bouagache, Sarah Zaiimi, Franklin Callaya, Maria D. Louta, Abderrahmane Taki Common interest: intercultural exchange / organizing a travelling festival in the Mediterranean Sea by boat dealing with the subject of migration Principles of Partnership Transnational organization of the project with one coordinator (not yet decided) Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sahar makes a draft of the idea * Abdesalam, Nadia, Sarah will work on the first draft and send it to the others * 1.step: organize a project based training
<p>3. Daniel Goncalves</p>	<p>Countries: Turkey, Tunisia, Algeria, France, Portugal Common Interest: Intercultural - Citizenship Partners: Levent Gunnay TK, ksk_levant@hotmail.com, Estelle Rousseau Hatif - erousseau@ville-melun.fr, Sondes Medfai, Daniel Goncalves Principles of Partnership: Intercultural-Citizenship - will try to seek for common purposes, eliminate prejudices... try to find common ideas on how to involve youth in active participation Next steps: Daniel at AJISM is putting up a dossier to start an intercultural exchange in Santa Maria</p>
<p>4. Marine Pointillart, Federica Demicheli Italy, Morocco</p>	<p>Common interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same targets of beneficiaries but 2 different countries • migrant and potential migrants • integration of young people to fight against illegal migration <p>Principles of partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exchanges by email - exchange of info on migration and italian context • visits: learning and knowledge through videos and articles made by the youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sharing knowledge of content ○ sessions to exchange good practices on projets, integration and common strategy ○ exchange of young / leaders <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ presentation of the project to our organizations ○ mails ○ propose the project to the 3.1. programme

5. Luisa Carvalho, Portugal	<p>Interreligious dialogue Action 3 - Feasibility Visit Application to NA - February or April 2009</p>
6. Estelle Rousseau Hatif, France	<p>Common interest: L'identité Nous sommes tous issus d'identités multiples, et dans un temps présent identifiés comme appartenant à un pays. Le pays a des voisins. Le voisinage s'agrandit. Nous sommes tous européens. Nos futurs voisins seront les ours polaires. Principles of partnership : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o les jeunes de 15 à 20 ans o construire ensemble un projet - jeune et travailleurs jeunesse o projet à long terme Next steps : Je pense que les prochaines étapes seront des contacts per mail, puis par conference internet avec les jeunes de tous les partenariats. Nous feront une visite de faisabilité afin de préciser les applications et les grands lignes. J'envoie un mail à chacun pour résumer tout cela et chacun travaille avec les jeunes pour déterminer les orientations.</p>
7. Meriem Taouzi Durant & Ives Bourderou,	<p>Common interest : Youth participation in economic projects Partners: France - Morocco Principles of partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o exchange of information and of good practice and tools o evaluation of weaknesses and strengths → recommendations o context (projects) Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o contacts by emails, visits o sharing responsibilities </p>
8. Ives, France	<p>Develop Youth participation in Lille and Nables through social and leisure projects Partners: France/Palestine; Dua'a, Salima, Agman (Basman) ? Principles of partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o France as sending organisation and applying organisation o building of the hosting project in common, connected to the activities already done in Lille and Nables, outside and inside the YIA programme (we hosted EVS) to define the value of the EVS participation Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o inform our partner that we can apply to the FNA o To build the first steps of the volunteer activities according to the local needs in Nables o contacts with EMYU to inform it about our first decisions connected to the project </p>
9. Mejloufi Fouad, Belgique	<p>Countries: France (Arno, Larissa) - Maroc (Abderrahmane) Belgique: , Common interest: Exchange culturels dans le contexte d'immigration avec groupe-cible marocain La maison de jeunes « MJA LABRECHE » de Cherbourg (Michaél RABAY) souhaiterait organiser un voyage culturel au Maroc (au Marrakech) en juillet 2009, au profit de leur public jeunes d'origine marocaine et français, en partenariat avec la Fondation Hassan II pour les Marocains résidant à l'Étranger.</p>
10. Alfre Elgezabal , Maria Louta, Spain, Greece	<p>Countries : Greece and Spain (Basque youth council) Topic: Spreading awareness about sexual education Next steps: steps are to be implemented and discussed between the organisation praksis.gr and the basque youth council - komunika@egk.org - marisia711@yahoo.gr</p>

11. Lama Tabet, Lebanon	Countries: Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey - Nihal, Hasan Hueseyin Common interest: drug prevention among young people Training Course - Workshops - September 2009 Next steps: I will make an application form for a Training course - each person will prepare a workshop about the realities related to drugs in their countries.
12. Basman Ammous (F)	Countries: France, Italy(Genova interculturale), Tunisia (Maison de jeunes), Palestine Common interest : intercultural learning & theatre - cultural partnership- exchange next steps: voir avec les groupes des jeunes dans les associations partenaires
13. Human rights and way of life	Human rights and way of life - 2 sides of Mediterranean Countries : Spain, France, Jordania, Algeria, Portugal Common interest: to know the way of life of young people or the communities - for example, leisure time, employment, education, relationships (family, couple, ...) and also the situation of the human rights. Next steps: send the project written to the partners -> feasibility meeting to plan exchanges, first 2009 through Youth in Action, and 2010 through EuroMed Youth.
14.	Countries: France - Allemagne - Jordanie - Algeria Common interest: give the youth the opportunity to realise their own reality with others 's eyes principles of partnership: reflexion, exchange next steps: find a strategy
15. Eleni Maragkaki + Faye Mitsakou, Greece	Youth exchange project Common interest: * to learn about the situation of youth participation in each country (public life, local level) * exchange youth / idea how should it be... * make proposal for new youth policies and have intercultural dialogue Principle of partnership: * to have more partners in Mediterranean /U.E. (Germany, England, Turkey) * to take place in Greece in November (European Youth Week) Next steps: * inform our organisation * take decisions * inform other partners * have communication for part III and plans
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6.2. Evaluation

6.2.1. Synopsis

In an overall resumee it can be said that the conference reached its aims to a very high extent. More than 80% of the participants considered the aims and objectives as fully reached (see the details below). The aims had been set very ambitiously, and taking into account the restricted time and the necessity to put a focus in the programming, some objectives were reached more satisfactorily than others.

So for example the objective of “comparing the different situations in EU and MEDA countries”, only 2/3 of the participants estimated as reached (*not enough time, not comprehensive and structured enough*).

Some participants were missing more detailed information on Youth in Action and on the EuroMed Youth Programme, and for some a (visualised) synopsis of the different forms of participation would have been usefull at one point. Retrospectively, information on both programmes on the e-learning platform already beforehand, as well as a clarifying abstract on different forms of youth participation (political vs. social) would have been a plus.

6.2.2. Outcomes of the written evaluation

51 evaluation forms received

1. Objectives of the conference were achieved.

OBJECTIVE	YES	+/-	NO
To clarify the concept/definition of “Youth participation”	49 96,1%	2 3,9%	0 0 %
To compare the existing situations of Youth participation in Programme as well as Mediterranean partner countries	33 64,7%	6 11,8%	12 23,5%
To reflect about the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes as tools for stimulating participation: such as introducing good practice projects, support structures that develop methods and strategies, input by experts and researchers	44 86,3%	4 7,8%	3 5,9%
To identify challenges for the development of Youth Participation in the EuroMed Youth cooperation	39 76,5%	9 17,6%	3 5,9%
To stimulate partnership building and development of projects supporting Youth participation in the framework of the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes	47 92,1%	3 5,9%	1 2,0%

2. In general, to what extend were your expectations met? (mark on the scale)

0% (not at all)	50%	60	70	75	80	85	90	98	100% (fully)	
0 %	[...]	1	5	5	1	22	2	12	1	3
		2,0%	9,8%	9,8%	2,0%	43,1%	3,9%	23,5%	2,0%	5,9%

~ 4/5 of participants (78,4%) - 80% and more fulfilled

3. Was the atmosphere created appropriate to share and learn? (tick one answer)

Really appropriate	Appropriate	Not appropriate	Not appropriate at all
27	23	1	0
52,9%	45,1%	2,0%	

Comments:

4. Express your satisfaction with different conference' elements by marking one answer for each element

	Very good	Good	Average	Not very good	Bad
The preliminary information about the conference and the general information	16	29	5	1	
	31,3%	56,9%	9,8%	2 %	
The facilities	14	24	11	2	
	27,4%	47,1%	21,6%	3,9%	
The general methodology (adopted, varied...)	15	23	12	1	
	29,4%	45,1%	23,5%	2 %	
Timing of the conference	16	22	11	2	
	31,4%	43,1%	21,6%	3,9%	
The resource persons were qualified on their subject	26	24		1	
	51,0%	47,1%		1,96%	
The work done by organizers/trainers	27	20	4		
	53%	39,2%	7,8%		
The relations within the group	25	24	2		
	49,0%	47,1%	3,9%		
Personal contribution to this conference	11	28	10	2	
	21,6%	54,9%	19,6%	3,9%	
Please comment your contribution					



5. Any other comments:

5.1 Comments on objectives:

To clarify the concept/definition of “Youth participation”

YES (49)	NO (0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I had my idea regarding participation, thanks to discussions and the conference (presentations) I learnt more - I think still that everyone has a different idea when discussing about projects - Thanx to the conference and the words we had to find this goal has been reached - we still have different opinions, but we managed to find common concepts - lot of exchange, deep discussions - big advantage: opportunity to talk with all the people from SALTO, EUROMED in direct way - participation des jeunes permet à chacun de voir le mode de vie dans différents pays - but we need more workshops to be more clear - definitely, and what I enjoyed the most was to hear about the different situations in the MEDA countries - also important for my future work with the region - it was so clear - It has been described by many words and points of view, very complet - I loved the methodology - good conference: our existencial question: where is our place? - Il y a toujours des perspectives très différentes - Very good presentations and focussed on the objective - however, some clarification would have been good, such as what is political vs. social participation - the activity of the three words was really good 	

YES/NO (2)

- to some extent
- well, I don't think a huge concept like "youth participation" can be clarified, but: we did a huge step towards a better understanding of it in its various implications. Personally I learnt a lot about Youth Participation

To compare the existing situations of Youth participation in Programme as well as Mediterranean partner countries

YES (33)	NO (6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I found it very interesting to find out about the existing situations in Meda countries, because I didn't know about that before - Coming from a MEDA country I knew the situation there, but now thanks to this conference I learnt more about the situation in EU countries - Principalement du pt de vue des pays MEDA - à travers la discussion qui a été ouverte et bien enrichissante - Il y a eu une bonne distinction entre les pays MEDA et les pays européens et il y a eu une superbe explication sur le sujet - it was clear - it was great to meet youth from other realities - very interesting and informative panel speakers! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We did not work enough on the particularities of the Meda countries - Il m'a semblé que les interventions ne reflétaient pas la réalité du terrain. Sauf l'intervention de Vincenzo qui a adapté son discours et était plus précis. - not clear enough - More than compare I think it has been an exhibition but not a comparison - need more info/data - need more representations of different situations & issues - not clear for all things - we did not have that much comparison - there should have been more debates between the participants in formal work - The comparison was not done at all!

YES/NO (12)

- I had to choose just two workshops, so I didn't have the chance to learn more
- It's definitely not easy to compare them, not enough space to go more in detail: EU ≠ EU, MEDA ≠ MEDA
- we know better the Youth Participation in Egypt, but in the other countries?
- Hormis les interventions de Vincenzo, celles des 2 autres chercheurs étaient trop politiquement correctes pour être « crédibles »
- il n'a pas eu assez de temps
- we tried sometimes to compare them, but missed a more structured overview about the different situations. If the aim was to enhance knowledge and exchange informally, it was realized. (diff: informal vs. structured overview)
- partially * (* the reason for saying partially I think that the time has been quite limited. Sometimes it has been like a training course rather than a conference. I think that different aims have been tried being achieved in such a limited time with such a big number of participants.

To reflect about the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes as tools for stimulating participation: such as introducing good practice projects, support structures that develop methods and strategies, input by experts and researchers

YES (44)	NO (3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I would have liked to learn more about that but I will learn more by myself - Till now, I ignored the existence of a lot of these tools, but now I can go back home satisfied and I can share this with other NGOs I know - Dora was very helpful, Fatima and Bernard also, but I didn't have the chance to visit all of the workshops - J'ai decouvert beaucoup d'initiatives et d'actions portees par des collegues - Parfaitement - Les experts et les chercheurs ont pu, par leur propre experience, donner leur avis, ce qui nous a permis d'avoir des connaissances sur un mode de vie inconnu ou presque. - I want to stress the participation of WOLFGANG GAISER and DORA BEI (their inputs were brilliant). - the university speakers were 50/50, but for the rest it was excellent - Fatima is great. Also the EuroMed presentation was good. - Concerning good practice projects, the objectives were definitely fulfilled. I learnt a lot about different possibilities to get active and realize ideas / about different ideas in general. But: could have been a bit more intro about support structures, those done were more generally concerned with participation, not with concrete support structures. <p>NA :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although there could have been more info regarding both programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We did not learn the content of the programmes, which would have been very important - we did not enter on details on such projects - more details about the application form - There was presentation of the programs and possible projects, but no real reflection as to how YiA and EMYP can act as tools for stimulating participation
<p>YES / NO (4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes, but some of the inputs by experts and the researchers were too long. I enjoyed the best practices as presented by the participants, but it would have been interesting to hear best practices by NAs (their point of view) - partially * 	

To identify challenges for the development of Youth Participation in the EuroMed Youth cooperation

YES (39)	NO (3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants coming from different countries could show the necessity of youth participation with different points of view - I think that the work done during the participation café and the methodology used clarified this point - Yes, in the participation café - that was really usefull - Biensur, chaque participant avait posé et présenté la difficulté - Un jeune d'un pays MEDA n'a pas autant de facilites de s'exprimer qu'un jeune d'un pays européen. - it needs more - yes, but we need more cooperation from MEDA countries as well - yes, we identified them, but it would have been better if we had proposed solutions to these challenges - it was effective - we have challenge to face - on espere que le programme EuroMed IV va être prêt en 2009 ! - yes, but not so much from the participants point of view - the contribution of the participants was very powerful to that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not clear enough - to quick - need further info - little: MEDA countries - challenges were mentionned (visa, gouvernemental restriction), but little solutions/ideas put forward. Challenges from EU side less mentionned.
<p>YES /NO (9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - principalement ce qui m'a interessé c'est les échanges qui ont été faits - moins le pourquoi - not exactly - to some extent - partly achieved (structural deficits), but not explicit enough (for me) - partially * 	

To stimulate partnership building and development of projects supporting Youth participation in the framework of the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes

YES (47)	NO (1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked out well! - A lot of projects were born during these 3 days# - Regarding the number of projects presented compared to the number of participants, I think that this was achieved. - J'ai beaucoup apprécié la journée de samedi même si à mon sens il aurait été plus fructueux de laisser libre sans rappeler par tel ou tel point - oui, entre mon association et des autres de l'Egypte, l'Allemagne, la Turquie et le Portugal. - not enough time, would have needed days - yes, yes, yes!! ☺ - NA: - worked perfectly - 18 projects ... wow! - despite tight programme -> good methods to stimulate this exchange and possible partnership projects - There have been many stimulating dynamics in order to get this aim - really nice - I had the opportunity to find good partners - I met a lot of partner, and we are running for a partnership project - Pourquoi le programme EuroMed Jeunesse est prévu seulement pour 2 ans (2006 - 2008) ? Ça va causer une perte de continuité - Maybe it would be good to give application forms to fill in - Many ideas were discussed but little time for discussion. Follow up might be difficult because of this. - I think the networking was worth it to have one more session. - It was a big and enthusiastic partnership building procedure - the whole conference. Little time for concrete projects which is - in my opinion - good, since the time here can only be spent in order to find common interest. Project development is better and more effectively done with those still interested afterwards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I did not search for partnership
<p>YES /NO (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Le partenariat c'est bien, mais si les pays MEDA sont privés de toute action ou de tout projet cela ne sert à rien - Many projects out of these programmes. But it is not the most important. - partially * 	

5.2) In general, to what extend were your expectations met? (mark on the scale from 0 to 100%)

50% (1)

- Peu de temps pour connaître les autres partenaires/associations etc. Peu de temps pour les questions après les présentations/interventions etc., et même les ateliers.

60% (5)

- I was hoping for more technical advices in the different programmes
- En général, les organisateurs et tous les gens qui ont pris la parole nous ont bien expliqué la différence, tant au niveau participation qu'au niveau partenariat, entre les pays MEDA et européens. C'était enrichissant.
- I was waiting for more presentations on the Youth and EuroMed application form. A kind of training on what we can say
- I needed more time to talk with everybody
- I have to admit that I did not expect it to be so formal, in the sense of having long talks and spending so much time sitting down listening to others, I'm a youth that wanted to participate ☺

70% (5)

- "Youth Participation" is a very broad issue and I often find it difficult to have a concrete conference on the issue, but this one managed it really very good to combine theory and practice. However, I would have preferred some more explicit final statements even though I see this is difficult in an intercultural context. Nevertheless I think that it is also important to say clearly what the European notion of Youth Participation is.

75% (1)

80% (22)

- Partnership building /networking /exchange of ideas, concepts and situations => top!
"Youth Participation" concept => good
Description of situation of youth participation in different countries => little, low

85% (2) Much better than I expected
90% (12) 98% (1) 100% (3)

5.3) Was the atmosphere created appropriate to share and learn?

Really appropriate (27)

- The workshops especially allowed to share ideas in small groups which is easier
- Pour moi, le temps de l'organisation de ce seminaire était parfait
- some prejudices
- time for our common projects (how to find a partner etc. - it was a great time)
- a lot of ideas and much of experience have been shared. Future projects developed and contacts between the participants
- great! good mixture of interesting and committed people
- maybe some energizers and more interactive group work (more)
- I also wished it to be longer
- Yes, good, friendly and very organized structure, good to have translations

Appropriate (22)

- A language barrier between English and French speaking participants
- Tous les participants avaient à coeur de créer des liens pour les quelques jours où nous étions ensemble. La soirée interculturelle a été très bien préparée
- Moi qui suis française, les traductrices m'ont été d'une grande aide (et je les remercie) car j'ai des difficultés en anglais. Et grâce à elles, j'ai été plus à l'aise pour pouvoir mieux m'intégrer, comprendre, apprendre.
- There were a lot of people from various countries and good trainers
- We needed more time for debate and discussion between participants
- It's a lot of people in just 4 days they should have more ice-break activities
- It was a good atmosphere. However, I believe that sometimes to keep the schedule was a bit ...

Appropriate/Not Appropriate (1)

- appropriate: to learn formally... but not appropriate to share: more time should be allocated to socializing experiences between the participants - sharing of learning in an informal setting rather than just sitting down and listen - isn't that the formal way of learning?

5.4) My contribution:

- Sharing my knowledge & experiences
- I could introduce my organisation to several other participants and share my experience as project implementer but also as a youth participant.
- Ma contribution a été bonne vu que j'ai des connaissances sur les projets EUROMED
- I cant mark my contribution, I did a presentation, feedbacks were positive, during workshops I gave my point of view, participated actively in discussions.
- not as good as it should be, maybe because I'm involved in youth participation only on theoretical basis
- Vraiment, même que j'ai trouvé un peu de difficulté par rapport à l'anglais, mais grâce au traducteurs j'ai bien réussi d'atteindre mes objectifs.
- for me it was a real great and inspiring experience - many new ideas, friendships
- c'est la première fois que je participais à une conférence alors pour moi être parmi les jeunes MEDA qui n'ont presque pas le même mode de vie que moi, était une participation enrichissante. Les questions des autres m'ont permis de répondre aux miennes.
- I got new infos about « Youth participation », more contacts and partnerships.
- dans l'ensemble, le seminaire a répondu positivement à mes attentes initiales.
- I think, it was good.
- really good job, hope to continue to participate
- I could not really elaborate on projects, but I knew that right from the beginning (my target group are teachers and students - other conditions than non-formal learning). However, there will be possible cooperation (some participants also are teachers). Personal contribution can always be better, that's why I put myself in the middle of the dart board.
- I made a workshop.
- I was really involved, I love such meetings, and I want to give as I receive, and that was perfect.
- I tried to take part in many workshops as actively as I could.
- je suis satisfaite car je crois que grâce à cette rencontre on pourrait organiser plusieurs projets avec des nouveaux partenaires
- It's my first contribution with EuroMed, my first contact, so I was often listening and observing
- I did my best to participate in all that was asked.



- I shared some of my experience and learned what was possible.
- If I had had the chance I would have done better in sharing experiences, but time was always short ...
- I believe I contributed actively in this training, not only in presentations but also motivating the group and entertaining.
- I managed to build a good relationship between my organisation and some others. Beside, my small contribution in the networking helped other projects to get the appropriate facilities.
- Well, I could contribute very much with my personal ideas, concepts and experience, this was good for me since my "professional" knowledge of specifically Youth Participation is rather low. So: good that I could still contribute much through idea developing and exchange.
- My contribution was adapted to my expectations and objectives: participation in workshops, sharing experiences

5.5) Any other comments:

- I enjoyed the 3 days and I am happy that I had the chance to participate.
- Thank you for all your efforts before, during and for sure after this conference. You learnt, and now you teach for those who hopefully teach to others, and etc. Carry on this way you're great! ☺
- If the official language was English, then all the participants and especially resource persons should have spoken English in the workshops, plenary sessions, etc. - Thank you for the translators!
- J'ai trouvé très dommageable que dans une conférence sur la participation, des témoignages et prises de parole parfois très personnelles, certes, mais très essentielles pour les intervenants de façon assez violentes. Très bon accueil et disponibilité de Markus et Lidija. Merci pour tout et à bientôt.
- Bonne chance. Felicitations
- Thanx for being patient when we could not go away from our discussions to the meeting point
- Thank you for your work! It was a really fruitful and necessary activity! It was a unique opportunity to meet all the people from Europe and MEDA countries. We are very greatfull ☺
- C'est une bonne experience. Je tiens à remercier toutes les personnes qui ont été amenées à préparer cette conférence. Je remercie également l'INJEP pour son accueil. Thank you very much.
- I wish I can do my project with success and develop more projects for the young
- Great! wonderful work.
- Merci pour l'accueil à l'INJEP.
- The food is not very good.
- Thank you, it was a great pleasure.
- This conference is really good to learn from others and share with them!
- Thank you!! and we see us on our boat, Euromed Boat!!!
- J'ai beaucoup apprécié l'intervention de Vincenzo et des actions Jeunes. À mon goût il y a eu TROP de POLITIQUEMENT CORRECT. Mais ça semble être la condition pour que ce type de conférence existe. Il y en a encore beaucoup de travail - pour tous !
- If I were trainer, I would let a great place for Autonomy. For partnership workshops, for example.
- Peut-être il y avait trop de présentation/interventions et pas assez de temps pour réfléchir sur les choses.
- Contacts with others was sometimes difficult because of different languages, but the program was also busy and in 3 short days ... and anyway special thanx to Markus and Lidija. Great work
- INJEP is great! The only problem is the food and the cold water in the shower.
- Keep on!
- The conference in general was successful. Thank you!
- Thanx Markus and Lidija !! Such a really good experience with nice people.
- Thank you all for giving the opportunity to young people, to be together and to feel the power of youth. We are looking forward to the next one. It was nice to have with us representatives of NAs.
- Much more old people than young. The conference was for YOUTH participation!! Thank you for having us!
- I think the morning session on Saturday could have been skipped as there was no clear goal behind it (for me). Rather an extension of the project development time would have been very useful.
- Timing: sometimes loosing of time by repetition of the same information, for example, after the presentation of the activities 1.3. and 5.1. on Thursday, on Friday a workshop on the same activities.
- It was not easy to follow up the speech of some speakers, since some of them made their presentations from only written documents, they did not use any tools such as power points, flipcharts showing some important heading etc. that would make the presentations more easily understandable. Different guests/speakers from different areas such as public authorities, media, civil society could have been invited in addition to the academics. The time has been limited and there were many participants. It seemed to be a mixture of Training course, seminar... etc. Action 1.3 and Action 5.1. has been elaborated very well in one of the working groups. However there was no strong information for other actions of Youth in Action that gives a chance to EuroMed countries for participating in. However, as a sum, what I believe that I heard many new things took some new messages and received some new info that I can use for my future work. That's why I thank you very much to the French national agency and the trainers for their organization.
- I really enjoyed the conference; the group was big but fantastic. New projects will definitely arise. I would like to suggest that next time you should have a better coffee break, with cookies in the morning and in the afternoon. (Also the food was not very good). The other suggestion is to have places to separate the garbage so that this will be a most sustainable conference. We have to take care of the planet and these kinds of conferences/trainings are excellent opportunities to remember people of sustainability.
- Time of the conference could have been more fruitful if there were 1 to 2 days extra ...
- I liked a lot the thorough preparation and follow-up done, I mean the information given beforehand and collected to handovers afterwards. Highly organized team and very friendly indeed.
- I would have made the format of the "expert" inputs more interactive - 2,5 hours of listening were too much! It was a positive experience and I gained more insight about youth participation. I needed hot water in the shower every morning, I don't know if it was some trick to wake us up quicker ☺

6.3. List of interventions - speakers

Introductory inputs on Youth participation - Thursday, 13.11.2008

- 1) Bernard ROUDET, sociologist, researcher at INJEP: Youth Participation in Europe
- 2) Assia BOUTALEB, politologist researcher at university Paris 8: Participation politique des jeunes en Egypte
- 3) Vincenzo CICCHELLI, sociologist at university Paris Descartes, Sorbonne: Youth Participation in EuroMed.

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Presentations of the European Policies and the EuroMed Youth Programme:

- 4) Dora BEI, Head of the Greek agency - European Youth Policy Development -
- 5) Bernard ABRIGNANI, Head of SALTO EuroMed, and Dua'a QURIE, Head of the EuroMed Youth Unit in Ramallah - European Neighbouring Policy & EuroMed Youth Programme

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Presentations of Institutions on Youth Participation - Friday, 14.11.2008

- 6) Jan Martin MUNZ, European Youth Forum
- 7) Massinissa BOUAGACHE, EuroMed Youth Parliament
- 8) Sarah ZAIMI, Haythem KAMEL - League of Arab States
- 9) Ryan BUGEJA - Euromed Youth Platform
- 10) Robert TROLIN, Creccide (Carrefour Régional et Communautaire de la Citoyenneté et de la Démocratie)

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Workshops on Youth participation - Friday, 14.11.2008

- 11) Mahmoud NIHAL, Egypt - Youth Political Participation
- 12) Georges SYLVESTRE, France - EuroMed in culture
- 13) Tabet LAMA, Lebanon - Sports for a non-racist society
- 14) Jose Ángel ROMO GUIJAREEO, Spain - TIPITOPA. Congress about non formal education
- 15) Marwa WASFY, Egypt - Youth who we care - Youth can make the change
- 16) Héléne CREPAUD, France - Forum Europe Jeunesse
- 17) Eleni MARAGKAKI, Greece - Youth Participation in Greece
- 18) Wolfgang GAISER, Germany- Results of research about Youth Participation
- 19) Khalil SAKHRI, Algeria- Caracteristiques de la jeunesse en general et un aperçu sur la jeunesse algerienne
- 20) Federica DEMICHELI, Italy - Active learning of a foreign language ... within a group of young people with fewer opportunities

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Workshops Friday afternoon 14/11

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Introduction, presentation and choice of workshops				
	Amphitéatre Jean Guehenn translation	Debussy	Frayssinet	Mellies
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14:30 – 14:50				
14:50 – 15:30	<u>YOUTH POLITICAL PARTICIPATION</u> MAHMOUD NIHAL - Egypt ENGLISH	<u>EUROMED IN CULTURE</u> SYLVESTRE GEORGES -France join an EVS project - cultural cooperation in EuroMed FRENCH (ENGLISH)	<u>SPORTS FOR A NON-RACIST SOCIETY</u> TABET LAMA - Lebanon Chabibeh Sporting Club Chiah-Ain el Remmaneh ENGLISH	<u>TIPITOPA. CONGRESS ABOUT NON FORMAL EDUCATION</u> Jose Angel Romo Guijareeo - Basque Youth Council Youth Seminar (national): Action 5.1. Dialogues - Meeting – Network Reflection oabout the value of non-formal education ENGLISH
15:30 – 16:10	<u>YOUTH WHO WE CARE – YOUTH CAN MAKE THE CHANGE</u> Marwa Wasfy – Egypt ENGLISH	<u>FORUM EUROPE JEUNESSE</u> CREPAUD HELENE – France Project with 60 young people form 6 different countries to echange about European Citizenship and participation of extra-European young people FRENCH (ENGLISH)	<u>YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN GREECE</u> MARAGKAKI ELENI - Greece Working with nonformal groups in the framework of the Youth programme ENGLISH	
16:10 - 16:40	Coffee Break			
16:40 - 17:20	<u>RESULTS OF RESEARCH ABOUT YOUTH PARTICIPATION</u> Wolfgang Gaiser – Germany German Youth Institute ENGLISH	<u>CARACTERISTIQUES DE LA JEUNESSE EN GENERAL ET UN APERCU SUR LA JEUNESSE ALGERIENNE</u> SAKHRI Khalil Algeria FRENCH (ENGLISH)	<u>ACTIVE learning OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE</u> DEMICHELI FEDERICA -Italy ... within a group of young people with fewer opportunities FRENCH (ENGLISH)	