

The Anna Lindh Foundation

- *The Human and Cultural Dimension within the Euromed Partnership.*

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Summary.

1. The Human and Social Dimension of the EMP

- Why a Third Chapter of the Barcelona Process?
- The cultural gap. The Mediterranean and the “Clash of Civilizations”
- Mutual Perceptions. September-11. Europe and Arab societies.
- Human Movements across the Med. The changing identity of the EU societies
- Globalization and the reinforcement of identities.
- The role of the Civil Society in the EMP. The lack of ownership.
- Cultural Dialogue as a prerequisite for Political Dialogue and Economic Cooperation
- Towards a common destiny

2. The Anna Lindh Foundation

- The Report of the High-Level Advisory Group.
- Forging an Intercultural Dialogue
- Common Principles and Shared Values
- Education as a vehicle to learn about Diversity
- Media as a tool for equality, mutual knowledge and sharing challenges and solutions
- The need of an institutional common structure
- The creation of the Anna Lindh Foundation. Strengths and weaknesses.

3. The Programme of the Anna Lindh Foundation (2008-2011)

- The first three years. Achievements and needs.
- Phase II (Nov.2008-Oct.2011). A new context: The Union for the Mediterranean
- The Triennial Programme.
 - o More focused and coherent. Strategic Fields of Action. Where the perceptions are shaped.
 - Ideas and Ideologies.
 - Cultural Production
 - Media
 - Education
 - Religion and values
 - Cities and Diversity
 - o Action, Reflection and a new Advocacy role
 - The Work-Plan 2009. Calls for Proposals. Programme of Activities
 - The ANNA LINDH REPORT 2010. An Advocacy role.
 - o Civil Society oriented. The role of the National Networks
 - The 'Etats Généraux of the Anna Lindh Foundation' (Spain, 2010)
 - o The centrality of the ALF in the EMP. From Paris to Marseille. The role of the President.
- New challenges for Cultural Dialogue: the War in Gaza, the Economic Crisis.

4. The answer of the Anna Lindh Foundation to the old and new challenges

- The situation of the Union for the Mediterranean
- The implementation of the Programme.
 - o Launching of the Calls. Short Term and Long Term.
 - o Main activities in the Strategic Fields

- A New Communication Policy
- Adapting the Programme to the new context: “Restore the Trust, Rebuild Bridges Initiative”. Giving a voice to the civil society.
- Maintaining alive the idea of Dialogue in the Euromed. Region. Advisory Council.
- The Institutional Framework. Working with the two co-presidencies.
- Improving the Management of the Foundation.
- The need of a Human and Cultural Dimension of the Union for the Mediterranean.