



Call for Participants

LONG TERM TRAINING COURSE FOR TRAINERS ON AFRICA-EUROPE YOUTH COOPERATION 2009-2010

A New Training Course for Youth Trainers from Africa and Europe!

1st Training Seminar
12 – 19 July 2009 – Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

***organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in
the frame of the Youth-Partnership between the Council of
Europe & the European Commission***



1. Background of the Training Course

In 2009, the **Youth-Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission** will also include an Euro-African Dimension that will be implemented by the **North-South Centre**. This new partnership envelop is a direct consequence and follow-up of the previous five Euro-african training courses organised by the North-South Centre and of the **Africa Europe Youth Summit** process facilitated by the North-South Centre in 2007.

The need of enlarging the pool of experienced and qualified trainers to run capacity building activities in the context of Euro-African Cooperation is a long standing priority of the North-South Centre and various stakeholders in the field. The Africa Europe Youth Summit final declaration recommends "Promoting networking and exchanges between African and European youth organisations, aiming at identifying training and capacity building needs, defining thematic priorities and sharing experiences, pedagogical methods and techniques."

In order to respond to these two-fold demand the North-South Centre is organising this **Long Term Training Course for Trainers on Africa Europe Youth Cooperation** that will provide a learning opportunity to 30 trainers from Africa and Europe and is expected to share and generate meaningful pedagogical experiences and methodological contributions to be used by youth organisations in the context of Euro -African Cooperation.

This Course will be based on the successful experiences of the previous Africa Europe Training Courses (2002- Tarrafal, Cape Verde; 2004 -Mollina, Spain, 2005 and 2008 – Coimbra, Portugal, 2006 – Almada, Portugal) and of the training courses for youth trainers of the Council of Europe and will be developed by a pedagogical team of experienced trainers both in capacity building and Africa Europe Cooperation.

The training Course will be composed of **4 different features: 2 residential seminars** of one week each (1st Seminar in July 2009 in Abidjan and a 2nd Seminar to be held in 2010, location and date to be yet defined); a "**practice phase**"; a **learning and communication virtual platform** and a **personal development plan and a mentoring process**. All together the Course involves the availability and commitment of participants for a period of one year.

Furthermore, the course is a unique moment of practical and political follow up and implementation of some of the outcomes of the Africa Europe Youth Summit held in parallel to the 2nd EU-Africa Summit of heads of State in December 2007 during the Portuguese Presidency of the EU council and of the new framework for cooperation established by the Africa – EU Strategic Partnership.

This Training Course is an opportunity given to youth organisations to understand and integrate the objectives settled at the international level and better contribute to their achievement. Some of this objectives, inscribed in the Africa-EU Strategic help enable youth to take an active part in these strategies

at the national and regional level and be fully equipped to participate in cooperation project:

1. Promoting the empowerment of Europe's and Africa's youth¹
2. Strengthening young people's capacity to disseminate information and to get involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Strategy²
3. Facilitate moments of encounter and exchange between young Africans and Europeans³
4. Mapping the existing African youth networks⁴.

This project is also part and a natural progression of the overall training programme for and with youth organisations of the North- South Centre developed over the past 14 years. Such training programme include an annual training course for Youth Organisations in Global Youth Work, an Africa Europe Training Course for Youth Organisations, the Partnership on Euro-Mediterranean youth co-operation in the field of training, a Euro-Asian Training Course and the University on Youth and Development.



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

2. Aims of the Training Course

The Long Term Training Course for Trainers aims at reinforcing the competence of youth trainers in youth organisations in Africa and Europe, creating a community of trainers able to multiply specific expertise in Africa-Europe cooperation contexts.



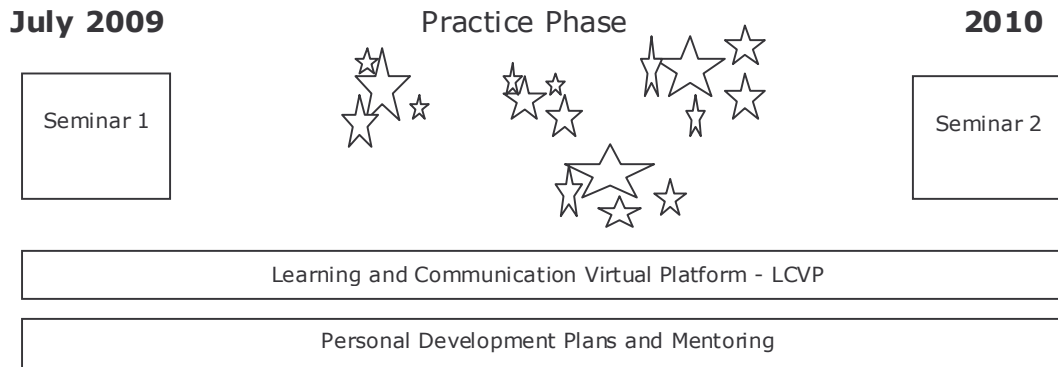
3. Objectives of the Training Course

The concrete objectives of the training are to enable participants:

- To introduce Euro-African cooperation and contextualise it within global issues in order to increase cultural sensitivity in general and in a Euro-African context in particular;
- To share training approaches in the non-formal education context and challenge participants' training practices through the perspective of Euro-African cooperation;
- To learn how to identify and assess training needs from a Euro-African context;
- To develop competences on Euro-African cooperation instruments in training (understand institutional framework, process and key priorities, funding possibilities, existing agencies, strategies,...)
- To try out in real-life contexts learning outcomes in the frame of the Euro-African cooperation, evaluate and learn from it;
- To develop reference quality criteria and guidelines for training in a Euro-African context;
- To build a community of trainers with shared approaches to Euro-African training.

4. Methodology of the Training

The Course Map so far:



Methodologically, the course structure is composed of **4 central features**:

- 2 **residential seminars** of one week each;
- a **"practice phase"**, where participants will implement and test (in real situations) some of the training competences acquired in the first seminar
- a **learning and communication virtual platform**, through which will be circulated various course contents and methodologies, virtual workshops, and a resource centre will be created;
- a **personal development plan and a mentoring process**, in order to enhance learning centre on each participants' particular needs.



The participation in the course implies the **full engagement in all these features**, as only all of them combined can contribute to the success of this learning strategy.

The course is designed as a process of mutual learning, with the participants' experiences and realities as the starting point of the training process. Active participation and in-depth reflection are the keys to the success of this course. Participants will compare their approaches to training in youth work and participate in the implementation and evaluation of the programme with the team of trainers.

The training methodology is based on a number of successful experiences of training for trainers, youth workers and youth leaders developed by the North-South Centre, the European Youth Forum and the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe. As examples: 14 years of North-South Training Courses for Youth Organisations, the University on Youth and Development, the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Training Programme and over the 3 decades of Youth Work Training of the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe.

The North-South Centre, together with its partners, has developed and tested training methods and tools for this type of activities; it also benefited from the knowledge of some of the best trainers and youth workers in the field of co-operation. The team of experienced trainers from Africa and Europe will be responsible to further design and implement the methodology of the course. Invited guests and experts will provide proposals for reflection in a process based on non-formal education and participant-centred methodologies. Thus, the course will be also a mutual learning situation, where participants can compare their approaches and concerns in a dialogical intercultural approach and environment. The use of experiential methods and workshops will strengthen the practical side of the course.



5. Educational Team of the Course

The educational team for this course is composed of 4 trainers with relevant experience in youth work, training for trainers and Euro African co-operation; two of the trainers are African and the other two, European. One of the members of the team is the pedagogical coordinator of the Course. The trainers have specific and complementary experience and will be recruited specifically to further design and implement this course. The trainers' team also reflect gender balance and the cultural, political and geographical diversity of the regions.

The Team of trainers will be leading the training in the 2 seminars and will also be resourceful for participants during the practice phase of the course.

6. Working Languages

The different sessions of the Course will be in English and French, candidates are requested to indicate all their working languages and language level in the application form and should be fluent at least in one of the two languages.

7. Expected Results

- Building capacity of multipliers in youth organisations in Europe and Africa with the necessary skills to develop and run Africa Europe co-operation training programmes:
- An informal community of youth trainers expert on Africa Europe Youth Cooperation
- An increase in understanding and dialogue between young people, and their organisations, in European and African countries.
- An increase in the understanding of the cultural, social, economical and political context of the Africa Europe relations.
- An increase in the understanding of the instruments to follow up and implement the new framework of the Africa –EU Strategic Partnership and the Africa Europe Youth Summit final declaration.

8. Profile of Participants

The participants in this course are trainers, representatives of youth organisations in Europe, and Africa. For the European participants the course is open for residents of all member-states of the Council of Europe. For Africa, national and international youth organisations will be invited to propose candidates for this course. The selection will be carried out by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in Consultations with the Pedagogical Team.

Approximately 50% of the participants in this course will come from youth organisations in Europe; the other half will come from youth organisations in

Africa. Gender balance will be ensured in the selection process of the participants, as well as the balance between the type and/or nature of organisations.

Concerning participants and their profile:

- should be a trainer playing an active role within a youth organisation, network or service at local, national or regional level, and plan to continue this work in the near future;
- seeking gender balance;
- diverse social and geographical background (including disadvantaged and minority groups);
- aged between 18 and 35;
- have already some qualification or experience in terms of international youth work and project work;
- be committed to attend the full duration of the course and be supported by a youth organisation or service;
- be able to present the context of their work, their way of tackling problems, the challenges they meet and identify;
- be able to work and communicate in English and/or French.