



Service Civil International MIDI seminar

Strengthening international volunteer organizations in the Mediterranean area taking into account the specificity of the region and the longstanding history of IVS organizations to work for peace.

November 18-24th 2014, Catalonia, Spain

History and context:

Service Civil International has a long history of promoting voluntary work, international volunteer exchanges and working for peace. Although in the past there was a very close co-operation with many organisations in the Mediterranean area nowadays the exchange of volunteers has dropped dramatically. The fact that there are less exchanges also reduces the contact between the organisations and the mutual understanding of each others context, way of working, needs and difficulties in promoting volunteer work. Therefore this training aims at bringing together leaders of different organisations in the Mediterranean area both longstanding partners of SCI and new contacts, focusing the debate on social transformation in order to promote a culture of peace through international voluntary service.

In the framework of SCI Catalonia's involvement in Peace Education activities and more specifically within the SCI MIDI working group, it appeared important to propose a common activity in order to continue the reflexion on topics we are daily confronted with.

The idea of this seminar came up and was designed by a group of SCI volunteers, partners and branches during the training for

trainers organised by SCI's "No More War" group and was taken up by the SCI MIDI working group during its annual meeting in October 2013.

Aims of the project:

The idea is that new projects/ ideas for co-operation can be developed and discussed. In last year's MIDI meeting there was a proposal to use the topic of conflict and peace work as focus for the seminar. That's why we will try to foresee some sessions deepening our understanding of these concepts in the Midi context. So with the seminar we want to :

- Bring together the associations of the Southern part of the Mediterranean region and European branches of SCI and strengthen the co-operation.
- Exchange experiences and working methods based on our daily work
- Explore ways to improve our co-operation if possible also using the Erasmus+ programme
- Bring together youth workers/ activists working every day in the areas of conflict transformation, nonviolent communication and education for peace at local, national and international levels;
- Raise awareness about conflicts in the Mediterranean area, giving methods and tools for the analysis and understanding of conflict through formal, informal and non-formal educational methods;

Profile of participants :

active volunteers/ staff/ board members of the organisations involved who are able to work in English and take some decisions on behalf of their organization and contribute to the development of new project ideas or strategies to enhance the co-operation between SCI Branches and partners in the Mediterranean area.

Provisional programme:

to be adapted after MIDI meeting (oct 2014) and meeting of prep team.

	Day 1 Nov 18th	Day 2 Nov 19th	Day 3 Nov 20th	Day 4 Nov 21st	Day 5 Nov 22nd	Day 6 Nov 23rd	Day 7 Nov 24rd
Morning	Arrival of participants	Introduction to SCI and MIDI working group Presentation of organisations and their activities	Introduction to existing funding programmes Erasmus + / Anna Lind/ Europe for citizen	Communication and desinformation related to peace building in the Mediteranean area	Working on project development.	Working on project ideas	Departure
Afternoon	Ice breaking games Fears and expectations Introduction to the training	Conflicts and peace building. What do we understand by this?	Conflicts in my context Exchange of practical examples and experiences starting from the participant's own reality.	Working together within the new programme Developing ideas for future projects	Practical session : different methodologies used in conflict transformation strategies. Open space	Follow-up activities : Plenary session to present all the project proposals. Evaluation and closing session	

Evening		Sharing experience	Meeting with local activists	Free evening	How can I use the methods I learned at home ?	Final Party !	
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Financial conditions:

There is no participation fee and travel is reimbursed according to the rules of the Erasmus+ programme. You have to calculate the distance from your country to Barcelona with the travel calculator which you can find here :

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

For travel distances between 100 and 499 KM: 180 EUR per participant
 For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM: 275 EUR per participant
 For travel distances between 2000 and 2999 KM: 360 EUR per participant
 For travel distances between 3000 and 3999 KM: 530 EUR per participant

Partners in the project:

- I- dare Jordania (1 pax)
- SCI Jordania (1 pax)
- YDA palestina (2 pax)
- SCI Belgium (2 pax)
- ADPAL algeria (2 pax)
- Baladna Israel (2 pax)
- SCI Germany (2 pax)
- SCI Italy (2 pax)
- SCI Hellas (2 pax)
- Club cultural Ali B Tunesia (2 pax)

- VSI Ireland ((2 pax)
- CSM Marocco (2 pax)
- SCI France (2 pax)
- SCI Catalonia (2 pax)
- SCI Madrid (1 pax)
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