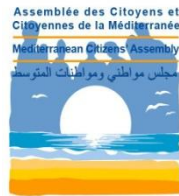


PROGRAM

FOURTH MEETING OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY



"MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUES: CITIZENSHIP AND CONFLICTS"

NOVEMBER 21ST TO 24TH 2013, ISTANBUL - TURKEY

INTRODUCTION

The Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly (MCA) aims to foster the emergence a citizen's voice and action, through the organization of activities, meetings and the creation of diverse spaces for dialogue. Since 2008, a group of Mediterranean citizens has committed to work towards the emergence of a Mediterranean citizenship, a Mediterranean community of people and a citizen's network for action in the Mediterranean. The MCA has set out a Founding Charter based on the following values: democracy, freedom, peace, respect for human rights and cultural diversity, in addition to environmental responsibility.

The first meeting of the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly, held in July 2010 in Valencia (Spain) was on the theme "Mediterranean dialogues: institutions and citizenship in the Mediterranean". During this meeting the need to foster the emergence of a Mediterranean community of peoples that is anchored in a Mediterranean political space and in a Mediterranean citizenship has been highlighted.

The second meeting of the Mediterranean Citizens' Assembly took place in Tunis in December 2011. Its focus was on "Crises and changes in the Mediterranean: citizenship on the move". This Assembly has demonstrated that the people of the Mediterranean are writing their own destiny based on their aspiration for freedom, the consolidation of the demands of the young generations and the strengthening of civil society.

The third meeting held in Volos (Greece) in October 2012 dealt with the theme: "Changes in the Mediterranean, the dynamics of the Citizens' Circles and the future of the MCA." This meeting allowed the members of the Advisory Council and local citizens' circles from all countries in the Mediterranean to establish a diagnosis of the current crises in the Mediterranean, in addition to discussing the future of the Citizens' Circles and their projects, as well as making proposals for future common actions.

The fourth meeting in Istanbul (Turkey) from November 21st-24th 2013 will address the citizens' dimension of various ongoing conflicts in the Mediterranean. The theme of this Assembly is: "Mediterranean Dialogues: citizenship and conflicts".

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Thursday, November 21st

Arrival of participants

17:30-19:30 Opening Session

- **Ms. Françoise Macé**, Member of the MCA Advisory Board, Program Manager at the Charles-Léopold Mayer Foundation (FPH)
- **Ms. Aylin Unver Noi**, Professor of International Relations, Gedik University, MCA Circle of Istanbul
- **Mr. Khaled Hammad**, Project Manager of the Dawrak (Citizens for Dialogue) Program of the Anna Lindh Foundation
- **Mr. Edgardo Maria Iozia**, European Economic and Social Committee
- **Ms. Katerina Stenou**, Head of the Intersectoral Platform for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence, UNESCO
- **Mr. George Saliba**, Special Representative of the General Secretary of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- **Mr. Andres Perelló**, Deputy of the European Parliament, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the UfM
- **Mr. Lhou Lmarbough**, Vice-president, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)

Message on the Mediterranean by Pedrag Matvejevic (Croatia), writer, Member of the MCA Advisory Board

20:30 Dinner

Friday, November 22nd

09:00 – 11:00 Start of the 4 Agoras: Genesis, issues and challenges of conflicts in the Mediterranean.

Agora 1: Analysis of the situation in the Mediterranean countries of Southern Europe

- Diagnosis of the economic, environmental, social, cultural, political and military situation.
- Open debate.

Agora 2: Analysis of the situation in the Eastern countries of the Mediterranean

- Diagnosis of the economic, environmental, social, cultural, political and military situation.
- Open debate.

Agora 3: Analysis of the situation in the Maghreb countries

- Diagnosis of the economic, environmental, social, cultural, political and military situation.
- Open debate.

Agora 4: Politics, religions and citizenship in the Mediterranean

- Influence of religions on the Mediterranean political systems.
- Open debate.

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Continuation of the 4 Agoras

13:00-14:30 Lunch at the hotel

14:30-16:00 Continuation of the 4 Agoras

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-18:30 Continuation and end of the Agoras

20:00 Dinner and free evening

Saturday, November 23rd

09:00 – 11:00 Start of the 4 Agoras: *Citizens' approaches and perspectives for the future*

Agora 1: Citizens' approaches and perspectives for the future of the Mediterranean countries of Southern Europe

- Which propositions and action procedures for citizens on the conflicts analyzed in this agora?
- Open debate.

Agora 2: Citizens' approaches and perspectives for the future of the Eastern countries of the Mediterranean

- Which propositions and action procedures for the citizenship on the conflicts analyzed in this agora?
- Open debate.

Agora 3: Citizens' approaches and perspectives for the future in the Maghreb countries

- Which propositions and action procedures for the citizenship on the conflicts analyzed in this agora?
- Open debate.

Agora 4: Politics, religions and citizenship in the Mediterranean

- Which propositions and action procedures for the coexistence of a political citizenship and a religious citizenship?
- Open debate.

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Continuation of the 4 Agoras

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Continuation of the Agoras

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-18:30 Continuation and end of the Agoras

19:30 Departure to the hotel for the dinner and the cultural evening

Sunday, November 24th

09:00-10:00 Presentation of the summaries of the 4 Agoras

10:00-12:00 Closing Session

- **Mr. Vicent Garcés**, Member of the MCA Advisory Board
- **Mr. Kivanc Eliaçik**, Director of the International Relations Department at the Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey (DISK)
- **Mr. Karim Hauser**, Head of Program Governance, Casa Arabe (Spain)
- **Ms. Elisabetta Ciuccarelli**, Middle East and Mediterranean Program, IEMED
- **Mr. Georges Abi Saleh**, Representative of the EuroMed Non-Governmental Platform
- **Ms. Malika Ben Arab Attou**, Deputy of the European Parliament, member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the UfM
- **Representative**, European External Action Service

Declarations of the MCA Advisory Board

Signing the Protocol Agreement between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) and the MCA

Family Picture

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