



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

AGR/14/ETF/

Between

THE EUROPEAN TRAINING FOUNDATION,
Villa Gualino, Viale Settimio Severo 65, 10133 Torino, Italy,

hereinafter referred to as "the ETF"

on the one side,

and

**ANNA LINDH EURO-MEDITERRANEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE DIALOGUE
BETWEEN CULTURES**

P.O. Box 732 El Mansheia Alexandria 21111- Egypt,

hereinafter referred to as "ALF"

on the other side

INTRODUCTION

Having regard the Regulation (EC) No 1339/2008 establishing the European Training Foundation as an agency of the European Union, aiming to contribute, in the context of EU external relations policies, to improving human capital development in the partner countries;

Having regard art. 3.6 of the Regulation (EC) No 1339/2008 that allows the ETF to establish cooperation agreements with other relevant international bodies in the field of human capital development;

Whereas the 'human capital development' is defined as work which contributes to the lifelong development of individuals' skills and competences through the improvement of vocational education and training systems;

Whereas amongst the ETF functions there are to facilitate the exchange of information and experience among donors engaged in human capital development reform in partner countries, and to disseminate information and encourage networking and the exchange of experience and good practice between the EU and partner countries and amongst partner countries in human capital development issues;

The Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Dialogue between Cultures (ALF) was officially established in April 2005, and has its Headquarters in Alexandria, Egypt. Recognised as a unique institution, it fulfils an intercultural mission to promote knowledge, mutual respect and exchange between the peoples of the region, in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. The Foundation works as a Network of 42 National Networks, gathering almost four thousand civil society organisations, playing the role of a facilitator to bring people together, offering tools for action and for reflection to all those who work for peaceful coexistence, understanding, social and human cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean space.

Noting that the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the dialogue between Cultures runs the largest network of civil society organisations involved in the promotion of intercultural dialogue across Europe and the Mediterranean,

Noting that the Foundation is a central actor of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, and a facilitator of the participation of civil society in the Union for the Mediterranean, coordinating a Euro-Mediterranean Network gathering over two thousand organizations which share the values of the Foundation and work together to make dialogue, peace and prosperity possible in the region

Considering the exchanges between the Sides;

Recognising that the Sides have a common interest in cooperation in the fields of human capital and economic and social development in the Southern Mediterranean region,

THE SIDES HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 – PURPOSE

- 1.1 This cooperation agreement establishes a framework for co-operation in the fields of human capital and economic and social development in Southern and Eastern Mediterranean between the ETF and the ALF.
- 1.2. The purpose of this agreement is to define the working arrangements between the ETF and the ALF in order to implement their cooperation.

Section 2 – OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The general objectives of this cooperation will be to:
 - 2.1.1 Promote civil society organisations participation in the activities and actions developed by the Sides.
 - 2.1.2. Promote coordination between the Sides' activities aimed at fostering and supporting the development of human capital and intercultural dialogue.
 - 2.1.3. Share knowledge in the field of human capital development and intercultural dialogue.
- 2.2. The specific areas of cooperation shall be: specific components of the ALF's Dawrak programme, the ETF country specific projects as relevant for the Dawrak programme and the 'GEMM' EU funded project implemented by the ETF.

Section 3 – IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 Cooperation under this agreement shall imply:
 - a) To identify the relevant contact services to implement the agreement;

For the ETF
Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Unit

For the ALF
Programme and Operations Unit
 - b) To inform each other in case of any changes with regards to the contact services;
 - c) To prepare the working plans and related timetable;
 - d) To provide regularly information on relevant initiatives;
 - e) To invite the other one to participate in relevant events;
 - f) To liaise to identify relevant projects or initiatives and agree on the specific activities to be undertaken.
- 3.2. Each Side will endeavor to prevent any situation that could compromise the impartial and objective implementation of this agreement. Such conflict of

interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other relevant connection or shared interest. Each Side endeavor to refrain from participating in procurement procedures launched by the other Side.

Section 4 – MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- 4.1 Cooperation will be monitored and evaluated as appropriate on a mutual cooperative basis thus permitting, as necessary, the annual adjustment of the planned activities in the light of any needs or opportunities becoming apparent in the course of their implementation.
- 4.2 The contact services will organise regular exchanges, at least once a year, to review the status and the effectiveness of the cooperation, including an assessment of activities undertaken.

Section 5 – FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Cooperation under this agreement will not imply allocation of any funds or resources by either Side to support and implement activities resulting from the cooperation.
- 5.2 Cooperation will be carried out within the framework of the administrative and financial rules and regulations of both the ETF and the ALF.

Section 6– COPYRIGHT AND OWNERSHIP

- 6.1 Copyright clauses on the content of all texts and other documents or materials produced under this cooperation agreement will reflect the contribution of each Side and of any third Side.
- 6.2 The Sides will not divulge such documents and information referred to in Section 6.1 above without the written consent of the other.

Section 7 – VISIBILITY

- 7.1 Each Side will endeavour to take all appropriate measures to ensure that communications of relevance or publications about the joint activities, including at an event, indicate that they have received contributions from both Sides.
- 7.2 Where materials or events are jointly branded, the content and logos are agreed in advance in writing by both Sides.

Section 8- OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

- 8.1 This cooperation agreement is without prejudice to cooperation which may be put in place pursuant to other arrangements between the Sides.

Section 9 – GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1. This cooperation agreement is a statement of best intent of the Sides and shall not create or affect legal rights or obligations, either in the relationship between the ETF and the ALF or with any third Side.
- 9.2. This cooperation agreement shall come into effect on the date of its signature by the both Sides.
- 9.3. This cooperation agreement shall remain in effect for four years following which it may be extended through exchange of letters served two months before the expiry date of the agreement;
- 9.4. This cooperation agreement may be terminated at any time by either Side by serving a one month written notice.
- 9.5. This cooperation agreement is made in English, in two originals.

SIGNATURES

For the European Training Foundation

For the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean
Foundation for the dialogue between
Cultures

Madlen Serban, Director

Andreu Claret, Director

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