

# Meet'In EuroMed

SALTO YOUTH EUROMED QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

JUILLET 2005

# 5



- édito
- NA's perspective
- Training events
- Participant's perspective
- EuroMed good practices

SALTO-YOUTH  
EUROMED  
RESOURCE CENTRE



Education and Culture



# The strategy of the German National Agency in relation to Euro Mediterranean cooperation in the youth field

## Introduction

One of the major issue of the German National Agency concerning the Euro mediterranean cooperation in the youth field was and still is the increase of the number of projects within the Euromed Youth Programme. In relation to the size of the country and the number of German youth organisations involved in the YOUTH-Programme and compared to the number of projects granted, Euromed projects still remain a minority within the Partner-Country strand of the YOUTH-Programme.

## Involvement in the EuroMed training strategy/cooperation

In 2002 we started our co-operation with the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre so as to increase the potential contacts for German youth organisations willing to co-operate with partners in the Meda countries.

Between 2002 and 2004 a total of 16 representatives from German organisations participated to the trainings offered by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre. Most of them are still active in

# ■ NA's point of view



the EuroMed YOUTH programme and involved in different youth projects with partner organisations from Meda countries, they got to know during these trainings.

To go a step further and increase the impact of the Euromed programme in Germany the German NA organised in December 2004 a "Step To" training course in co-operation with the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre. The aim of this training course was to reflect on how to use the EuroMed YOUTH programme and in particular Action 5 as a means of support for a regional and/or national strategy. 27 participants from 16 different countries participated in the training course in Cologne where many projects were planned and took place afterwards.

The decentralisation of the decision process in 2004 enabled us to have a more intensified contact to project holders involved in the EuroMed programme and to give them a more specific support adapted to their needs.

## Twinning process

Another field of co-operation of the German National Agency is the twinning established through the European Commission. We started 2003 to intensify the contact with the National Coordinator of Israel and the new Turkish National Agency by exchanging information about our respective structures and work.

The National Coordinator of Israel visited the German National Agency in April 2004 for a job-shadowing where we decided about further common activities. One outcome of this visit was a Short Study Visit (SSV) on Action 2, which took place in May 2005 in Israel with the participation of the Polish National Agency. During this SSV we visited many active and potential EVS projects willing to host European volunteers within the EuroMed programme. This SSV was a great success for all participants so that we decided to organise in co-operation with the Polish National Agency a return SSV in Poland and Germany in 2006 for sending organisations from Israel and other Meda countries.

## Perspectives

Our activities concerning Euro mediterranean co-operation for the near future will still be the training activities in order to offer project holders an adequate support for their work. We will also open our European training activities to participants from Meda countries if the theme fits within the EuroMed programme.

We also want to expand and consolidate the co-operation with our "twin countries" by planning common activities and support them

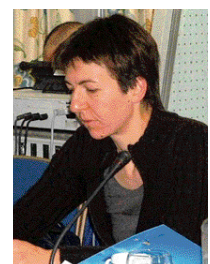


*Study visit on Action 2 - 2005.*



*Salto Euromed "Step to" 2004.*

with the re-structuring of the EuroMed programme in the Meda countries. Then this will be one of the biggest challenges for our Meda colleagues in the next years.



**MIREILLE GRAS**  
gras@jfemail.de