

Workshop Tuesday

Work Groups no.8

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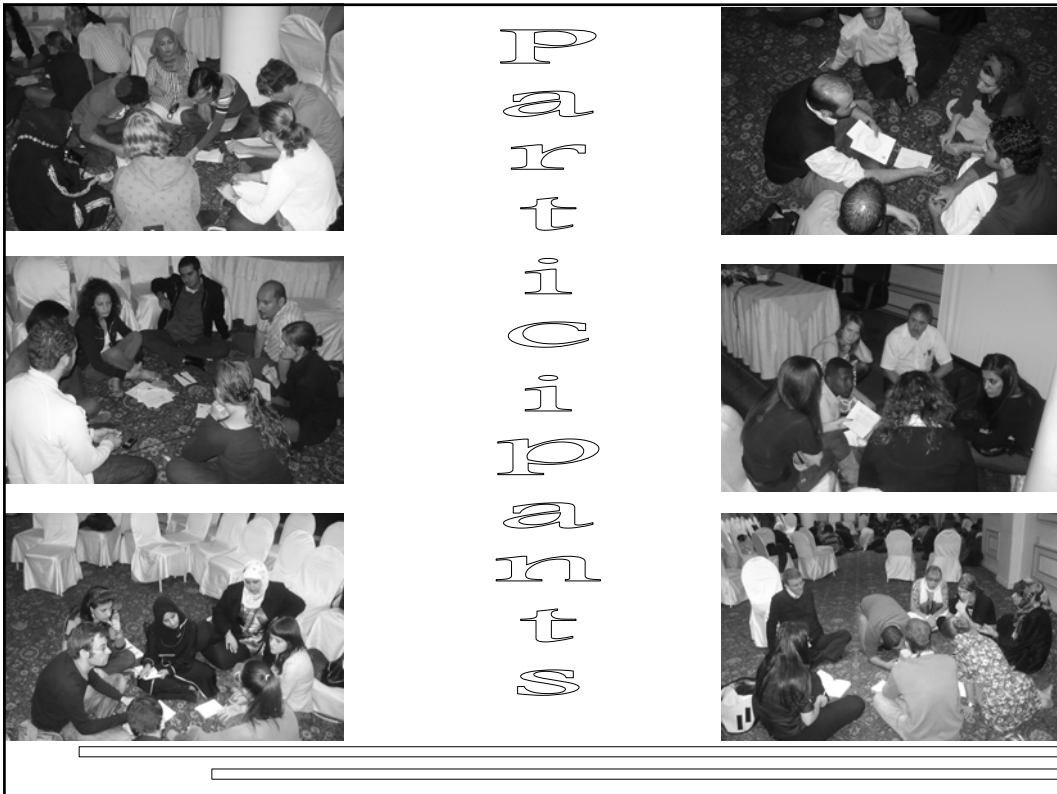
Dialogue and Networking between Arab and European youth organisations and their role in activating Intercultural Dialogue



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Workshop Aims

- Discussing the role of Youth Organisations in developing ICD at Euro-Arab level
- Understanding the challenges to ICD
- Sharing good practice examples
- Reflections upon the challenges and difficulties for ICD

Roles of Youth organisations

- Structure for people
 - Capacity Building

 - Regular dialogue
 - Awareness

 - Publications in ICD
 - Projects
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Why networking?

Two levels of networking:
individual and organisational

- Joint forces
 - Higher visibility and impact
 - Sharing experiences, knowledge and resources
 - Easier cooperation through communication
 - Inspiration
 - Breaking barriers
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Lessons until now

- Lack of exchange and dialogue opportunities => needs to be tackled, i.e. practically more meetings, less formality
 - Gap / Differences between European and Arab structure => Learning from each other
 - Existing obvious and hidden stereotypes => should be questioned
 - „we are really diverse, but we also have a lot in common“
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Cooperation – but how?

- Outcomes of the EACMYO
 - Finding common objectives
 - Introduction of tools adaptable to different cultures
 - Concrete Projects, sustainable actions
 - Working to change the big picture
 - Follow Up
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Why youth?

- Outlook into the future: not only gains of today but also consequences for tomorrow are addressed
 - Flexibility and learning ability
 - Reflection upon 'the other'
 - Diagnosing problems and finding solutions
 - Inclusive
 - Key for partnership at all levels
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Difficulties and Challenges

- Lack of youth policy and institutional framework
 - legal status (in some Arab countries)
 - Funding
 - Communication (Arab-Arab and Euro-Arab)
 - Lack of empowerment and participation
 - Lack of independence
 - Lack of equality of partners
 - Misperception of cultural concepts
 - Evaluation Strategy and Follow Up
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Current / suggested Schedule

- Long-term strategies
- Understanding the meaning of dialogue
- Platforms for cooperation
- Detect current initiatives
- Identifying appropriate methods
- Sharing experiences
- Realizing common projects
- Activate alternative media
- Follow Up

Content to be defined by you ...!!!

***شكرا ... Thank You ... Danke ...
Merci.... Tesekkur ederiz ...***
