

EUROMED YOUTH PLATFORM

Profile

The Euro-Med Youth Platform was officially launched in September 2003 and is now a body of that contributes to the implementation of the [Youth in Action Programme](#).

Based in Malta, the Euro-Med Youth Platform Secretariat is hosted within the European Union Programmes Agency (EUPA). The EUPA is responsible for the management and implementation of the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP), the Youth in Action Programme, the National Resource Centre for Vocational Guidance (Euroguidance), CEDEFOP Study Visits, Euro-desk, the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Platform, and as from 2008, the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals.

The Platform aims at bringing young people from the region together in an environment of tolerance and mutual understanding, facilitating networking between us, assisting in the capacity building of our organisations, increasing our participation, sharing of relevant information, and exchanging good practice.

We provide networking services for youth initiatives in the region by assisting in the [search for partners](#), facilitating the creation of networks of youth groups that have similar objectives, publishing a [magazine](#) in 3 languages, organising meetings, providing a forum for discussion, researching the [situation of young people](#) in each country, and distributing information about the [Youth in Action](#) and [Euro-Med Youth](#) Programmes. The Platform is currently also performing a needs analysis of youth organisations in the MEDA region as well as mapping stakeholders which provide funding opportunities and assistance to young people in the Euro-Med region.

Our objectives are the nurturing of democracy and its established instruments, and fostering mutual understanding as well as improvement in the issues of racism, gender equality and minority rights.

The [Commission of the European Union](#) (through the Youth in Action Programme) and the [Government of Malta](#) are the main financial contributors to the Platform. A Steering Committee composed of the Director of the Platform, representatives from the European

Commission's Directorate Generals for Education and Culture ([Youth in Action Unit](#)), [Europe-Aid](#) and [External Relations](#), the [Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency](#), [SALTO Youth](#) Euro-Med Resource Centre, and the [European Youth Forum](#), overlooks the general progress of the Platform.

With its activities, the Platform contributes to developing co-operation in the youth sector between thirty-five countries, parties to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Agreement ([Barcelona Declaration](#)). These are Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom