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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

A HISTORICAL DAY FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE - 5 MAY 2011

FOCUS



On 5 May, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has adopted a new statutory resolution for the North-South Centre. As Chair of the Executive Council, I welcome this crucial step, which puts a positive end to a process launched in November 2009 by the Parliamentary Assembly, in connection with the 20th Anniversary of the Centre. Through this decision, the member states - and indeed all the stakeholders of the North-South Centre - are confirming its relevance and importance, at a time when the Arab countries - our neighbours - are facing historical changes.

The main lines of the Centre's new statute, which will enter into force on 1 June 2011, are the following :

- the Centre will keep its present legal nature, and continue to function as an enlarged partial agreement of the Council of Europe;
- an invitation is made to all member states of the Council of Europe as well as to the European Union to join the Centre as soon as possible;
- the Centre will mainly act as an interface between the Council of Europe and countries in neighboring regions which are interested in cooperating with the Organisation, by offering them a platform for structured cooperation at different levels (governments, parliamentarians, local and regional authorities, civil society);
- the two present statutory organs of the Centre will be merged into a new "Executive Committee", which will be the single decision making body of the North-South Centre : through this important structural change, the "quadrilogue" functioning of the Centre is preserved, while full participation of all member states in the decision making process is ensured;
- the relationship with the European Union will be reinforced, through the introduction of the EU Committee of Regions as a new stake-holder of the North-South Centre;
- the priority areas of the Centre are confirmed (education, youth, intercultural dialogue), with an increased focus on the promotion of Council of Europe principles and values beyond the European continent.

At the same time, the Committee of Ministers has adopted - after three years of work - a Recommendation on education for global interdependence and solidarity, which is the first European legal standard on global education. This Recommendation will offer a solid basis for the Centre's work in one of its major fields of activity, in Europe and beyond.

Indeed, 5 May 2011 will remain a historical day for the North-South Centre!

Deborah Bergamini

Chair of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre

Resolution CM/Res(2011)6 on the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)

Reply to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1893 (2009) on "The future of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)"

Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on education for global interdependence and solidarity

CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2011 NORTH SOUTH PRIZE



The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe has launched the call for nominations for the 2011 North-South Prize.

All suggestions of candidates are welcomed. Before submitting your suggestion please consult the information note on the North-South Prize.

The deadline is 30 June 2011.

Nominations should be sent to:

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RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

Baku World Forum for Intercultural Dialogue, 7-9 April, in Baku (Azerbaijan)



The North South Centre participated in the World Forum on Intercultural dialogue and organised a workshop under the theme "Dialogue between and among the World's Religions". The Forum addressed the conceptual, governance, policy and practical aspects of the challenge of intercultural dialogue.

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Africa Europe Youth Leaders Seminar, 10-13 April, in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

The "Youth Leaders Meeting on Youth Policies in the Context of the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation" provided the opportunity for youth leaders to build a common action plan on the development of the Africa-Europe Youth dialogue and cooperation framework and on the implementation of the recommendations resulting from the Africa-Europe Youth Summits.

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At the COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Council of Europe Youth Peace Ambassadors – Human Dignity and Peace-Building by Young People in Europe



Young Peace Ambassadors is a project of the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe. It aims to promote the role of youth in peacebuilding, to contribute to live together in dignity and dialogue.

The Council of Europe invites youth leaders coming from conflict-affected communities to take part in its Youth Peace Ambassadors project. The project combines residential training, distance learning and field initiatives supported by a European network and is run from 2011 to 2013. [More](#)

Plenary Session of the Steering Committee for Education, CDED, 5-7 April, in Strasbourg (France)

2nd part-session of the 2011 PACE Ordinary Session, 11-15 April in Strasbourg (France)

A debate on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, as well as the address by the Prime Minister of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, were highlights of the spring session of the Parliamentary Assembly. [More / Special File](#)

CoE INGO Conference session, 11-14 April, in Strasbourg (France)

Council of Europe Multi-stakeholder conference on Internet freedom – from principles to global treaty law?, 18-19 April, in Strasbourg (France)



Recent events in Northern Africa and the Wikileaks affair have shown how access to the Internet can be easily disrupted, while the freedom of expression and values of democracy are put into question. What kind of responsibility do States have with regard to the Internet? The Council of Europe conference which took place in Strasbourg on 18-19 April, tried to answer this question.

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At the LEVEL OF OUR PARTNERS

Seminar on the theme "Baltic-Mediterranean Axis: A New Framework for Cooperation?", 4-5 April, in Espoo (Finland)

From 4 to 5 April, Tampere Peace Research Institute, Head of the Anna Lindh Finnish Network, co-organised in Espoo, Finland, an international seminar on the theme "Baltic-Mediterranean Axis: A New Framework for Cooperation?". [More](#)

UNAOC Media Forum, 6 April, in Cairo (Egypt)

A forum focusing on media in the Arab World in the face of ongoing regional changes, and its role in relations with West took place in Cairo on 6 April. The forum held, next to Tahrir Square at the headquarters of the Arab League in Cairo, Egypt, was jointly organised by the Arab League and the Anna Lindh Foundation alongside the UN Alliance of Civilizations. Reacting to the historic events the Arab region has experienced since the start of this year, the forum brought together around 150 media practitioners, policy-makers and civil society representatives from around the world to explore the implications for cross-cultural relations within and across societies. [More](#)

MIPEX III (Migrant Integration Policy Index III - 2011), 27 April, in Lisbon (Portugal)

A study led by the British Council and the Migration Policy Group assessed and compared Portugal with other countries from Europe and North America, and ranked Portugal as the second country with the best migrant integration policies. The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation was the MIPEX partner in Portugal. [More](#)

2nd Regional Intergenerational Forum by the office of the Chair of UNESCO and the Institute of Comparative Human Rights, 29 April - 8 May in San Marcello Pistoiese (Italy)

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MAY ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CENTRE

2011 Portuguese Development Days, 5-6 May in Lisbon (Portugal)



The North-South Centre participated in the 4th edition of the 2011 Portuguese Development Days held at the Institute of Social and Political Sciences of the Technical University of Lisbon under the theme "The Challenges of Development", on 5-6 May.

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2nd Preparatory Meeting African Youth Diaspora Seminar on MDGs, 6-8 May in Lisbon (Portugal)

Global Youth Work Training Course, on 15-22 May in Sal (Cape Verde)

The course is being organised in the framework of the Joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and will be implemented in co-operation with ICMYO and the Portuguese National Youth Council.

[Presentation and call for application / Applications Form / Endorsement form](#)

3rd African University on Youth and Development, on 15-22 May in Sal (Cape Verde)

4th meeting of the Monitoring Group of the Africa Youth Co-operation, on 15-22 May in Sal (Cape Verde)

Exploratory workshop "Teaching intercultural dialogue and religious diversity around the Mediterranean", 16-17 May, in Lisbon (Portugal)

Meeting with BUILD staff, trustees and members : exchanges of information and co-operation prospects, 17-18 May, in London (England)

4th EuroDIG meeting (European Dialogue on Internet Governance) – Forum, 30-31 May, in Belgrade (Serbia)

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At the COUNCIL OF EUROPE

"Council of Europe in Brussels" week, 2 – 6 May

The Council of Europe held a series of events in Brussels from 2 to 6 May to highlight the organisation's growing presence in the city and its changing role in today's Europe. Highlights included high-level meetings between Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland and senior EU officials, including Commissioner Viviane Reding.

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UNIDEM CAMPUS - Seminar on "Information, (Social) Media and the Civil Service", 2-5 May, Trieste (Italy)

This seminar was organised in the framework of the Universities for Democracy - Campus project by the Venice Commission.

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Ministerial Session of the CoE Committee of Ministers (Istanbul): end of the Turkish and start of the Ukrainian Chairmanships, 11 May

At the LEVEL OF OUR PARTNERS

World Press Freedom Day, on 3 May

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DOHA PRE-FORUM 2011 - Consultation with civil society organizations, Connecting the UNAOC's mission and the MDG: an Agenda for Collaborative Action, 3-4 May 2011 in Doha (Qatar)

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Estoril Conference, Global Challenges, Local Answers, 5-6 May, in Estoril (Portugal)

The second edition of the Estoril Conferences on Global Challenges, Local Answers will take place between 4 and 6 May 2011 at the Estoril Congress Centre. The event will include 4 conferences with guest speakers and 4 thematic panels.

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18th Conference COPEAM (Permanent Conference of the Mediterranean Audiovisual Operators), 12-15 May in Ayia Napa, Cyprus

World day for Cultural Diversity, for Dialogue and Development, 21 May

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European workshop within the Pestalozzi Programme: "Promoting teachers' competences to enhance citizenship and democracy in the school community", 25-28 May (Caparide)

PUBLICATIONS



Human rights in Europe: no grounds for complacency (2011)

This report analyses the jurisprudence of the European Political rhetoric on human rights in Europe is different from daily reality. Almost every politician is on record as favouring the protection of freedom and justice. Standards on human rights have been agreed at European and international level; many have been integrated into national law; but they are not consistently enforced. There is an implementation gap.

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Orientations pour le développement de législation et de systèmes de gestion du patrimoine culturel (2011) - (in French only)

Cette publication s'inscrit dans une série lancée en 2000 sur des sujets d'intérêt général, à partir d'expériences acquises dans le cadre de projets pilotes menés dans différents pays et mis à la disposition des intervenants dans le domaine du patrimoine dans l'ensemble des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe.

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Ecole, collectivité, université: des partenariats pour une démocratie durable. L'éducation à la citoyenneté démocratique en Europe et aux Etats-Unis (2011) - (in French only)

Ce guide examine la manière dont les écoles et les universités peuvent collaborer avec les collectivités locales afin de promouvoir la démocratie dans la société en s'appuyant sur les principes de l'éducation à la citoyenneté démocratique (ECD), un concept développé par le Conseil de l'Europe. Les partenariats pour l'ECD, qui visent à trouver des solutions collectives à des problèmes locaux, favorisent le développement des compétences et des valeurs civiques des citoyens, et contribuent à l'amélioration de la conscience citoyenne des collectivités. Cet ouvrage analyse le fonctionnement de ces partenariats dans la pratique; il explique comment ils se construisent, comment leur donner une assise durable et comment assurer leur bon fonctionnement.

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Media matters in the cultural contradictions of the "information society" - Towards a human rights-based governance (2011)

This is an online identity protected by freedom of expression or is it a form of publicity subject to trademark law? Is online privacy a commercial service or a public right? What are the limits of consent when dealing with privacy as a service? What are "free", "open", or "public" services on the Internet and how can citizens use them effectively? What policy initiatives can ensure that the digital networks deliver the goods, spectacles and services for our everyday activities that improve our quality of life? What role for governments, the private sector and civil society? What frameworks for international policy instruments to achieve a fair, inclusive and balanced governance of the media as they go digital? This work addresses these burning issues - and many more - that preoccupy decision makers, researchers and activists at all levels of society.

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Le dialogue interculturel dans le système européen de protection des droits de l'homme (Série livre blanc - Volume I) (2011) - (in French only)

La publication analyse la place de la promotion de la diversité culturelle dans la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme - une diversité encouragée par le Conseil de l'Europe, notamment par le biais de son Livre blanc sur le dialogue interculturel. La position de la Cour quant aux conditions et aux principes de gouvernance indispensables au dialogue interculturel, et notamment sa jurisprudence sur la liberté de pensée, de conscience et de religion, la liberté d'expression et la liberté de réunion et d'association offrent de précieuses orientations aux responsables politiques, aux universitaires et à toutes les personnes qui travaillent sur le terrain.

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Council of Europe - Activity report 2010 (PDF only) (2011)

Among the highlights of 2010 were the Russian Federation's ratification of Protocol No. 14, the Interlaken Conference on reform of the European Court of Human Rights, the opening of negotiations on the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, the 60th anniversary of that Convention, and the start of an initiative on multicultural Europe (Group of Eminent Persons).

The high-level meeting on Roma, which took place in October, and the mediating role played by the Organisation in resolving the political deadlock in Moldova have shown that the Council of Europe can provide speedy and practical responses to situations which lie within its fields of responsibility.

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MAY CALENDAR

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3-4 May			UNAOC Civil Society Forum (Doha)
3 May			World Press Freedom Day
4-6 May		Estoril Conference, Global Challenges, Local Answers, Estoril (Portugal)	
5-6 May		Portuguese Development Days : "ODD 2011 (4 ^a Edition) "The challenges of development" (Lisbon)	
6-8 May	2 nd Preparatory Meeting African Youth Diaspora Seminar on MDGs (Lisbon)		
11 May			Ministerial Session of the CoE Committee of Ministers (Istanbul): end of the Turkish and start of the Ukrainian Chairmanships
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