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ATLANTIS VI

Mediterranean Youth Camp of the Red Cross/ Red Crescent

“Young people sharing best practices and strengthening network on social inclusion”

Marseille (France), 24th -31st July, 2010

Summary

The Centre for Cooperation in the Mediterranean (CCM), in partnership with the French Red Cross will organize the sixth edition of the ATLANTIS youth camp. This event will take place in France the last week of July, 2010.

ATLANTIS is an encounter of the Mediterranean Youth of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent which has consolidated itself as a mandatory meeting point for intercultural dialogue and exchange of experiences in the region. Five National societies from the Red Cross/Red Crescent have already hosted ATLANTIS in its previous editions: the Italian Red Cross, the Turkish Red Crescent, the Syrian Red Crescent, the Red Cross of Serbia and the Moroccan Red Crescent.

The 2010 Edition of ATLANTIS will be devoted to topics regarding social inclusion in the Mediterranean area, because “Social exclusion is a multidimensional process of progressive social rupture, detaching groups and individuals from social relations and institutions and preventing them from full participation in the normal, normatively prescribed activities of the society in which they live”.¹ In order to prevent this, it is important to raise awareness about the dangers of social exclusion and to teach skills that help to overcome the effects of discrimination within communities.

¹ [Hilary Silver, “Social Exclusion: Comparative Analysis of Europe and Middle East Youth,” Middle East Youth Initiative Working Paper \(September 2007\), p. 15](#)



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Apart from this, the need to concentrate efforts on prevention, raising awareness on topics regarding the social inclusion that young generations, international organizations, the civil society and states pay on this subject, will also be discussed.

Participants profile

The requested profile of participants is:

- ☞ Youth volunteers between 18 and 30 of age;
- ☞ Able to communicate in English, in order to actively participate in working groups, role-plays, etc.
- ☞ Youth volunteers that:
 - play an active role in their National Society;
 - are involved in programmes focused on at least one of the topics of the youth camp;
 - are able to work in a team with other participants and take an active part in discussions
 - are ready to interact in an intercultural context and are open to inner experience a process of positive change of mindset

Thematic Context

Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies reflect the diversity of their catchment populations, ensure effective participation by vulnerable groups, strive for gender equality, promote intercultural dialogue and harmony, advocate the Fundamental Principles, disseminate International Humanitarian Law, and build capabilities in humanitarian diplomacy to address public policies and practices that exclude and alienate. Respect for differences is promoted through countering prejudice and encouraging non-violent approaches to bridging these differences.

Every day vulnerabilities are arising from new patterns of marginalisation, impoverishment, and insecurity, which are the consequence of trends in climate change, environmental degradation, disasters, demographic change, urbanisation, violence, forced migration, access to food, water and natural resources as well as known and novel diseases.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is looking to address these issues by putting into place the





Strategy 2020. One of the three pillars that support this strategy is to promote social inclusion. The aim is to permit everyone to develop their full potential and lead productive and creative lives in dignity, according to their needs and choices, while discharging their obligations and realising their rights. This requires changing the attitudes and mindsets that drive our ways of living, and building associated social and institutional capacities.

From its side, the Mediterranean Conference of Red Cross and Red Crescent is paying special attention to the work towards social inclusion of the most vulnerable. In this regards, one of the topics discussed during the last XI Mediterranean Conference comprised the Social effects of the global economical crisis. The Conference tackled several aspects of the question, such as poverty reduction, employment or migration, among others.

At the same time, the French Red Cross and the CCM are devoting 2010 for activities en favour of Social Inclusion, with programs with the community, awareness campaigns and sharing of experiences.

Considering these premises, the French Red Cross and the Centre for Cooperation in the Mediterranean have agreed to devote the 2010 edition of the ATLANTIS Mediterranean Youth Camp of the Red Cross/Red Crescent to Social Inclusion topics.

Objectives

The Mediterranean youth camp, ATLANTIS VI, has the following specific objectives:

- To consolidate the capacities of the young people participating in order to encourage the implementation of practical actions related to Social Inclusion in each of the National Societies where they come from and to promote new initiatives and creative contributions from Youth.
- To express and share strategies, good practices, management ideas, communication and manners of serving local communities. To develop a new creative idea in order to reduce social exclusion at all levels of the society in the Mediterranean region.





Format

Interactive and participative youth exchange with theoretical contents and practical sessions. The methodology will be participative, dynamic and not formal with the aim of creating a platform for discussion and contribution between young people developing the approach of the peer education

Dates

24th to 31st of July 2010

Place

Youth Training centre, Grans, Marseille. France

Facilitators

Considering the intercultural exchange character of ATLANTIS, and following a well established tradition of the preceding editions, the team of facilitators will be international and consist of experts and leaders of the Youth Red Cross/ Red Crescent, with training and specific practice in the tackled subjects.

The participation of other components of the Red Cross/ Red Crescent Movement, with distinctive experience regarding climate change, will be envisaged.

Working language

English

VISA procedures

For those Mediterranean nationalities which need a VISA to enter France (Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina,, Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey) it is strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible as the VISA issuing process might take a long time. Please check with the French embassy of your country for more details as the duration of this process varies from one country to another.

Barcelona, May 2010

