

## Annual activity Report of 2009



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Dear CB members, friends and supporters. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I submit the following CB activity report for this year and action plans for 2010.

In this connection, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the vital support and encouragement that has made it possible for CB to continue its contribution to intercultural dialogue, exchange both in Denmark and abroad.

Following are the outlines of the various projects and networking activities which CB has implemented together with partner organisations.

### **Adult Learning for Immigrant Integration (ALII) Project**

The first activity of the year was the development of ALII project that was launched in Naples, Italy in January.

The main objective of the ALII project is to create a better understanding between people and to give teachers and social workers, working with integration, innovative intercultural and conflict resolution tools in order to better handle the intercultural conflicts they experience in their personal and professional life.

The activities of the project comprise four 2-day workshops, each with a theme. The workshops aim at providing a forum of dialogue where the participants can share knowledge, experience, ideas and best practices together and to acquire new tools on how to handle the conflicts that can arise as a result of cultural differences and misunderstanding. The expected result is more peaceful and productive intercultural coexistence.

In this connection, CB Director Garba Diallo and Project Coordinator Kathrine Tschemerinsky participated in a project kick-off meeting in January 2009 in Naples, Italy. The meeting gave the six partner organisations from Italy, France, Bulgaria and Latvia the chance to get to plan, divided roles and tasks. In addition each partner organisation is implementing four national workshops, CB got the tasks of developing and managing the common website of the project. The aim of the website is to provide a channel of communication between the partners and other beneficiaries throughout the project period as well as a common resource to store, receive and share information and project

materials. The website has been developed and here is the link: (<http://www.aliiproject.org>)

Throughout the spring the content of the first workshop was planned and the participants were recruited. The first workshop took place on September 10-11 and the second workshop took place on October 8-9. The second workshop was followed by the monitoring meeting where all the partnering organizations from the five European countries met to discuss the progress, best practice and challenges in the implementation of the project. For those interested, a comprehensive progress report is available on the Alii website.

## **One Europe – Fundamental rights project**

Launched at a kick-off meeting in Budapest in mid February 2009 in February, the One Europe – Fundamental Rights project was initiated together with CB Roma partner organisations from Bulgaria, Germany and Hungary. The purpose of the project is to promote intercultural understanding and respect for diversity; to enable NGOs and local networks in each of the partner countries to take actions to combat negative stereotypes and perceptions.

The project aims at achieving these objectives through:

- fostering of European anti-racist efforts on the local level;
- ensuring that the European values of tolerance, mutual understanding, intercultural exchange, active citizenship etc. are grounded and reach ordinary people from the local level;
- identifying the most effective channels for bringing values to European citizens;
- promoting positive attitudes towards minorities with special attention to Roma;
- raising awareness of the obstacles minorities meet in their efforts to be active citizens;
- building capacity in existing networks of grassroots organizations to act against racism and prejudices;
- providing space for open dialogue and for exchange of experiences (good and bad) of local organizations from different countries with common anti-racist values.

The kick off meeting took place in Budapest on February 13-15 where Garba and CB trainer Vera Maeder participated. As part of the project activities CB organised in Denmark national workshop May 9<sup>th</sup>, the translational workshop with all the partners on May 14-17 and new media training workshop on 5 June. From September 9-13 Garba and Tobias and five other volunteers from CB participated in the training of trainers' course in Bulgaria. Now, the project group is working on developing campaign activities with schools to promote intercultural understanding. So, far we have contacted Avedøre gymnasium and CPH open gymnasium.

## **CB Euromed Climate Ambassadors Course 8-18 August**

One of the key projects CB implemented this year was the Climate Ambassadors course for 38 Euromed youth leaders and climate activists from Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Israel, Jordan and Palestine. The objective was to train Youth Climate Ambassadors that are able to disseminate their knowledge and to act as informal climate ambassadors in their communities. The theme of the course was motivated by the December 2009 COP15 climate summit in Denmark.

The course was held at and in cooperation with Krogerup Højskole which has over 40 participants from many different countries. Together with the CB youth, there were 80 participants from 28 countries. The course lasted for ten days focusing on green growth with energy, transportation, housing and food production as specific themes.

In connection to the course, CB applied and got 10 000 kr from the Project Advice that made it possible to organise a public event on 14 August during which the Danish Egyptian rapper and Danish Israeli jazz musician, respectively Zaki Youssef and Dalia Faitleson gave concerts and the participants displayed the photos, videos and articles they produced about climate issues in their countries. The event was attended by some 150 members of the public and the 80 participants. The event concluded with a reception, gala dinner and international climate "couple" green party.

Before coming to the course, the participants were assigned to each bring an article, photos and/or a video to share and improve during the course. These and other materials they produced during the course have been put together and produced in a CB Climate Ambassador online magazine. Here is the link: [climateambassadors.wordpress.com](http://climateambassadors.wordpress.com)

## **CB media skills for dialogue 2008-2009**

The second part of the CB media skills for dialogue project for young journalists from Denmark, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Palestine and Yemen was seriously affected by the December 08- January 09 Gaza-conflict escalation. The participants were affected both physically and emotionally by the intensity of the human tragedy. This made some of them launch their own online war against one another. CB responded by postponing the upcoming magazine and making a space for the journalist to express their opinion and to analyse the conflict in light of what they were taught in conflict sensitive media. In

addition, two extra seminars were held for the participants to reunited and share experiences from the war and to restore trust among them. Held at the ambassador hotel on 25 April, the seminar in Jerusalem was organised for the Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian journalists. After the one day seminar, one of the Palestinian journalists invited all the participants to have dinner at her parents' house. The dinner was very positive and an indication that the participants could separate their personal friendships from their political positions. The Cairo seminar was held for the Egyptian and Yemeni participants. 26 journalists attended the Jerusalem seminar while 16 the Cairo seminar. The two seminars helped restore the trust that was damaged during the war.

After the two seminars, the two last editions of the magazine were published, one focusing on the immediate reactions to the war and the other on "media role models" who dare to go against the current. With the last edition, the project activities have been concluded. The narrative report has been written and sent to the DEMENA Youth Fund. Now, we are exploring ways to build on the project outcome for another phase.

### **Creativity and Innovation**

This year CB has been part of many smaller projects developed by some of our partners around Europe and the Middle East. One of these projects is titled creativity and innovation in youth projects. It involved several countries and is headed by the European centre for citizenship and information in Palermo. CB role is to send two participants to three seminars: partnership building, training and evaluation seminars. The first one was held in Palermo on 20-26 of April. CB was represented by Sultan Coban and Cihan Coban. The second workshop was held in Riga on 26-31 of August and the CB participants were Sultan Coban and Mercy Osei Owusu.

### **Let's Talk about Democracy Antaliya Turkey 26-31 October**

This was a youth partnership building seminar held in Turkey. CB was represented by Sultan Coban and Serpil Ciftci. The aim of the seminar was to build new cooperation between youth organisations from different European countries such as Bulgaria, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Denmark, Cyprus, Greece and Turkey that are working on Youth Active Participation in Civil and Democratic life and willing to organise youth democracy projects or international youth projects about Democracy in general.

### **Restoring Trust: Video Making Marathon**

Held in Jerusalem on September 23-27, the aim of the workshop was to enable Israeli and Palestinian youth together with Danish youth to search for good ideas that could help restore trust in the Holy Land. The project was

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developed in partnership with the Ilam Media Centre in Nazareth and funded by Anna Lindh Foundation. Four students from Avedøre Gymnasium participated together with Garba and CB new media trainer Stefan Straten and 16 other participants from Israel and Palestine. During the four day workshop, the participants received training in media and dialogue, new media skills and got coached to make short films in groups, with the theme **Restoring Trust** between Israelis and Palestinians after the Gaza War. In four mixed groups, the participants presented their 4 minute films at a public event with a jury of professional film directors. One of the film entitled talk of the town won the CB "Oscar". The four films are available on the Youtube and CB Facebook.

### **Let's Talk about Sex Youth seminar in Palermo, December**

In the beginning of December Lorena Torres and Alexandra Olivio will attend a workshop in Palermo together with youth from various European countries. The theme is youth and sexuality and the participants are supposed to explore artistic ways to disseminate their knowledge about this subject.

### **Up 2 U – Correcting Media Images of Women**

The seminar takes place at Krogerup Højskole from December 7-13. The purpose of the seminar is to provide the participants with training of trainers and networking skills for dialogue with Danish media and civil society organisations. In order to give the participants the best opportunities for establishing contacts, dialogue and networking, the timing of the seminar is organised to take place in conjunction with UN Climate Summit COP15 in Copenhagen. This is a unique opportunity to visit various places of action, where the global civil society will express themselves about climate change.

## **CB Global Studies**

The CB global studies programme is getting well established at Krogerup Højskole. There is a lot of interest from around the world. The main challenges have been for applicants to raise the necessary funds and to get student residence permit. Now, the CB Global Studies is in its second term with students coming from Hungary, Yemen/Saudi Arabia, Mauritania, Israel, Czech Republic, Mexico, Canada and the Philippines. In October the group went on a 2 week study tour to Turkey with Garba together with journalist Martin Selsoe. The trip took the group to Istanbul and Kurdistan on the Iranian border.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to stress the fact that it has been possible to implement the above activities, thanks to your support, good cooperation with our partners and the hard work by the CB coordinators, interns and volunteers. Furthermore, I would especially, like to acknowledge the generous funding from the Danish DEMENA Youth Fund, EU Youth in Action Programme, Anna Lindh Foundation, EU Fundamental Rights and Grundtvig Lifelong Learning program, the Danish Centre for Cultural and Development- DCCD, and the UNESCO Participation Programme.

I look forward to continued good cooperation in 2010 and beyond. The CB project overview for 2010 is on the following page.

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## CB Project overview for 2010

Project	objectives	Target group	Partners	Funding source
	Space and skills for Intercultural dialogue	Teachers and social workers	CEICC, Lorsa, CNAM, CEGA, Baltic Bright	EU – Grundtvig lifelong learning program-approved
One Europe: fundamental rights	Intercultural understanding	Youth with different cultural backgrounds	PEN, Autonomia, RAA-Berlin	Fundamental Rights and Citizenship-approved
Youth against Racism Project	Mainstreaming anti-racism in all spheres of youth work	Youth with different cultural backgrounds	Association for Community Development-HU, United Societies of Balkans-Gr, Accademia Europea- It, Union Romani Andalucía	EU Fundamental Rights and Citizenship-approved
Youth and Media	Using the new media for dialogue	Youth with different cultural backgrounds	Hohere Lehranstalt (HLW), Kalevan Lukio, EIDP- Inst for dem part	EU Youth in Action Programme-waiting for reply
Sharing life Stories for di@logue:	Using the new media for sharing life stories for dialogue	Israeli, Palestinian, and Danish youth	Natanya college, PDF	Anna Lindh Foundation - to be applied for to
DEMENA Youth exchange	Exchange and dialogue between DEMENA youth	Danish and Egyptian Gymnasium students	CB, Avedøre and another school	the DEMENA Youth To be applied for to Fund by MS
Climate Ambassadors	Educating climate ambassadors	Youth climate activists	Arava Institute, Artemizsion, Kalevan, Masar, PDF and CB	EU Youth in Action Program to apply for