



North-South Centre of the Council of Europe



SEED FUNDING – AFRICA EUROPE YOUTH COOPERATION PRESENTATION & APPLICATION 2012

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**A grant presented in the framework of Joint Management Agreement between the
European Commission – EuropeAid and the North-South Centre of the Council
of Europe**



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BACKGROUND

The **aim of the North-South Centre's Youth Programme** is to raise European awareness of issues of global interdependence and solidarity and to promote co-operation and human contacts between Europe, the southern Mediterranean and Africa. More specifically, the objective is to provide training and capacity building for young people and youth organisations as well as to facilitate policy action on youth in development policies, reinforcing the role of youth as a dynamic force in the field of North-South interdependence.

The **Africa-EU Strategic Partnership**, a framework created by the 2nd EU-Africa Heads of States Summit, and the Africa-Europe Youth Summit recognise youth as a key actor in development in Africa and in Europe. The strengthening of youth organisations and youth movements is critical for development in general and in particular for developing youth policies that will allow for sustainable co-operation among African and European youth.

As a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits in 2007 and 2010, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe has been developing and implementing a programme in partnership with key governmental and non-governmental actors in Africa and Europe, including the European Youth Forum and the African Youth Platforms such as the Pan African Youth Union, the African Union and the European Union.

The North-South Centre has co-operated with the European Commission (Europe Aid, DG Development and DG Education and Culture) in order to secure a sustainable process for collaboration which will provide important support of various (youth) structures, quality, reassurance and funding for Africa-Europe youth work.

In November 2008, the North-South Centre and the European Commission (EuropeAid) signed a **Joint Management Agreement** for a period of three years (2009-2011) that aims at strengthening global education in the new Member States of the European Union and supporting Africa-Europe youth co-operation. This agreement was prolonged until 2012 in November 2011.

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Moreover, as a follow up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summit and answering to the priorities of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, the Joint Management Agreement will:

- Promote the empowerment of Europe's and Africa's youth;¹
- Strengthen young people's capacity to disseminate information and to get involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Strategy;²
- Facilitate moments of encounter and exchange between young Africans and Europeans;³
- Help mapping the existing African youth networks.⁴

¹ As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

² As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

³ As in 108, under civil society + 108. under the heading Monitoring, evaluation and review mechanisms

⁴ As in the action plan of the joint strategy under the heading Making it work: institutional architecture and implementation

Complementary to the *Joint Management Agreement*, a programme of Euro-African training activities and support measures has been implemented since 2009 in the framework of the *Partnership on Youth between the Council of Europe and the European Union (DGEAC)*.

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The Africa Europe Youth Programme includes activities such as:

- five sub-regional seminars on youth policies and African youth charter;
- Africa-Europe training courses for youth organisations, and training opportunities for African Diaspora in Europe;
- mapping exercise of Africa-Europe youth cooperation/work, leading to the creation of an Africa Europe Youth Cooperation on-line resource centre.
- providing seed funding for pilot youth NGO exchanges;
- the establishment of the Africa Europe Youth Platform and institutional follow up, monitoring and implementation with key youth actors from Africa and Europe, and representatives of implementing agencies and institutions of the Africa-Europe youth strategy;
- African University on Youth and Development.

SEED FUNDING

Seed Funding for Africa Europe Youth Cooperation is a grant allocation intended to promote Africa Europe youth exchanges, networking and political participation of non-state actors. It aims at funding initiatives which provides the possibility for youth leaders, youth workers, experts and trainers to participate in Euro African Youth activities and youth exchanges projects. The grants are of a maximum 2000 € per project/organisation.

Aim

The seed funding aims to strengthen the role of young organisations as civil society actors and youth (leaders) ability to organise and take action as well as strengthen young people's political participation in Euro-African cooperation.

Criteria for applicant organisations and projects

- The application should be submitted by a youth organisation, network or non-state actor at local, national, (sub)regional or international level that is active in promoting Africa Europe youth cooperation.
- Priority is given to projects presented by organisations coming from Africa and/or from the African Diaspora Living in Europe, and organisations/networks that submit projects which will allocate the grant support for African youth participants in the project and/or participation of African Diaspora in the project.
- The participants in the project benefiting from the grant should be under 35 years of age.
- Innovative projects with an experimental approach are encouraged to apply.

- Projects that respond to the thematic priorities, such as: youth rights; youth participation; climate change, food security and youth entrepreneurship would be priorities in this call.

Eligibility of expenses

The following costs are eligible for the grant:

- International travel
- Local transport
- Board and lodging
- Visa expenses
- Fees for experts (i.e. trainers, facilitators, speakers, etc)

The organisation which receives a seed funding grant will be notified at the latest 4 weeks after submission of project description and will thereafter sign an Administrative Arrangement with the North-South Centre for the execution of the financial support. Two (2) months after the implementation of the project (end of eligible period) the beneficiary must submit a narrative (of the results and main outcomes of the project) and financial report of the project to the NSC.

Deadlines for submission of application

The projects are to be implemented during the period **1 March – 30 October 2012** and the deadline for submission of applications is **29 January 2012**. Please note that the Administrative Arrangements for this deadline will have to be signed **in March 2012**.

Please use the attached application form for the submission of the seed funding grant for Africa-Europe youth cooperation. You may also attach supporting documentation to your application. The application is sent to e-mail address: nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int or fax no: +351 213 584072.

Selection of the projects

The Secretariat of the North-South Centre will decide on the allocation of the grants.

If you have any further questions re the grant, please contact the Secretariat of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

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