



BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER ON THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION

This bimonthly "info page" is complementary to our magazine "Meet 'in EuroMed" (downloadable from our website www.salto-youth.net/euromed). The aim of this newsletter is to spread out some more general information regarding the Euro Mediterranean cooperation. We will deal with some more political and cultural aspects by proposing some useful publications, some links or website and, last but not least, by suggesting some interesting events you may wish to follow!

Initiatives and Events

Exhibition: Turks a journey of a thousand years 600-1600

This exhibition explores **the art and culture of the Turks** from Inner Asia to the Bosphorus over a thousand year period between 600 and 1600 AD. Their journey incorporated many different centres of power and artistic traditions. The story begins with the Uighurs, a nomadic people of Central Asia and China, and ends with the Ottoman Empire from the reign of Mehmet II to Suleyman the Magnificent including the fall of Byzantium and the spread of Ottoman rule to include Mecca and Medina. Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London (until April the 12th 2005)
The exhibition website offers the possibility for a virtual visit www.turks.org.uk/index.php

Euromed Heritage Journalistic Award (Deadline 31/05/05)

International press competition dealing with the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage opened to journalists from EU and Mediterranean partners. Purposes of the award are: to **stimulate** European and Mediterranean **young journalists** (under 35 years of age) to write about cultural heritage in the Mediterranean region, **to promote awareness and knowledge** about heritage among the public (EU and Meda). It is important **to convey the feeling that cooperation in the Mediterranean** area is not only possible, but welcome and rewarded. Special attention will be given to examples of cooperation (North-South/South-North or South-South) **to reinforce a list of international journalists interested in cultural heritage topics.** www.euromedheritage.net/award/award_en.htm

Event: Mediterranean Food Festival

After the great success of the past three editions of the Mediterranean Food Festival, the Malta Tourism Authority is once again organising this popular event between the 10th and 13th March 2005 - four days of delicious food and drink to suit every palate. This year's festival will also offer ethnic dance and music **reflecting Mediterranean culture.**
The festival will also include the 'Mediterranean Gastronomic Culinary Championship' where a number of chefs will compete against each other to create the most delicious examples of **Mediterranean cuisine.**
www.mediterraneanfoodfestival.com/index.pl/mff_about_the_festival

2005: Year of the Mediterranean

At the Euromed meeting of Foreign Ministers in The Hague on 29/30 November, 2004 ministers gave their support to renewed efforts aimed at raising the profile of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership throughout the EU and partner countries. In this context, and in order to foster and facilitate visibility actions, it was decided to name 2005 - the tenth anniversary of the Barcelona process - the 'Year of the Mediterranean'. The Year of the Mediterranean will culminate with a high-level political meeting and celebratory event of the tenth anniversary in Barcelona in November.
The European Commission is aware that many **networks, organisations and friends of the Mediterranean are planning events throughout the year to mark this watershed occasion.** In order to harness these activities and events under a common, visible and accessible heading a special interactive calendar of events is being created.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/euromed/barcelona_10/calendar_files/calendar_overview.htm

Publications

Information note: EU funding opportunities in the Mediterranean region

The European Union's activities in the Mediterranean region are mostly carried out through a call for proposals or procurement procedure. This document provides general information on who can benefit and how to benefit from the EU funds available to different actors in the Mediterranean region.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/med/publications/eu_funding_opportunities_en.pdf

Publication: Mid-Term Evaluation of the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Programme (Euro-Med) 2001-2003

Final Report edited in December 2004 http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/eval/euomed2004_en.pdf

Publication: Evaluation of the partnership covenant on training in youth work between the European Commission and the Council of Europe

Final Report edited in March 2004 http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/eval/eval_del_touch_en.pdf

Publication: Positive Role Models. Women in the Islamic World – Muslim Women in Germany

In 2004 the German Institute for Foreign Relations organised a conference with Muslim women from Germany and from the Islamic world on hopes and expectations, experiences and opinions on the challenges and difficulties in the relationship between Europe and the Muslim communities on the European soil and the ones in the neighbouring Muslim countries. The conference was intended to establish networks that will enable participants to maintain a frank and open dialogue also over the years to come.

You can download the final report www.ifa.de/islamdialog/download/frauen_doku.pdf

Experts for vocational training, curricula development and development studies, Morocco

Internationaler Bund e.V. in Stuttgart is **seeking experts for vocational training, curricula development and development studies for technical assistance projects in Morocco** in diverse fields such as tourism, IT and textile. Experts must have a university degree, international project experience and profound language skills in French. Country and regional knowledge of Morocco would be an asset. If you are interested to apply for the position of a key expert in the project, please contact Internationaler Bund e.V as soon as possible via email and they will inform you about the required experience: Christiane.Nill@internationaler-bund.de or Tanja.Kreetz@internationaler-bund.de.

Websites

On-line exhibition: Syria in the eyes of Europe

The exhibition “runs through time and space, discipline and genres, idioms and styles....shed light on the complex relationship between Syria and Europe”. www.babalmed.net

Medea website: pages on Lebanon

If you wish to understand the **present situation in Lebanon and its evolution**, the main actors on the scene or simply to go back over some historical, political and religious facts, this website gives the opportunity to go deeper in the research of all main events that shaped the history of this country and its complexity.

www.medeabe/index.html?current=&page=2&page2=&lang=en&idx=54#54

DG External Relation website: pages on Lebanon

The **European Union relationship with the Lebanese Republic**: overview on the political situation, the Co-operation Agreement and other financial and economical aspects. http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/lebanon/intro/

Ittijah

This is a network of **Palestinian non-governmental organisations in Israel** which strives to strengthen and empower the Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel by promoting the development of a Palestinian civil society and advocating for political, economic and social change. www.ittijah.org

European Jews for a Just Peace

EJJP was founded in September 2002 when representatives of **sixteen Jewish peace organisations** from eight European countries. EJJP formulated a set of common principles for a just peace in the Middle East. www.ejpp.org

Shattered dreams of peace

As violence between **Israelis and Palestinians** continues, threatening the stability of the entire Middle East, it is hard to recall the great hopes raised by the Oslo accord in September 1993. Nine years ago, Oslo was heralded as an historic turning point in Arab-Israeli relations. What went wrong? This website shows the tortuous path from Oslo to Wye to Camp David to the present crisis, with analyses of the achievements, the setbacks and how peace has eluded history's grasp through historical documents, videos, interviews and other useful links

www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/oslo/

