

## Network Meeting 6-7/09/2017

The National Meeting originally intended to have the cross-networking component, but due to limited interest of the Network members still focusing on the unexpected reduction of the already approved activities and financing of the CSOs in Croatia (as described in questions 1.B., C. and 2.A.3.) the HoN persisted in focusing more on the domestic issues. Planned objectives of the meeting were to foster the consolidation, operative functioning and structural coherence of the National Network and present an overall analysis of the achievements and results in the previous period and give some insights into the main issues of the next period.

The meeting provided the members with the results and outcomes of the implemented projects and actions. Also, the meeting provided the relevant information on the ALF activities and programs, including the results of the ALF Forum Malta 2016. Furthermore, the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed the participants of the meeting, where a new member of the ALF Board of Governors from Croatia, Ms Tamara Krupski, stressed out her strong support to the further development of relations between the CSOs and the Ministry, as well as her admiration to the civil society component of the Union for the Mediterranean concept.

The information was shared with the members of the Croatian Network about the final decision on implementation of the planned new Call for proposals, through which the NFCSD wanted to tackle civil society organisation, focusing on expanding cooperation among the CSOs in the Euro-Med region. The Call, entitled Developmental Cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean, is re-programmed in new Call for Proposals that will be published in January 2018 and entirely financed by the NFCSD.

During the Meeting, a lecture/presentation was given to the participants regarding the actual situation and aftermath of the migrant crisis in Europe by the expert from the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Zagreb (a member of the National Network).

Finally, the plans for the possible further activities within the National Network were also addressed during the meeting, including the debate on the suggestions from the Croatian Network for the ALF Phase V implementation.

During the 2017, an additional visibility event was prepared and co-organised by the HoN and the local partner (Association Petit Philosophy), held in October 2016 in Zadar, under the title "Diversity is the Richness of the Mediterranean", focusing on presenting the cultural diversity of the Mediterranean, through workshops with children, learning the basics of some Mediterranean languages and a photo exhibition.