

# Youth Partnership News

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The current Partnership on Youth is a single framework agreement that covers 3 main areas of cooperation: youth research and policy; European citizenship and quality development; Euro-Med youth cooperation, Human Rights Education and Intercultural Dialogue.

## EURO-MED YOUTH COOPERATION

The Partnership's main role is one of complementarity and added-value to what is being done by other partners, mostly within the Euro-Med Youth programme. Over the past years, emphasis has been placed on quality development for training in Euro-Med.



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## TATEM: every end is always a beginning

TATEM, the pilot **long-term training course for active trainers**, was initiated in 2004 and concluded very recently in Essaouira (Morocco).

The course was composed of five phases, three of which were residential seminars and two were practical phases.

The course was developed in cooperation with the Salto Euro-Med Resource Centre; most of the participants/trainers have become even more active as a result of the course.

Their role in the programme will be even more important as the new national structures for the **Euro-Med youth programme** are progressively put in place and the programme will develop to the level of the expectations it created.



Training of Active Trainers in  
Euro-Mediterranean

## Human rights education: the key to intercultural dialogue?

Since the publication of the **Arabic version of Compass the manual on Human Rights Education with young people** ("Ittijahat", in Arabic), the Partnership has sought to strengthen human rights education in the Euro-Med cooperation framework.

**Two regional training courses** for the Arab region took place in Jordan and Egypt in 2006 and a third similar course will be organised in the Maghreb region in 2007.

The courses seek to **support the mainstreaming of human rights education** in the Euro/Med youth

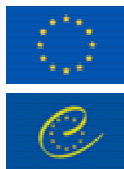
programme and, similarly, to **extend the scope of activities and partners** interested by Euro/Med youth cooperation.

The courses especially aim to **support the emergence of human rights education strategies and partnerships at national and regional levels**.

An **evaluation and consolidation meeting** will take place in autumn 2007 and will bring together the major stakeholders for human rights education in the region.

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## What about youth policy cooperation?

The Partnership has undertaken a pioneering role in the field of youth policy cooperation in the Euro-Med context.

In 2005, a **seminar on youth policy development** was the first step towards an exchange on how youth policies are being developed in Europe and the “Meda” countries.

A second **seminar on the role of youth research** took place in Cairo in November 2006. It was organised in cooperation with the League of Arab States, the Egyptian National Council on Youth, the Swedish Board for Youth Affairs and the Swedish Institute in Alexandria. The seminar brought together some 80 youth workers, researchers and “youth” civil servants.

Among the **conclusions of the seminar**:

- the need for closer cooperation between youth research and youth policy;
- the importance of research addressing the living conditions of young people
- and the necessary role that civil society, including youth organisations, should play in monitoring and translating the results of youth research into youth policy.

The process of youth policy cooperation will continue with a **seminar in 2007 about the role of youth participation**. It should culminate in a “high level conference” in 2008, but suggestions have also been made for organising a Euro-Mediterranean youth forum...



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## T-Kit “Mission Impossible?”

“Mission Impossible?” is the working title of the **T-Kit on Euro-Med youth work** being developed for nearly two years.

This T-kit **aims** to present trainers and youth leaders with activities and methodological proposals for dealing with issues central to the Euro-Mediterranean social, cultural and political context. Every chapter consists of a **thematic presentation** and **2-3 activities** to be used in youth training.

The impossibility of the mission lies on the **difficulty of producing meaningful and readable texts**

that reflect the vast diversity and wide scope of the issues in the European and “Mediterranean” realities. To limit the biases and ethnocentrism, all texts were read by several readers and “commentators”.

This may well have **secured the plurality of opinions and points of view** but it has also often increased the size of the text. The mission still seems impossible, but not completely out of reach!

Expect the T-Kit for Spring. Meanwhile, **alternatives for the title are welcome!**

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## Dialogue: the road to intercultural cooperation

Many activities within the Euro-Med strand of the Partnership are run in close cooperation with the **North South Centre of the Council of Europe**.

The Centre **promotes dialogue between Europe and other regions of the world** and plays an active role within the framework of the Euro-Med Partnership agreement: trying to ensure a Euro-Med presence in its global activities, it aims at integrating the Euro-Med reality into a more global dimension.

One of the major activities of the Partnership was organised by the North South Centre in cooperation with the European Youth Forum: a **Euro-Med seminar on Diversity, Human rights and Participation** in the framework of the University on Youth and Development.

**Euro-med youth cooperation** does not happen in a vacuum: within the European Commission it is part of the Neighbourhood policy; in a broader context it is part of inter-regional youth cooperation.

The **University on Youth and Development** had the merit of combining both and, in this process, to harmonise Euro-Med cooperation with the broader global context of intercultural cooperation of which Euro-Med is also part of and contributing to.

Securing this is also a way to try to give the right measure and dimension to Euro-Med issues. As one participant in a seminar put it: “*Euro-Med youth cooperation is definitely more important than the Euro-Med framework*”.



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