

II. EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

"EDUCATE FOR DIALOGUE"

9-10 October 2017

PIRAN – SLOVENIA

Background & Agenda

Our political efforts in pursuit of regional and international stability are increasingly widening to encompass elements of 'soft security', starting with our citizens' well-being. Across the Euro-Mediterranean region, which is characterised by increased movements of people and increased multiculturalism, the 'feel-good' factor also largely depends on the success of intercultural and inter-faith dialogue.

In this context, education has taken centre stage – education that creates not only employable, but also responsible and engaged young citizens. It must involve the widest range of social stakeholders to empower new generations, from the youngest onwards, with the social, civic and intercultural skills required in our increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

National policies and good practices are no longer enough. A more structured approach is needed, with better use of regional platforms. Therefore, the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia and the Euro-Mediterranean University – EMUNI are organising a conference on intercultural citizenship education (ICE) in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The conference will be a major EuroMed event to showcase, debate and advocate for intercultural citizenship education as a central tool for intercultural dialogue, and to offer a set of recommendations for governments, schools, trainers and other social stakeholders. It will provide an opportunity for networking to exchange good practices and create a shared approach to promoting intercultural citizenship education. It will involve experts, educators, representatives of national and local education authorities, international organisations, civil society and other social stakeholders from across the region.

The recently launched Anna Lindh Education Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship Education in the Euro-Mediterranean region constitutes an important reference work for developing the conference agenda. Developed by a multi-country team, in consultation with some 300 regional educators, it is a unique intercultural resource, proposing a common pedagogical approach to intercultural citizenship education across the EuroMed region.

The conference includes plenary sessions, interactive debates, and a 'networking café' to create new partnerships and exchange good practices. The working languages are English, French, Arabic and Slovenian.

SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2017

Arrival of participants

18.00	Pick-up at Histrion and Bernardin hotels & walk to Tartini Square
18.30	Inauguration of the exhibition "One Day in the Mediterranean" , Tartini Square
19:00	Welcome reception, Mestna kavarna, Tartini Square

MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2017

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

Welcome addresses

Karl Erjavec, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Maja Makovec Brenčič, Minister of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Slovenia

Elisabeth Guigou, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation

Hamid El-Zoheiry, President of EMUNI

Global Trends in Intercultural Citizenship Education

The globalised economic and cultural trends fuel national debates on multiculturalism in contradictory fashions – how to reconcile them? Can they converge around a common perspective of intercultural citizenship education? How is it recognised in the curriculum and pedagogy of national school systems? Is a common regional approach workable?

The panel will discuss the contents, the methods and the forums of intercultural citizenship education – and its nexus to sustainable development goals. It will analyse the necessity of a regional approach to ICE at the Euro-Mediterranean level and the ways of making it happen. How can lessons learnt at the global level be applied at the regional level, taking into account cultural specificities and sensibilities?

9:45 - 11:15

Moderated by: Shahira Amin, independent journalist, Egypt

Good practice: "Learning Indeed", Emil Balavac, Bosnia-Herzegovina

- Rodrigo Ballester, Cabinet of Commissioner Navracsics (Education), European Commission
- Saïd Bhira, special counsellor to the Secretary General in charge of Higher Education and Research, Union for the Mediterranean
- Samia Bibars, Director of Intercultural Dialogue Department, League of Arab States
- Mario Piacentini, PISA 2018 Global Competence Responsible, OECD
- Miguel Silva, Programme Manager - Global Education, North-South Centre - Council of Europe

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

One Step Further: Maximizing the Benefits of ICE in the Formal and Non-formal Education

How do we learn today? How can we bring the world to classrooms and classrooms to the world? How can we turn the traditional learning spaces into innovative ones – collaborative, intercultural, and socially engaged? And how can we upgrade the ICE in the non-formal education?

11:30 – 13:00

The panel will discuss the new partnerships needed to strengthen schools, and learning environment more broadly, as social places. It will give examples of the collaborations that already exist between formal and non-formal educators – and

	<p>those that still can and should be created. It will shed light on the added value of linking education to arts, sports and architecture, and present examples of good practice.</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Sergio Pawel, Chief Academic Officer at ISL Group, UK</p> <p><u>Good practice:</u> "Youth to Youth", Andrew Julius Bende, Denmark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anica Mikuš Kos, President of Slovenian Philantropy, Slovenia - Tarak Mahdahoui, Founder of Lameschaml, Tunisia - Matthew Milliken, University of Ulster, Ireland
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Pedagogical Approaches for the promotion of ICE</p> <p>Learner-centred, problem-oriented and practice-focused methodology, together with experiential learning, is the pedagogical approach central to ICE. What is the experience of those practicing it? Which improvements are needed? What are the characteristics of a favourable learning environment? What are the new trends in the field of pedagogical approaches? Which good practices can be shared? Is a regional approach needed? How does the formal education sector benefit from non-formal learning methodologies? What would a useful regional hub of pedagogical resources look like?</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Steven Stegers, Euroclio, the Netherlands</p> <p><u>Good practice:</u> "Our Rights", Blanka Jamnišek, Slovenia & Laila Bourjila, Morocco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noureddine Erradi, trainer on intercultural understanding for refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants, Morocco / the Netherlands - Blaž Kastelic, Dante Alighieri Primary School, Slovenia - Rayan El Batlouni, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), Lebanon - Maria Canfora, United World Colleges, Italy
15:30 – 16:15	Networking Café – exchange of good practices (educational bazar)
16:15 – 17:45	<p>Developing Capacity-building Schemes for Educators</p> <p>Often, in learning environments which become more and more culturally diverse, educators in the formal and non-formal education sectors feel the need (or are pushed) to develop their intercultural understanding and pedagogical competences. How to make educators embrace the importance of including intercultural elements in all subjects and at all levels? How to empower them to create their own intercultural activities or use the existing good practices? Are the existing mobility programmes for teachers/professors/youth and social workers sufficient? What are successful capacity-building programmes to replicate and build upon?</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Katarzyna Sztop-Rutkowska, Foundation Soclab, University of Bialystok, Poland</p> <p><u>Good practice:</u> "Game for EuroMed", Letizia Portera, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zeina Dbouk, Critical Thinking Coordinator, Teacher, Lebanon - Marina Lukšič Hacin, Research Center of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenia - Eleonora Insalaco, Programmes Manager, Anna Lindh Foundation
18:00 – 19:00	Guided tour of Piran
20.00	Dinner, hosted by the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, H.E. Iztok Mirošič

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2017

9:30 - 11:00	<p>Establishing local dialogue platforms</p> <p>An integrated approach involving educators in the formal and non-formal education sector, representatives of local authorities, civil society, social entrepreneurs and cultural operators who can act as multipliers to reach out to large numbers of young people is needed to spread a culture of dialogue for the respect of diversity, the nurturing of shared-values and the enhancement of intercultural exchanges among young people. Which policies exist to support this integrated approach? Are there good practices of multi-stakeholders' collaboration that can be replicated? What are some of the obstacles these communities face?</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Miquel Essomba, Commission for Education and Universities, Municipality of Barcelona, Spain</p> <p><u>Good practice:</u> "Shadows: young people & conflict", Hashem Kabreet, Lebanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yacoov Hecht, pioneer of democratic education and CEO of "Education Cities – the Art of Collaborations", Israel- Ann Van Dyck, Policy Support and Active Citizenship, Municipality of Antwerp, Belgium- Chaouki Barnoussi, Jeune Chambre Internationale, Tunisia
11:00 - 11:45	<p>Networking Café – exchange of good practices</p>
11:45 – 12:30	<p>Interculturality through Digitalisation</p> <p>Time of the »chalk and blackboard« is over, digitalisation of educational resources is unavoidable. What are the opportunities of this trend for the democratisation of learning and its increased interculturality? Is the use of ICT in formal and non-formal education a solution to ensure higher levels of inclusion in education? What are the pitfalls and how to tackle them?</p> <p>The 2nd Open Educational Resources Congress took place in Ljubljana in mid-September. The panel will present its conclusions and their relevance for the promotion of the ICE in the Euro-Mediterranean region.</p> <p>Marinko Banjac, Council of Europe Network of Coordinators for Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights, University of Ljubljana</p> <p>in dialogue with</p> <p>Mitja Jermol, Centre for knowledge transfer in IT, Jožef Stefan Institute</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>The Way Forward and Conclusions</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Hatem Atallah, Anna Lindh Foundation</p> <p>Remarks by institutional partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- League of Arab States- Union for the Mediterranean- Council of Europe- UNESCO
13:00 - 14:00	<p>Lunch</p>