

Intercultural Trends and Social Change in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

The Anna Lindh Report 2018



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The Anna Lindh Report 2018 on Intercultural Trends and Social Change in the Euro-Mediterranean Region is a pioneering tool for knowledge and action on cross-cultural relations in the Mediterranean region. Published every three years, the Report combines a Public Opinion Poll gathering the voices of many thousands of people across Europe and the southern and eastern Mediterranean region, with a wide range of analyses by a network of intercultural experts.

The Survey presents scientific data on what people see as critical aspects of life in the Euro-Mediterranean region, their expectations, concerns and values. The themes discussed in the Anna Lindh Report 2018 include: Differences and similarities in value systems; Efficient ways to tackle extremism; the Religious factor in intercultural relations; Cities as laboratories for dialogue; Education at the heart of multi-cultural societies; Trust in media and main sources for the treatment of cultural diversity; Human mobility; the Role of culture in Mediterranean relations; Youth and Women as drivers for change and dialogue.

Through combining the voice of the Region's people with analysis from experts in over 20 countries, the Anna Lindh Report is an instrument in the hands of policy-makers, opinion-leaders and civil society providing proposals for the intercultural dialogue agenda and guidelines for intercultural action at the local and international level in the framework of a renewed EU Southern Neighbourhood Policy.

About the Report

- The 2018 is the third edition of the Report and Intercultural Trends Survey, the first launched in 2010
- Pioneering opinion poll carried out on a Euromed sample of 13,000 people

- Published in English, Arabic and French
- 20 intercultural experts involved in the qualitative analysis with 5 country focused analyses
- A basis for debate across the Euro-Mediterranean region
- Online and face-to-face academic courses developed around the Report
- The 13 Euro-Mediterranean countries surveyed in the Poll are: Algeria, Austria, Croatia, Finland, France, Jordan, Israel, Italy, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, the Netherland and Tunisia.

Data at a glance

The Survey exposes that the region is not victim of a clash of civilisations but rather a 'clash of ignorances' based on historical stereotypes and the 'culturalisation' of conflicts promoted by certain media and political narratives.

- For more than 80% of respondents: education, youth-led dialogue initiatives and youth participation in public life are effective measure to deal with conflicts and radicalisation
- Positive representation of the region: 56% strongly associate the Mediterranean region to hospitality, 52% to migration issues, 50% to common cultural heritage, and only 32% to conflict.
- Media impact on mutual perceptions more negative than positive: 8% in the north had more positive views on their southern neighbours while 18% more negative. In the south, for 21% perceptions were positive and for 26% negative. The media had no impact for 55% in the north and 12% in the south.
- A majority of citizens see potential gains from cooperation around the Mediterranean: 84% of Europeans and 88% of SEM expect gains in relations to new opportunities for education and training and 92% of Europeans and 88% of SEM see the potential of cooperation in relation to opportunities for entrepreneurship, innovation and youth employment.

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