

The role of euro-mediterranean civil society, of the NGOs and of the decentralized co-operation

Context

- The emergence of new local powers associated with economic liberalization have favored the advent and the affirmation of decentralized co-operation and of civil society.
- Their fields of application are varied and concern seven major domains: Peace and Security, Human Rights, Training and Education, Migration, Support to Sustainable Economic Development, Humanitarian, Sanitary and Social Actions, and Sustainable Development.
- Their actions are more flexible than that of the State and better suited to the requirements of development.

Impact of the free-trade zone

- The implementation of a free-trade zone requires the emergence of a civil society in the South in order to counter-balance the effects of economic liberalization.
- The emergence of local powers in the South will make it possible to eliminate progressively the obstacles to a true decentralized co-operation.
- Decentralized co-operation and the action of the NGO's could contribute, in a flexible and efficacious way, to the policies intended to compensate for the liberalization of exchanges in southern countries.

Stakes and axes of co-operation

Stake 1 - Restart of the MEDA co-operation

Stake 2 - Co-ordination of the decentralized co-operation policies of the Mediterranean States

Stake 3 - Support to Civil Society in the South

Axis 3.1 Providing assistance to NGOs and to Civil Society in the South

Axis 3.2 Helping setting up transmediterranean networks between representatives of the Civil Society

Axis 3.3 To develop co-operation project that involve the youth.

Stake 4 - Reinforcement of exchanges between european regions in the field of co-operation

Axis 4.1 Creation of an interregional platform of geographical and thematic co-operation

Axis 4.2 Reinforcement of co-operation projects on issues dealing with immigration and intercultural exchanges.

Stake 5 - Development of the governance capability of the local authorities of the South

Axis 5.1 Organization of the transfer of know-how on local governance capabilities

Axis 5.2 Training european territorial managers for decentralized co-operation.