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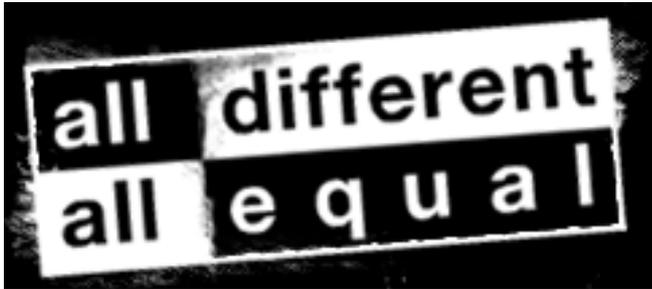


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Mediterranean Crossroads

*Migrations, Youth, Diversity,
Cultures and Religions*

*Monopoli, Puglia, Italia
6-10 June 2007*

PRESENTATION

APPLICATION
FORM

1. CAMPAIGNING FOR DIVERSITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION

The “All Different - All Equal” European youth campaign was one of the main proposals of the youth organisations’ “Youth Summit” that preceded the Council of Europe’s Summit in

Warsaw in May 2005. The campaign became part of the action plan adopted by the official

Summit of heads of state and government in Warsaw. The action plan states: “... **To promote diversity, inclusion and participation in society, we decide to launch a Europe-wide youth campaign, in the spirit of the “European Youth Campaign against racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance” (1995).**

The action plan considers also other Council of Europe measures which can be related to the campaign such as the intensification of the “the fight against racism, discrimination and every form of intolerance, as well as attempts to vindicate Nazism”.

The European Youth Campaign “All Different - All Equal” , run by the Council of Europe and its member states in 1995 was a milestone in reinforcing the fight against racism, antisemitism, xenophobia and intolerance. Now, from June 2006 to September 2007, the Council of Europe, with the support of the European Union and other partners, is running a new campaign on the themes of Diversity, Human Rights and Participation, based upon the slogan “All Different - All Equal”. Looking at the realities of racism, antisemitism, islamophobia, discrimination and all forms of intolerance today, the new Campaign must go further than the 1995 experience and must fully reflect the concerns of all citizens, but particularly those of young people. Thus, the Campaign represents the summum of the issues and principles of the Council of Europe’s youth policy, namely accession and inclusion, solidarity and social cohesion.

The campaign is based on national campaign committees, whose responsibility is to mobilise the partners concerned and organise the programme of the campaign in each member state.

The European activities aim at exploring common issues, exchanging practices and challenges and co-ordinating action between the various national and European partners of the Campaign.

2. CONTEXT ANALYSIS

The emphasis on differences between civilizations is paving the way for a new kind of racism, defined by the French philosopher Pierre André Taguieff as *racisme differentialiste*.¹ This new kind of racism highlights differences makes them appear to be static and absolute. Such ideas greatly impede intercultural dialogues and leads to xenophobia and an obsessive defense of traditions.

¹ Taguieff P.-A. (2003), *Cosmopolitismo e nuovi razzismi. Populismo, identità e neocumunitarismi*, Milano, Edizioni Mimesis.

The Mediterranean is an area of intense cultural and commercial exchanges, where differences meet, mix and coalesce to form new social systems. “Both in physical and human landscape, the Mediterranean as crossroads, an heterogeneous Mediterranean, is presented to our memory as a coherent image, a system where everything is melted and is re-composed in an original unity.”²

The Mediterranean is thus both a “border” which divides and a “bridge” which unites Europe, Asia, and Africa. A better understanding of this “liquid continent” is therefore very important to the re-configuration of European identity. Most of the migration to Europe passes through this sea. Many of the immigrants are young and face a number of challenges upon their arrival to Europe. But the issue of young migrants is not confined to Europe; it is truly a global issue. The World Development Report 2007, published by the World Bank, estimates between 32 and 29 millions of young migrants all around the world coming from developing Countries.³

The “All Different All Equal” Campaign, which was launched in June 2006, will continue its activities through out 2007. The Italian NCC is planning a Pan European activity which will include workshops on the general themes of the Campaign, as well as on aspects that seem particularly relevant to the Mediterranean region.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE AIM OF THE PROJECT

The aim of the project is to enhance the dialogue between young people from Europe and the Mediterranean in the spirit of the themes of the European Youth Campaign “All Different, All Equal,” which has been promoted by Council of Europe and facilitated by the Forum Nazionale Giovani in Italy. Specifically, the participants will look at the situation of migration in Europe and see how young people can influence programming and policy around this important issue.

The project consists of a 4-day flagship event, which will take place in Monopoli, Italy from the 6th to the 10th of June, 2007. The event will focus on two complementary themes:

- ***Social inclusion of young migrants: what role should youth organisations and governmental policy play?***

This issue is relevant throughout Europe and of particular significance to the Mediterranean region, which is seen as a “crossroads” between the different regions. This event will also be the only European Event of the Campaign that focuses on young migrants. It pertains not only to the Mediterranean, but also to Africa, Latin America, and Asia. For this reason, it is essential to involve young

² Braudel F. (1986), *Il Mediterraneo*, Milano, Bompiani.

³ World Bank (2006), *Development and the Next Generation*, World Development Report 2007.

migrants who are living in Europe. The theme is crosscutting and will be addressed through various sub-themes (e.g. inter-religious and intercultural dialogue, culture and arts, etc.).

➤ ***Promoting the Campaign in the Mediterranean Region***

The event gives a unique opportunity to spread the Campaign to young people and youth organisations across the southern shore of the Mediterranean, providing them a wide array of ideas and an understanding of the projects that have already been implemented by the European NCCs.

4. OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness about young migrants;
- Reflect on the causes and effects of migration (to both the host countries and countries of origin);
- Discuss European integration and inclusion;
- Explore and promote good practices for including migrants and refugees;
- Raise awareness on the themes of the campaign in the Mediterranean;
- Celebrate the diversity of cultures in the Mediterranean region;
- Develop a concept of how youth policies should play an active part in the integration of young migrants;
- Form a network of youth leaders from the Mediterranean, in order to continue the exchange of ideas.
- Formulate concrete actions that can be implemented within the framework of the Campaign.
- Raise awareness about Mediterranean co-operation and intercultural dialogue;

5. METHODOLOGIES

- Symposium on the contribution of youth policies to the integration of young migrants;
- Hold a “Mediterranean Village,” facilitated by young artists from European and Mediterranean Countries (this will include visual arts, music, a food festival etc.). Within the “Village” there will be organized activities to promote the concept that sports can be a tool for dialogue between Mediterranean youths;
- Other Cultural activities related to themes of the Campaign “All Different All Equal”;

6. PARTICIPANTS

a. Symposium

- Participants should be active in the field of migration or youth policies. Experience in both is preferable;
- They should be aged between 18-30;
- Participants should play an active role in their local and national communities;
- Participants should have the ability to speak English or French and be able to work in English;

b. Mediterranean Village

- Youth from the hosting city and hosting region;
- Representatives from member organizations of FNG;
- Young artists involved directly in the activities;
- Young sportsmen.

7. PARTNERS OF THE PROJECT

The event is organized by the Italian National Youth Forum – Forum Nazionale Giovani and the Council Of Europe in the frame of the Campaign “All Different – All Equal”. Co-organizers are the Italian Ministry for Youth and Sports and Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Other Partners of the Project are the Italian Ministries of Home Affairs and of Social Solidarity, the Region Puglia and the Municipality of Monopoli.

A number of other youth organizations are directly involved in the preparation, particularly through the network of the National Youth Councils of Southern Europe and youth organizations on the Mediterranean southern shore.

8. FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- Travel expenses

Travel expenses and visa costs are reimbursed (upon presentation of the relevant receipts) according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only participants who attend the entire training seminar can be reimbursed.

- Accommodation

Board and lodging are provided and paid for by the organisers.

- Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of **55 Euros** will be paid by each participant. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the during the event.

9. PROGRAMME

6th JUNE 2007

Arrivals

19.00 **Welcoming ceremony with local authorities**

Mayor of Monopoli

Representative of FNG

Dinner and cultural event

7th JUNE 2007

9.30 **Opening Session**

Chair: Cristian Carrara - President of FNG

Terry Davis - Secretary General of CoE (TBC)

Franco Frattini - Vice-President European Commission (TBC)

Giovanna Melandri - Italian Minister for Youth Policies and Sport Affairs (TBC)

Bettina Swarzmayr - President of European Youth Forum (TBC)

Representative of Puglia Regional Government (TBC)

(TBC: To be confirmed)

11.30 *Coffee break*

12.00 **Defining core themes of the meeting**

Working Groups

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30 *keynote speech*

Migration policies in Europe and beyond

Michael Bommers - Prof. of sociology, Osnabruck University, Germany (TBC)

16.00 *Coffee break*

16.30 *Panel Discussion*

Mediterranean, Youth, Migrations

Chair: David Gakunzi – NS Centre (TBC)

Introduction: Ugo Intini – State Secretary for Mediterranean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBC)

Discussion:

Reasons of Migration (*To be invited*)

EU policies in the Mediterranean (*To be invited*)

Youth Policies (*To be invited*)

18.30 *free time*

20.00 Dinner and cultural program

8th JUNE 2007

9.30 *Panel discussion*

Youth participation in migration policies

Chair: Marta Escribano – Spanish Youth Council (TBC)

Introduction:

Giuliano Amato – Minister for Home Affairs, Italy (TBC)

Discussion:

William Ong'ala - John Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA (TBC)

Representative from the Italian Consultative body for Religious pluralism (TBC)

Representative of European Youth Forum (TBC)

11.30 *Coffee Break*

12.00 Thematic Working Groups

- Non-formal education;
- EU policies on migration;
- Human rights and migration;
- The rise of xenophobia;
- Political participation;
- The right to the city;
- Gender and migration;
- Inter-cultural dialogue and migration;
- Inter-religious dialogue and migration;
- Euro-med cooperation;
- Lobbying for policy change;
- Role of youth NGOs (grassroots initiatives);
- Health and migrations;
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Children.

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30 *Working Groups Continued*

16.00 *Coffee Break*

16.30 *Working Groups Continued*

18.30 *Free Time*

20.00 *Dinner and cultural program*

9th JUNE 2007

9.30 **Presentation of results from Working Groups**
Fair/Exhibition

11.00 *Coffee break*

11.30 **General Report**

12.00 **Closing Session**

Peter Schatzer – Director, Regional Bureau for the Mediterranean, IOM (TBC)
Italian Minister (TBC)

Ralf-René Weingaertner - Director of Youth and Sport, Council of Europe

Giuseppe Porcaro – Chairperson of Advisory Council on Youth at the CoE

Pierre Mairesse - Head of the European Commission's Youth Unit

13.30 *Lunch*

14.30 *Cultural activities at the Mediterranean Village*

20.00 *Dinner*

21.00 **Cultural event - concert**
(Greetings from Local and Regional Authorities)

10th JUNE 2007

Cultural Activities at the Mediterranean Village

13.00 *Departures of participants*

Application Form “Mediterranean Crossroads”

Monopoli, Italy
6-10 june 2007

1. Personal data

Family name:

First name:

Sex: Male Female

Age:

Nationality:

2. Contacts

Postal address (*street, number, city, postal code, country*):

Telephone:

Telefax:

Mobile telephone:

E-mail:

3. NCC or organisation

Name:

Postal address:

Telephone:

Telefax:

E-mail:

Web-page: <http://www>.

4. Your role in the NCC/organization and your involvement in the Campaign?

5. What is your motivation for taking part in this course?

6. What are your expectations from this course?

7. How would your NCC/youth NGO benefit from your participation in this course?

8. Please, choose the working group to attend on the 8th of June

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

9. Special Needs:

Do you have any special needs or requirements (e.g. dietary, disability, etc.) ? *Please specify:*

Date:

Signature:

Please return the application form duly completed by
post or **preferably by email:**

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Deadline for submitting the form is 27th April
12.00 am CET