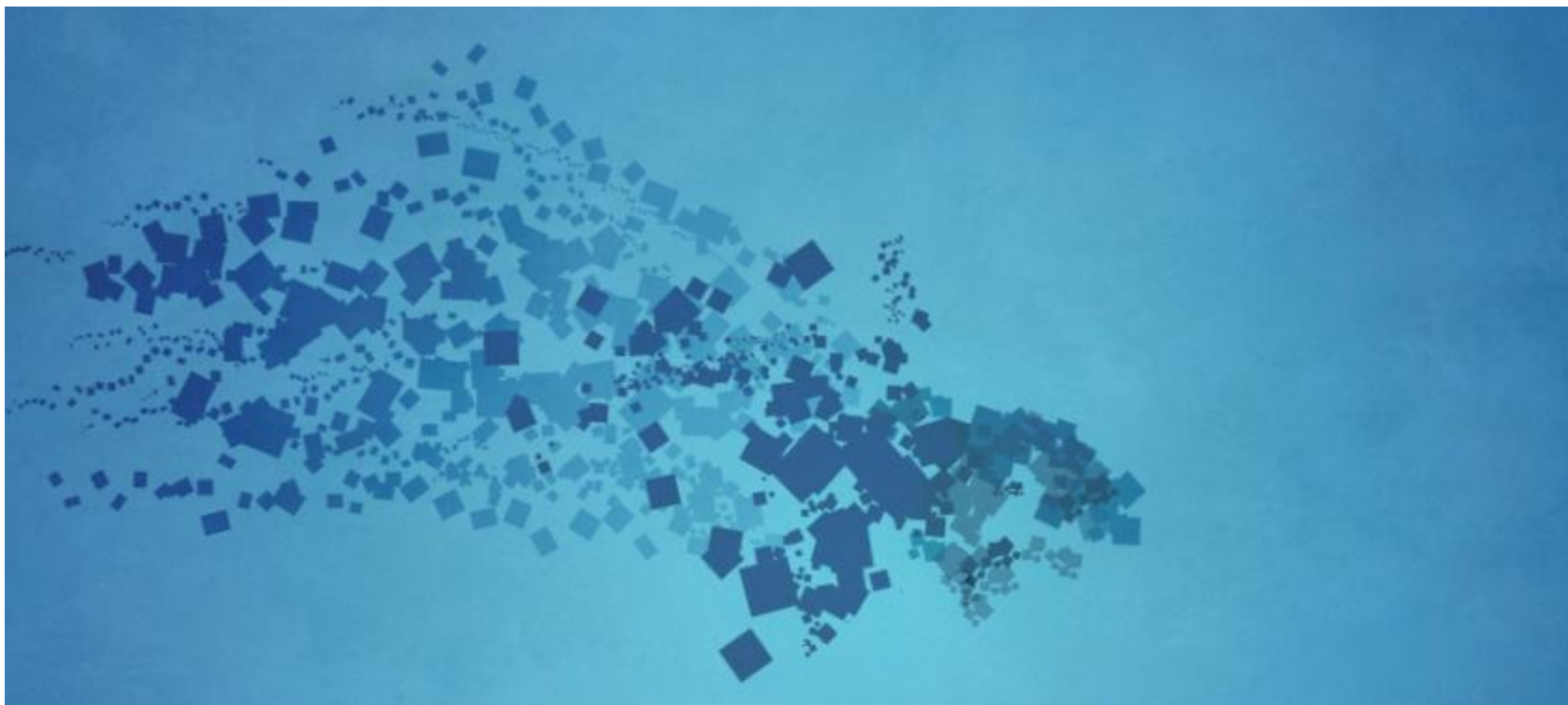


SUPPORT TO POLICY TOOLS FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN THE EURO-MED REGION



ALF best practices and future initiatives for Women's Empowerment through an Intercultural Dialogue approach

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ALF approach to women's empowerment (1)



- ALF approaches **women's empowerment/ gender equality** as a **transversal** and **cross-cutting issue** in all its the activities implemented in the framework of the strategic fields (Culture & Creativity, Education & Intercultural Learning, Media & Public Opinion, Cities & Spaces of Citizenship, Religion and Spirituality)
- **Women** is one of the 3 main **focus target groups** of the ALF (together with youth and migrants, Phase II /Phase III)
- **Women** are considered and promoted as **active agents** of dialogue and facilitator of ID within and between the communities/societies

ALF approach to women's empowerment (2)



- Based on the conclusions of the ALF Report 2010 on Intercultural Trends (www.annalindhreport.org) youth and women are **driving forces of ID** across the Euro-med region, therefore the ALF considers crucial their capacity as **active promoters of shared values**

- The Report highlights:
 - women's **potential for ID and the conveying of common values** across the Euro-med societies
 - women as specific social group who **impact on values trends**
 - women declare a **strong curiosity towards the "other"** and have an important role in shaping and transfer the main social values.

ALF working formats to promote women's empowerment (1)



- The main ALF **working formats/tools** to respond to the current needs and challenges of the civil society in relation to the women's empowerment/gender equality are:
 - **Grants** to civil society organisations through CFPs
 - **Logistic & concrete services/specific tools** addressed to ALF National Networks to strengthen their capacities and support the development of their members
 - **Trainings & specific activities** to improve the capacity building of the civil society organizations/institutions.
 - **National & Regional Activities** to promote ID and building up on Cultural Diversity in these societies
 - **Anna Lindh Forum** (reflection/action)
 - **Report on Intercultural Trends**
 - **Multiannual Programmes** focused on the fields of action (Education, Media etc...)

ALF working formats to promote women's empowerment (2)



- The common objectives of the specific actions implemented in the target countries, directly by the ALF or with its support, are:
 - to **promote the potential of the dialogue** and diversity by putting them at the hearth of these societies in order to contribute to the improvement of their welfare
 - to **facilitate the dialogue within societies and between societies**
 - to show that **any of the activities** directly or supported by the ALF (regardless of the formats: seminars/roundtable, training, musical events, arts & photos) exhibition, research etc...) is a **tool to tackle** and **address social issues** and **express specific needs** of the target local communities.

ALF best practices (1)



Country of LO	Leader Organization (LO)	Title/Thematic focus (ID – Intercultural Dialogue)
CFP ST – 2006		
France	Forum Femmes Méditerranée	Le Verbe au féminin Focus: ID /diversity of women's writings/women's rights
CFP ST1- 2009		
United Kingdom	Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Kingston University	Arab women in the creative sector Focus: ID/artistic entrepreneurship
Croatia	Ecumenical Women's Initiative (EWI)	Women's Pathways to Peace – Regional Conference Focus: Interreligious dialogue
United Kingdom	Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association	Stories from our Mothers (Meetings of Palestinian and British women) Focus: ID/Community development
Restore Trust- Rebuild Bridges Initiative (local)		
Croatia	DESA- Dubrovnik	Cross Border Cooperation for a brighter future Focus: ID/sustainable development-responsible tourism/women & children human trafficking

ALF best practices (2)



Restore Trust- Rebuild Bridges Initiative (regional)		
Egypt	Alwan	Obama's speech and Ladies Focus: ID/women civic empowerment/civic participation
Italy	Associazione Orlando	15 years after: regaining trust and building consensus Focus: ID/women in conflicts
CFP/LT – 2009-2011		
Belgium	Mediana	FaNNaNat Focus: ID/social women empowerment

ALF best practices (3)



CFP/ST2 - 2010		
France	Muzaq	Laaroussa Focus: ID/ community development/artistic entrepreneurship/women empowerment
Belgium	CEJI	Reconciling Religion and Gender in Migration Focus: interreligious dialogue/ gender and migration
Palestine	Palestinian Friendship Centre for Development - PFCD	Enhance the abilities of Female Journalists and writers Focus: ID/media women empowerment
Italy	Associazione "Orlando"	There is here: citizenship(s) of Moroccan migrant women Focus: ID/community development gender and migration
Italy	Paralleli - Istituto Euromediterraneo del Nord Ovest	Lives Re-Veiled: an enquire about veil across Mediterranean Focus: ID/stereotypes /migration-integration

ALF future initiatives (1)

➤ 2013 ALF Forum - focus “Women” & “Youth”

Forum objectives:

- To foster the role of the Foundation in the promotion of intercultural dialogue at all the level of the society, through community mobilization and participation and supporting the implementation of civil society's initiatives.
- The Forum will aim at targeting not only those who are already acquainted with the ALF core mission but also a **wider spectrum of segments of the Euro-med civil society.**
- The Forum as a **platform** where participants with different cultural/social/religious/political/ideological backgrounds are encouraged to:
 - exchange ideas, debate, network
 - be part of a participatory process aiming at designing a final road map for purposeful and concrete recommendations and actions

ALF future initiatives (2)

➤ Preparatory meeting – focus “women”

- The preparatory meeting is to be seen a part of a coherent process of reflection and action. The outcomes of these meetings are to be instrumental to the discussions/debates that will happen in the Forum thematic working groups, basis for the elaboration of a concrete road map for action.

Main expected outputs:

- concrete proposals to be further debated during the final event on how to promote women empowerment and the important role they can play as agents for the promotion of dialogue within their society.
- Identification of thematic priorities to promote gender equality through the Intercultural Dialogue approach in the Euromed region.
- **Target Group:** ALF Networks, existing regional platforms/networks, relevant experts and grassroots level representatives working on women related issues, women representatives.
- **Projected Duration:** 3 days (June/July 2013)

ALF follow-up in the short term:

- **Integration of the Forum’s results into the ALF overall programme** as well as the development of **concrete initiatives** (projects/activities) **to insure continuity with the Forum** and the achieved results.

Some data (1)



➤ **Women as direct beneficiaries of ALF activities**

- Activities implemented directly by the ALF in 2009/2010

51.4% had women as target group in the 43 Euro-med countries

- ALF granted projects in 2010

61% had women as target group in the 43 Euro-med countries

Some data (2)



Data on target groups - ALF direct activities 2009-2010							
	Youth		Women		Migrants		Total number of pax in the activity
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
Bloggers - Luxembourg 2009	9	50.00%	5	27.78%	2	11.11%	18
Communication training Long Term - Malta 2009	5	26.32%	12	63.16%	1	5.26%	19
Mediterranean Journalist Award 2009			65	43.92%			148
Sea of words - Tunisia 2009	16	100.00%	10	62.50%			16
Teacher training - Beirut 2009			18	56.25%			32
Multipliers training - Rabat 2009	8	40.00%	10	50.00%			20
Multipliers training - Thessaloniki 2009	6	28.57%	14	66.67%			21
Multipliers training - Vienna 2009	5	16.67%	18	60.00%			30
ALF Forum Barcelona	300	36.10%	340	40.91%	100	12.03%	831
ALF Preparatory Meeting Culture - Rhodes 2009			33	55.93%			59
ALF Preparatory Meeting Youth - Strasbourg 2010	25	80.65%	16	51.61%			31
ALF Preparatory Meeting Migrations - Munich 2010	19	32.76%	32	55.17%	10	17.24%	58
ALF Preparatory Meeting Religion - Tirana 2010			15	38.46%			39
Dialogue through non-violence - Naples 2010			9	30.00%			30
Mediterranean Journalist Award 2010			30	36.59%			82
Sea of words - Bulgaria 2010			9	45.00%			20
Sea of words - Lebanon 2010	13	81.25%	13	81.25%			16
Training - Romania 2010	26	43.33%	36	60.00%			60

Thank you!

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