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NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE



The North-South Centre - whose official name is the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity - is an institution of the Council of Europe. It is based in Lisbon (Portugal). Its main objective is to promote dialogue and co-operation between Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and Africa and to build a global citizenship based on human rights and citizens' responsibilities

2010 NORTH SOUTH PRIZE

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Every year since 1995, the North South Prize of the Council of Europe has been awarded to two personalities who have excelled in their commitment to the defense and promotion of Human Rights and pluralistic democracy, the development of intercultural dialogue and the reinforcement of the north-south partnership and solidarity.

The prize is awarded to one candidate from the north and one from the south after deliberation of the jury composed by members of the Bureau of the North South Centre and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. It is presided over by the Chair of the North South Centre's Executive Council and assisted in its work by the Secretariat of the North South Centre.

The Jury of the North-South Prize met in Strasbourg on 25 June 2010 to select last year's prizewinners. The Prize Ceremony will take place in Lisbon on 29 March 2011 and will be attended (on the part of the host country) by the President of the Republic, the Speaker of parliament and a member of the government and (on the part of the Council of Europe) the Secretary General, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Chair of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre.

Louise ARBOUR (Canada) and **Luis Inácio Lula da Silva** (Brazil) are the NSP winners for 2010.



Louise Arbour was born on 10 February 1947 in Montreal, Quebec. Ms. Arbour, a Canadian national, began her academic career in 1974. In 1995, Ms. Arbour was appointed Commissioner to conduct an inquiry into the Prison for Women in Kingston, Ontario. In 1996, she was appointed by the Security Council of the United Nations as Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda. In 1999, she was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. Ms. Arbour has received honorary doctorates from some thirty Universities and numerous medals and awards and is a member of many distinguished professional societies and organisations. Louise Arbour has served as President & CEO of the International Crisis Group since July 2009. Previously she acted as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2004 to 2008.



Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (born 27 October 1945), known commonly as Lula, was the 35th President of Brazil, elected in 2002 and re-elected in 2006 for a second term that ended on 1 January 2011. He started his political activism at 19 by getting involved in union activities and, after a very committed participation in labour movements, in 1980, together with a group of academics, intellectuals and union leaders, founded the Partido dos Trabalhadores (PT) or Workers' Party. During his mandate as President, Brazil's foreign policy became renowned for fostering "South-South" relations, the fight against poverty and the promotion of economic development and social equality around the globe.

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THE NEWS OF THE MONTH



Council of Europe mission to Tunisia, 21 February,

Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, together with the Secretary General, Thorbjørn Jagland, have paid an official visit to Tunisia. They have met with Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi, and with the President of the High Council in charge of Political Reform, Iyadh

Ben Achour. The meetings with the highest Tunisian authorities explored the possibilities of co-operation that the Council of Europe could offer to Tunisia. In the framework of the process of democratisation, the focus of the discussion has been on constitutional reform and forthcoming elections.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

Evaluation and follow up meeting of the steering Group of the II Africa Europe Youth Summit, 18 February, in Catalezete (Portugal)

Preparatory Meeting Africa Europe Youth Leader Seminar, 19 February, in Oeiras (Portugal)

This meeting was held in Oeiras, Portugal. The aim of the meeting was to prepare the Africa-Europe Youth Leaders Meeting, to be held in Brussels, on 10-13 April 2011. [See the meeting report](#)



University on Participation and Citizenship, 23-27 February (Uruguay)



The University on Participation and Citizenship (UPC) is a privileged place of encounter, exchange, education and generation of actions between leaders of youth movements and institutions dedicated to working with youth in Latin America. It aims to strengthen the field of citizenship and activism aimed at developing youth. Having emerged in early 2004 at the initiative of the Youth Forum of Uruguay and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Montevideo with the support of Latin American and Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs / YMCA (LACA) and the Youth Council of Spain (CJE), the UPC is held every year between February and March. It is modeled on the Global University on Youth and Development which takes place in Mollina-Spain and which in September 2010 held its eleventh edition.

1st Preparatory Meeting African Youth Diaspora Seminar on Millenium Development Goals, 26 February, in Almada (Portugal)

Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd African University on Youth and Development (Cape Verde), 26 February, in Almada (Portugal)

The 3rd African University on Youth and Development will be organised in Cape-Vert, in May 2011, to give continuity to the learning process already started with the previous African Universities on Youth and Development, in 2009 and 2010. The University will be framed within the context of the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation programme, the International Year of Youth, the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers and the UN Year of Afro-descendants.

Global Education online Training Course (Spring course), 28 February -25 March

This global education online learning course is designed for education practitioners, social workers, youth activists, as well as policy and decision makers. [See the website](#)

At THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

5th edition of Dialogues de Strasbourg, 10 February, in Strasbourg (France)

The Stéphane Hessel evening held on Thursday 10 February at the Strasbourg Music and Convention Centre was recorded by the regional channel Alsace 20. It is also available on the Alsace 20 website (www.alsace20.tv). Stéphane Hessel is a former diplomat, French resistance fighter, writer and laureate of the Council of Europe North-South Prize in 2004. [More](#)

Meeting of the Group of Eminent Persons, 14-15 February, Madrid (Spain)



The Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe, chaired by Joschka Fischer, held its 4th meeting in Madrid on 14-15 February. The Group had exchanges of views with Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, and with Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Spain. [More](#)

Seminar on "migration and Human Rights", 17-18 February, in Istanbul (Turkey)

The Seminar was organised in Istanbul on 17-18 February by the Commissioner and the Turkish Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers. It aimed to exchange views on the most important discrepancies between European migration laws and practices and human rights standards, as well as on optimal ways to provide assistance to states in reflecting on and revisiting their migration policies. [More](#)

Meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education and Hearing on "the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue", 18 February, in Paris (France).

The Chair of the Executive Council, Deborah Bergamini participated in the Committee on Culture, Science and Education of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) hearing, in Paris on 18 February on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, in the context of preparation of a report on this subject by Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE). [More](#)

Participation of Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio in the session of the UN Commission, 28 February - 4 March, in New York - Washington (USA)

Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio participated in the session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, round table on sexual violence against children and meetings with UN representatives, as well as meetings in the Organisation of American States.



At the LEVEL OF OUR PARTNERS

Launching of the 2011 World Interfaith Week Harmony – Alliance of Civilizations and British Council, 1st February, Lisbon (Portugal)



The NSC participated to the launching of the 2011 World Interfaith Harmony Week, 1st February, in Lisbonne (Universidade Lusófona, Portugal).

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The European Union and the United Nations react on recent developments in the Arab Region

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25th Commemorative General Assembly of the Portuguese National Council of Youth, 12 February, in Coimbra (Portugal)

“Conference on rights to cultural diversity” by University of Jaen & Alliance of Civilisations Spain, International University of Andalusia, 25 February, in Seville (Spain)

2nd National Forum of the Diaspora organised by the National Youth Council, 25-27 February



As part of celebrations of International Youth Year, has held on 26 February at the Youth Hostel in Almada, the Opening Session of the Second National Forum of Young Descendants of Immigrants and African Diaspora during which the Euro-African Youth Centre was inaugurated by the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports, Dr. Laurentino Dias. The Second National Forum of Young Descendants of Immigrants and African Diaspora was organised by the Portuguese Youth Institute and the National Youth Council in partnership with the North South Centre of the Council of Europe and ADYNE - African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe and has the support of the High Commissioner for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue - ACIDI.

Steering Group Meeting of ADYNE, 25-26 February, in Lisbon (Portugal)

II Euro-Arab Cities Forum, 25-26 February, in Malaga (Spain)



The 2nd Euro-Arab Cities Forum, took place in Malaga on 25 and 26 February, brought together mayors of European and Arab municipalities, representatives of international organisations and associations of local authorities to debate issues of local governance, urban management for sustainable development, as well as culture, heritage and tourism.

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MARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

Global Education online Training Course (Spring course), 28 February -25 March

The online training course is continuing.

Central Africa sub-regional seminar on youth policies and the African Youth Charter, 11-13 March, in Libreville (Gabon)

The Central Africa sub-regional seminar on youth policies and the African Youth Charter aims to provide a strategic guideline on how to use the skills, energy and innovation of young people and ensure an environment conducive to successful development objectives, constructive leadership, participation and autonomy of the youth.

Regional conference on global education in the Visegrad countries/Central Europe, 24-25 March, in Prague (Czech Republic)

On 24-25 March, a regional seminar on Global/Development Education in Central Europe (Visegrad countries) will take place in Prague, Czech Republic. The seminar is co-organised by the Visegrad NGDO Platforms (FoRS, HAND, Grupa Zagranica and MVRO) and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, within the framework of the Joint Management Agreement signed between the European Commission-EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre. The objectives of the seminar are to jointly discuss and identify common challenges in the Visegrad countries and exchange best practices within the V4 region as well as with European countries/institutions and experts from the South; to develop joint action and collaboration within and beyond the V4 region; to promote GE/DE as an integral part of education and development cooperation; and to elaborate recommendations for strengthening GE/DE in V4 countries. The seminar is expecting participation from all stakeholders active in the field of GE/DE: Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministries of Education; higher education; teacher training institutes; NGOs; teachers; national and/or European parliamentarians; local authorities; experts from the North and the South and from international organisations.

45th meeting of the Executive Council, 28 March, in Lisbon (Portugal)

2010 North-South Prize Award Ceremony, 29 March, in Lisbon (Portugal)

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MARCH ACTIVITIES *At the COUNCIL OF EUROPE*

Parliamentary Assembly Bureau meeting and Standing Committee, 10-11 March, in Paris (France)

5th Inter-institutional meeting on "Strategies for the implementation of regional and international texts on citizenship and human rights education", 14 March, in Strasbourg (France)

46th Meeting of the European Steering Committee for Youth, CDEJ, 14-16 March, in Strasbourg (France)

5th Meeting of the Council of Europe Group of Eminent Persons, 17-18 March, in Brussels (Belgium)

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20th Plenary Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 22- 24 March, in strasbourg (France)

Symposium "The role of civil society in promoting intercultural dialogue: How can NGOs play their part in addressing the challenges of multicultural European societies?", organised by **Cajep International and civil society and Democracy Committee – COE INGO Conference**, 24-25 March, in Istanbul (Turkey)

At the LEVEL OF OUR PARTNERS

International Women's Day, 8 March

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Session for the presentation of materials on Inter-religious dialogue organised by ACIDI, 10 March, in Lisbon (Portugal)

Debate on the theme "At the Margins of Europe? Muslims in Finland, Ireland, and Portugal", co-organised by **the British Council**, 17-18 March, in Lisbon (Portugal)

Participation of the Executive Director, Denis Huber in VIth International meeting Monaco and the Mediterranean "Can the Mediterranean play a civilizing role? Perspectives on the legacies and cultural challenges", 17-19 March, in Monaco

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International Day of Eradication of Racial Discrimination, 21 March

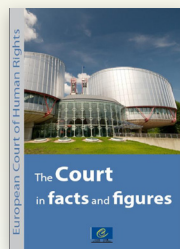
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"Workshop on Education to Intercultural dialogue", at the **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Padua**, 22-23 March, in Padua (Italy)

Special session of the Structured Dialogue, focusing on the Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) supporting initiative, 30 March, in Brussels (Belgium)

PUBLICATIONS

At the COUNCIL OF EUROPE



The European Court of Human Rights - Facts and figures (2011)

This book retraces the Court's activities and case-law since its foundation in 1959. The presentation of several hundred of the cases the Court has examined, together with statistics for each State, paints an overall picture of the Court's work and the impact its judgments have had in the member States.

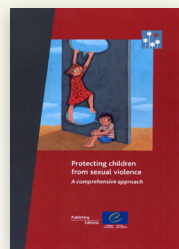
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European pack for visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum - Guidelines for teachers and educators (2011)

This pack is designed for teachers wishing to organise student visits to authentic places of remembrance, and for the guides, academics and others who work every day with young people at Auschwitz

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Protecting children from sexual violence - A comprehensive approach (2011)

A comprehensive approach is a collection of highly readable expert papers for both child professionals and the general public. It is divided into five parts, presenting a European overview and covering the existing legal frameworks; abuse prevention and reporting; rehabilitation and social reintegration of victims; sexual violence on the Internet; and public and private partnerships against abuse. It also sheds light on the little-known problem of children who are sexually abusing other children.

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MARCH CALENDAR

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28 February -25 March	Global Education online Training Course (Spring course)		
8 March			International Women's Day
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11-13 March	Central Africa sub-regional seminar on youth policies and the African Youth Charter (Libreville, Gabon)		
14 March		5 th Inter-Institutional Meeting on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights (Strasbourg)	
14-16 March		46 th Meeting of the European Steering Committee for Youth, CDEJ, (Strasbourg)	
17-18 March		Debate on the theme "At the Margins of Europe? Muslims in Finland, Ireland, and Portugal", co-organised by the British Council (Lisbon)	
17-19 March		VI th International meeting Monaco and the Mediterranean "Can the Mediterranean play a civilizing role? Perspectives on the legacies and cultural challenges" (Monaco)	5 th Meeting of the "Group of Eminent Personalities" of the CoE (Brussels)
22-23 March		"Workshop on Education to Intercultural dialogue", at the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Padua (Italy)	20 th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the CoE (Strasbourg)
24-25 March	Regional conference on global education in the Visegrad countries/Central Europe (Prague)	INGO Forum "Civil society as actor promoting intercultural dialogue: How can NGOs face new challenges facing our multicultural European societies?" organised by Cajep International and civil society and Democracy Committee – COE INGO Conference (Istanbul - Turkey)	
28 March	5 th meeting of the Executive Council (Lisbon)		
29 March	North-South Prize Award Ceremony (2010) (Lisbon)		