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# ARTICULATING VALUES:

## Youngsters act in EuroMed

A platform for formal and non-formal education in Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, the Netherlands and Turkey



"Theatre is a form of knowledge; it should and can also be a means of transforming society. Theatre can help us build our future, rather than just waiting for it."

*Augusto Boal, Founder of Theatre of the Oppressed*



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## Framework

The Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Department of International Relations was the initiator of the "EuroMed School Forum", the previous project that was designed in close co-operation with the Austrian National Commission for UNESCO and the ASP-network.

Whilst the EuroMed School Forum aimed at creating a network of schools within the Euro-Mediterranean region, the project **"ARTiculating values: Youngsters act in EuroMed. A creative initiative for interreligious dialogue and a peoples-connecting value debate"** goes even further, creating a **platform for both formal and non-formal education** which allows an exchange of good practises and, eventually, has sustainable and positive impact regarding peaceful co-existence and citizenship.

## Background and Aims

Currently, we are facing the success of right wing parties, discriminating election campaigns, attacks against minorities and the upswing of racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. The project "ARTiculating values" seeks to promote intercultural dialogue not only amongst people from EU member states and MEDA-countries but also amongst those with different social backgrounds in the respective countries, e.g. majority society and minorities or migrants. Therefore, the

initiative involves **schools** as well as youth and cultural **organisations from Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, the Netherlands and Turkey**. The main aim is the development of core values, mutual respect, empathy and critical thinking.

## Creative Ways to Deal with Values

Debates, the exploration of similar values and **personal encounters** within the framework of the International Training Event (25-30 April 2010) as well as **joint work towards common aims** – respectively the elaboration of a theatre performance or the writing of the so-called "Pages for Peace" together with a journalist – contribute to a better understanding and to positive experiences that are meant to prevent the participants from being ignorant towards "the other" and from being susceptible to "easy-made solutions" as claimed by populists. The **scenes and articles** as developed by the participants of the International Training Event **will be presented to the public** on 29 April 2010. The performance will be followed by a concert of Marwan Abado and Aliosha Biz, themselves being role models for interreligious dialogue.

**Follow-up activities**, including workshops with drama educators **in the participating countries**, are supposed to convey this spirit to a broader audience and to foster an on-going self-reflecting learning process.

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## Participating Schools and Organisations

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