SEED FUNDING
FOR AFRICA-EUROPE YOUTH CO-OPERATION

PRESENTATION & APPLICATION 2015

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Implementation period 15 April – 15 October 2015

A grant presented 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
1. BACKGROUND

The objective of the Youth Co-operation Programme\(^1\) of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC-CoE) in terms of youth is to provide training and capacity building for young people and youth organisations as well as to facilitate their participation in decision and policy making, in the framework of quadrilogue\(^2\) initiatives. This work should be developed in close co-operation with youth organisations, the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, the EU-CoE youth partnership and other relevant institutions working in the youth field.

The Youth Co-operation Programme is composed by 3 main dimensions:

1. **A Euro Arab and Mediterranean dimension** that includes a new capacity-building programme that has been developed in 2014 focused on “Structured Participation in Democratic Processes”. A pilot training activity took place during the 2\(^{nd}\) edition of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship. The second edition of the course is foreseen for May 2015.

2. The **Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship** that gathers the different Universities in a coherent and articulated system and brings together relevant youth organisations and institutions working in regional co-operation processes, global education and global youth work. The 16\(^{th}\) edition of the University on Youth and Development will take place in Mollina, Spain (20-27 September 2015).

3. The **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation** that includes the activities developed in the framework of the “Joint Management Agreement” signed with the European Commission in November 2008 and renewed until 2015. The agreement foresees the organisation of training activities, an Online Resource Centre (www.aeyco.com) a Seed Funding grant and the meetings of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform.

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

As a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits in 2007 and 2010, the Centre 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, the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe and the African Youth Platforms such as the Pan African Youth Union and the Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa, the African Union Commission and the European Commission.

\(^{1}\) For more information about the Youth Co-operation Programme of NSC-CoE [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/Youth1_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/Youth1_en.asp)

\(^{2}\) The quadrilogue is a working methodology promoted by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe that promotes dialogue and action between the following actors: Governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society (namely youth organisations and trade unions).
North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

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 provides important support of various (youth) structures, quality, reassurance and funding for Africa-Europe youth work. Complementary to the activities of the Joint Management Agreement, a programme of Euro-African training activities and support measures was implemented between 2009-2012 in the framework of the EU-CoE youth partnership.

In November 2008, the North-South Centre and the European Commission (DG DEVCO – EuropeAid) signed a Joint Management Agreement for 2009-2011, later extended until 2012, that aimed at strengthening Global Education in the new member states of the European Union and supporting Africa-Europe youth co-operation. In September 2012, a new Joint Management Agreement was signed with the European Commission for the period of 2013-2015.

Moreover, as a follow-up of the 2010 Africa-Europe Youth Summit and answering to the priorities of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership⁴, the Joint Management Agreement aims at:

- Strengthening Europe-Africa youth collaboration, exchanges and capacity-building of organisations;
- Developing the skills and enhance the knowledge and pedagogical support for educators, GDE stakeholders, youth multipliers/leaders in Europe and Africa through training activities on global/development issues.

The Africa Europe Youth Programme implemented by the NSC-CoE includes activities such as:

- **Training activities**: Africa-Europe Training Course for Youth Organisations and for Young Leaders of African Diaspora Living in Europe; Global Education and Youth Training of Trainers and On-line Training Courses on three different dimensions of global education;
- **On-line resource centre for Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation** (AEYCO – www.aeyco.com);
- **Seed Funding for Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation**;
- **The Africa Europe Youth Platform** meetings, including institutional follow-up, monitoring and implementation of the 2012-2015 Action Plan with key youth actors from Africa and Europe and representatives of implementing agencies and institutions;

### 2. SEED FUNDING

Seed Funding for Africa Europe Youth Co-operation 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 Seed Funding also aims to

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⁴ For more information on Africa-EU Strategic Partnership: http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/
strengthen the role of youth 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 co-operation. The grants are of a maximum 2500€ (two thousand and five hundred euros) per project/organisation.

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 Co-operation;
- Applicant organisation must have a bank account open in the name of the organisation, since payments will be made through bank transfers only;
- 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 identified in the 3rd Africa-Europe Youth Leaders’ Summit (30th March – 2nd April 2014) - Youth Leadership, Youth Entrepreneurship and Youth as Peace Builders, are highly encouraged in this call as well as follow-up initiatives of the Summit;
- Projects foreseen in the framework of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship (e.g. African University on Youth and Development) are also highly encouraged;
- It is only possible to allocate one grant per project, even if submitted by different organisations;
- It is possible to request Seed Funding grant as partial funding of a project but please notice:
  - If the project is funded by the European Commission, it is not eligible due to double funding;
  - It should be clearly described how the grant will be used and how the concrete part of the project can be implemented, even without confirmation of overall funding.
- Projects must be implemented during the period 15 April – 15 October 2015, with no possibility for postponement. As the 2015 calendar for all events of the Network of Universities is not closed yet, an exception regarding dates might be made for projects to be developed in this framework;
- Applications can be submitted in English or French.

For more information about granted organisations and projects, please check the 2012 Seed Funding Compilation: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/AfricaEuropeCooperation/EN_Seed_Funding.asp#TopOfPage
Eligibility of expenses

The following costs are eligible for the grant:

- International and local travel
- Board and lodging
- Visa expenses
- Fees for experts (e.g. trainers, facilitators, speakers and others)
- Administrative costs (materials, postal costs, communication)

Deadlines for submission of application

The deadline for submission of applications is **22nd February 2015**. Please note that the Administrative Arrangements will have to be signed by **the end of March 2015**.

Please follow the link below to download the [application form](#) for the submission of your project to the Seed Funding grant for Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation.

See here the application form: [link](#)

The application form is enough but you may also attach supporting documentation to your application, if you wish. The application should be sent to the following e-mail address: nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int or fax nº: +351 213 584 072 by **23:59 (WET) 22nd February 2015**.

You should receive a confirmation of reception within 10 working days, after the submission of application. If not, please contact us.

Selection of the projects and next steps

The Secretariat of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe will decide on the allocation of the grants. Priority will be given to organisations that were not granted in the 2014 round.

The organisation which receives a Seed Funding grant will be notified at the latest **4 weeks after the deadline** for submission and will thereafter sign an Administrative Arrangement with the North-South Centre for the execution of the financial support.

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-CoE. The reports should be submitted according to the templates provided, by email and post.

If you have any further questions regarding Seed Funding, please contact the Secretariat of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe [nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int](mailto:nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int).