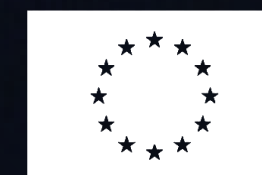


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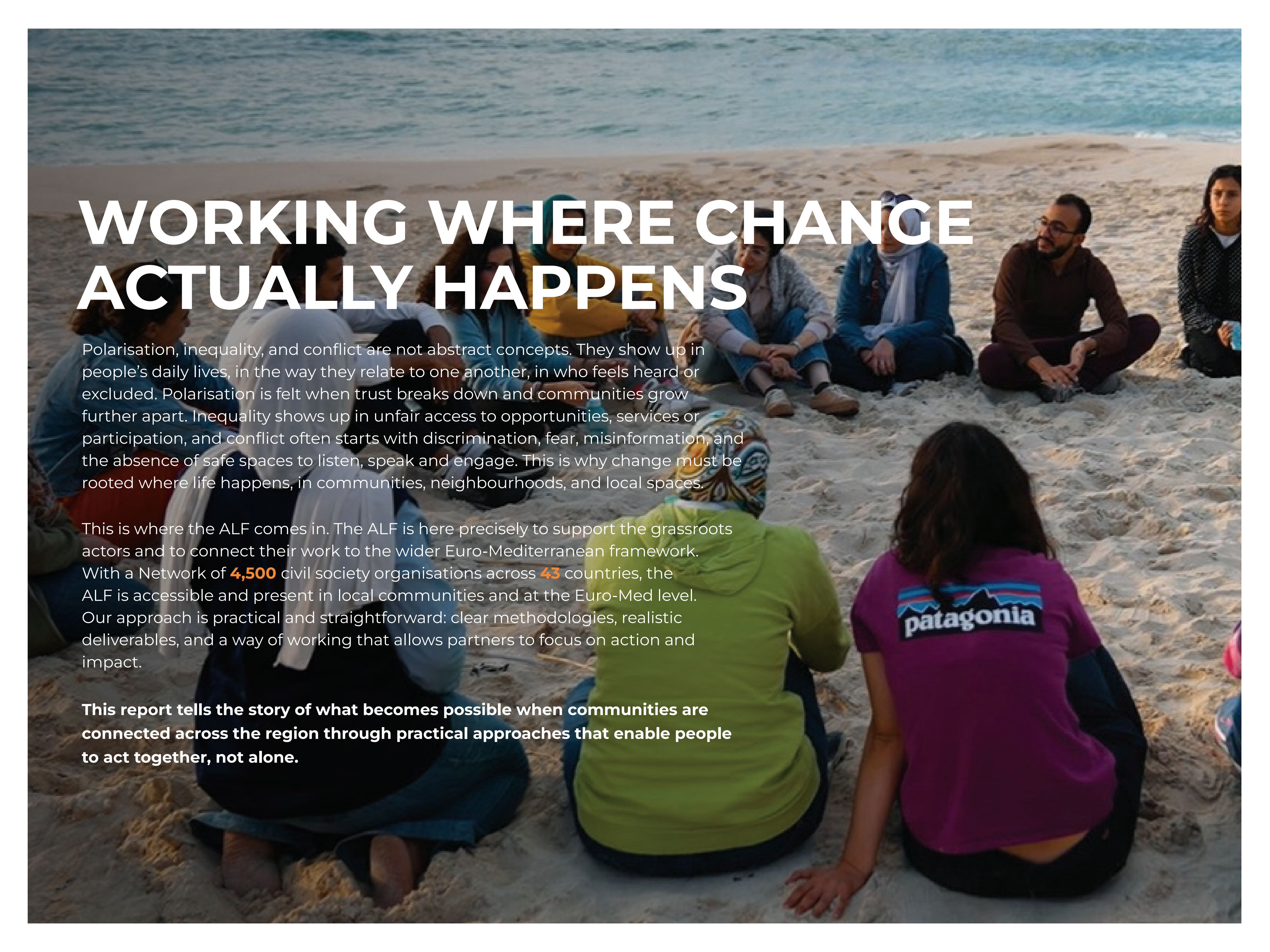
ALF 3 Years of Transformation

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WORKING WHERE CHANGE ACTUALLY HAPPENS

Polarisation, inequality, and conflict are not abstract concepts. They show up in people's daily lives, in the way they relate to one another, in who feels heard or excluded. Polarisation is felt when trust breaks down and communities grow further apart. Inequality shows up in unfair access to opportunities, services or participation, and conflict often starts with discrimination, fear, misinformation, and the absence of safe spaces to listen, speak and engage. This is why change must be rooted where life happens, in communities, neighbourhoods, and local spaces.

This is where the ALF comes in. The ALF is here precisely to support the grassroots actors and to connect their work to the wider Euro-Mediterranean framework. With a Network of **4,500** civil society organisations across **43** countries, the ALF is accessible and present in local communities and at the Euro-Med level. Our approach is practical and straightforward: clear methodologies, realistic deliverables, and a way of working that allows partners to focus on action and impact.

This report tells the story of what becomes possible when communities are connected across the region through practical approaches that enable people to act together, not alone.



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3 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION

These past three years have been a journey of **reimagining**, and **rebuilding**.

The ALF has emerged stronger, realigning its vision, and regaining trust with its key partners and stakeholders across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

This transformation has been reflected not only in what we do, but also in how we do it. Over these three years, the ALF redefined its internal structures, strengthened coordination across all units, and embedded a culture of accountability, quality, and learning. Programmes were redesigned to be more connected and results-driven, communication became more strategic and visible, and partnerships were strengthened through a renewed sense of collaboration and shared aim.

Today, the ALF stands with a clear sense of purpose and reinforced credibility, recognised as a trusted voice for intercultural dialogue and a leading institution within the Euro-Mediterranean.



Message from **HRH Princess Rym Ali**, President of ALF

Over the past years, the ALF has demonstrated not only its adaptability, but its determination to respond to the realities facing our region. With reduced resources compared to its early years, and limited means, the Foundation has continued to deliver meaningful work with civil societies across the Euro-Mediterranean. Of course, growing expectations from institutions and from civil society must be matched by resources that genuinely reflect them. But extra funds alone are not enough: the challenges before us are not only operational: they are also moral. From Ukraine to Gaza, we have seen deep fractures and double standards expose the fragility of the values we claim to share, and the gap between the world young people aspire to build and the one taking shape. A common understanding of these values, and building the courage and mechanisms to protect and reaffirm them, is no longer optional. Justice and equality must be the foundations of dialogue itself: without them, true peace and cooperation in our region will remain elusive.

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Message from **Josep Ferre**, Executive Director of ALF

A decisive change has occurred in ALF in recent years that entailed a radical revision of our corporate culture with a strong determination to get out of our comfort zone and to make "an intercultural dialogue useful for society and institutions" come true. Despite, the disturbing international situation, with dramatic consequences for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, the ALF remained focused on its mandate, assuming, at the same time, our own inconsistencies and collective frustrations. Now, as a result of our joint effort in the past years, the ALF Secretariat, and the ALF National Civil Society Networks as a whole, are much better equipped to challenge the endeavours of the years to come. Let's do it together!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josep Ferre".



THANKING THOSE BEHIND OUR COLLECTIVE VISION

DG MENA

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and partnership. Without you, the Anna Lindh Foundation would not stand where it is today. Your role goes far beyond funding. Through your strategic insights and your institutional frameworks, you empower us to deepen our impact across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Thank you for giving us confidence in this endeavour and for the continued engagement in supporting our journey, inspiring us to go further.

ALF NATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS

Thank you for keeping the ALF connected to real people and for constantly challenging us with your diverse views and sensitivities. You are the heartbeat of the ALF, connecting people and actions. You are instrumental in engaging more and more grassroots actors linking them with a broader Euro-Mediterranean framework.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thank you for providing us with an additional layer of enrichment and for always being ready to contribute to the ALF mission with your expertise.

PARTNERS IN DIALOGUE

Thanks to our diverse range of partners from civil society organisations and academia to local administrations, and media outlets whose roles have been essential to the achievements of this Phase. Your collaboration and shared efforts ensured the continued impact and relevance of ALF's initiatives and Programmes across the region.

UNWAVERING COMMITMENT

One of the ALF's greatest strengths lies in its ability to remain committed to its vision and goals while adapting to a constantly changing geopolitical landscape. We know how to stay true to our mission, even as we adjust to new realities, challenges, and opportunities.

At ALF, commitment and agility go hand in hand, allowing us to navigate uncertainty with purpose. We are not only responsive to our context, but also proactive in developing new initiatives that address emerging needs and the evolving priorities of our stakeholders and partners.



OUR IMPACT

38 Calls, mobilising

12.595

direct beneficiaries

323%

Increase in audience size across ALF Social Media Platforms significantly expanding overall digital reach

55

Impactful Policy Debates and Outreach Dialogues

1.930

Stakeholders and experts from academia, institutions, civil society, practitioners and policy makers

118

Briefs and reports produced

8.347 civil society entities directly participating

175

mobilities benefiting

397

individuals

Over **1.000** hours of training to

1.025

practitioners

210

Youth comprehensively empowered through ALF youth programmes.

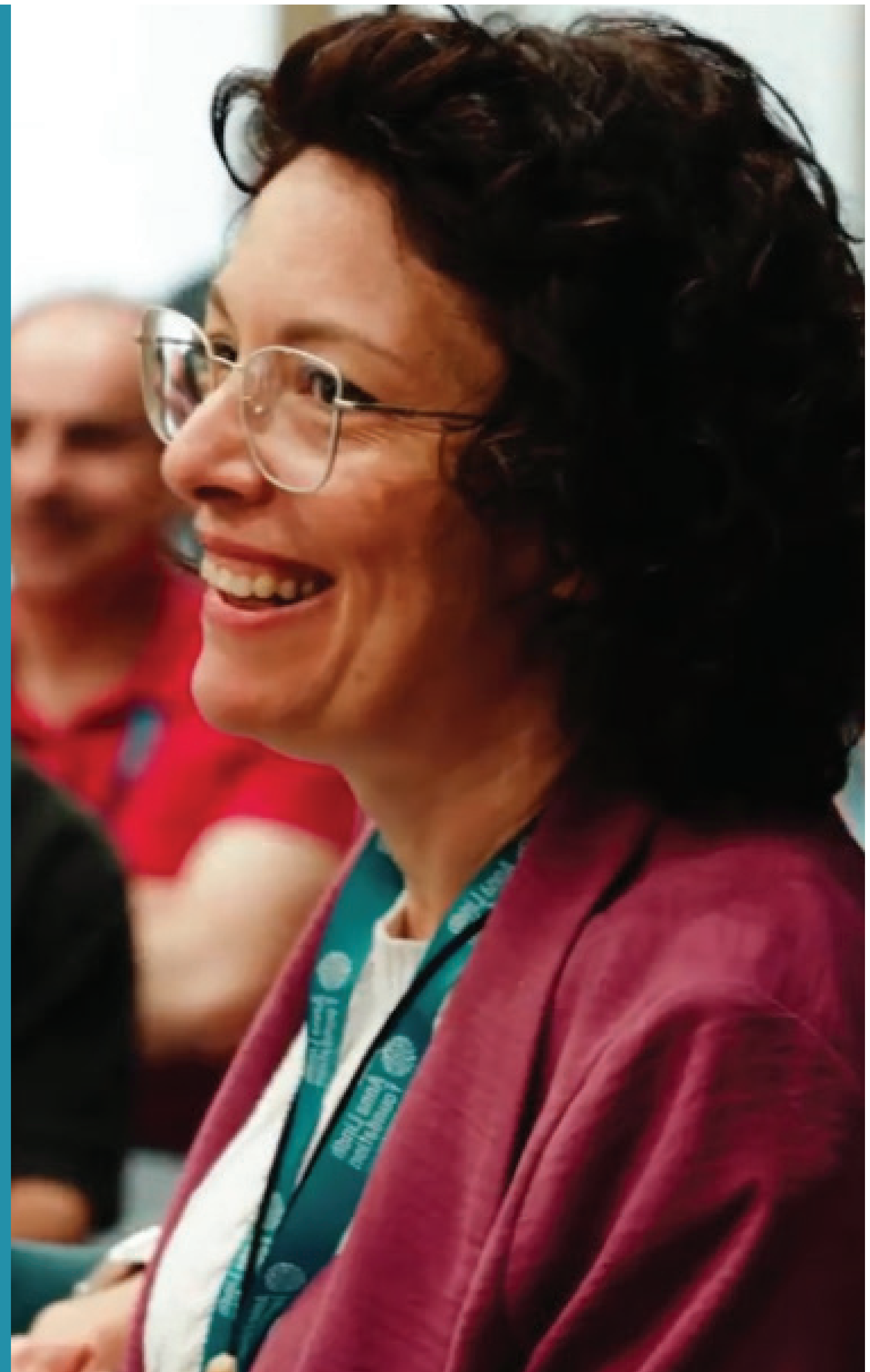
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Musical performances &

50

artistic initiatives, engaging over

17.000 attendees



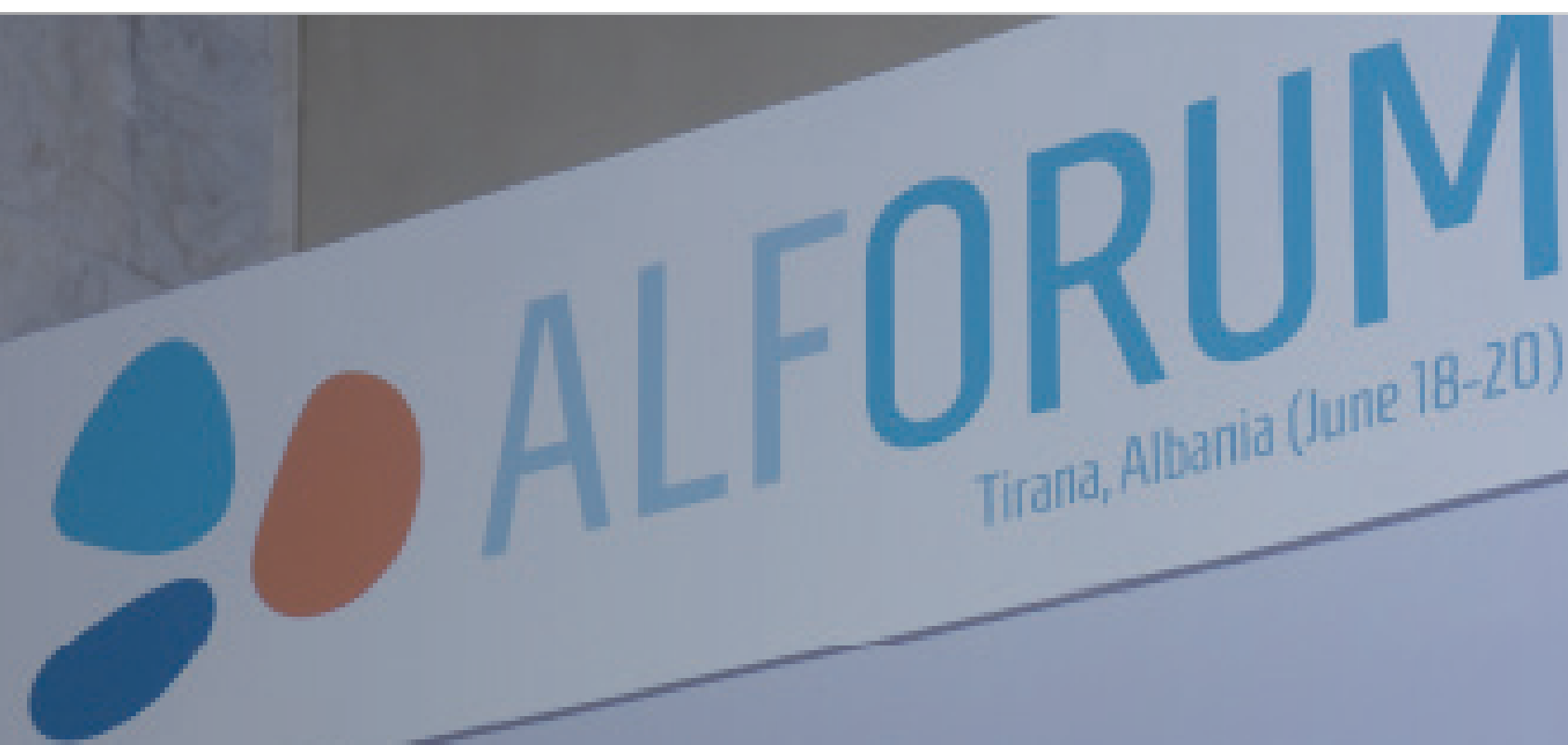
OUR IMPACT

The past three years were also defined by some complementary strategic initiatives that responded to emerging needs and the evolving priorities of our partners, and to reinforcing the Foundation's institutional positioning and long-term relevance.

ALF 4 THE PACT

- ALF launched a series of participatory events **“ALF4thePact”** to ensure that youth and civil society voices were placed at the heart of the Pact's discussions.
- These consultations led to the development and submission of the Foundation's position paper to the European Commission, entitled **“Putting the People-to-People and the Cultural Dimension at the Heart of Euro-Mediterranean Relations”**
- This contribution reflects the ALF Secretariat's vision for the Pact for the Mediterranean, **One Sea, One Pact, One Future**, with the aim of supporting its operationalisation.

FOUNDATION FOR THE PACT FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN



ALFORUM 2025: BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

While the ALForum was foreseen within the EU Grant framework, its ambition, reach, and impact went far beyond what was originally planned, mobilising **803** participants from **41** countries.

More than half of participants (**52%**) were actively engaged as speakers, moderators, facilitators, artists, youth contributors and media actors, reflecting the Forum's participatory and co-creation based approach.

Inspiring
Knowledge
Driving
Action
Uniting
Cultures



OUR IMPACT

CORE DIMENSIONS

INSPIRING KNOWLEDGE

Introduced for the first time in this phase, the Inspiring Knowledge dimension marked a major step forward for the Anna Lindh Foundation. In previous years, ALF's work focused primarily on implementing Programmes and supporting partnerships on the ground. But as our actions expanded, it became clear that there was a missing link: a structured way to connect grassroots work with academic research and decision-making processes. In other words, to close the circle of change.

This new pillar was created to fill that gap: to bring together the insights generated across civil society, academia, and institutions, and make sure they are not lost or disconnected.

Under this dimension we don't just generate new knowledge, we also connect and manage the rich expertise that already exists across ALF Civil Society National Networks. By transforming experiences into shared knowledge, we ensure that every action we take contributes to stronger understanding and informed decision-making.

This knowledge management process is strategically channeled toward both institutions, as part of our advocacy for inclusive and evidence-based intercultural policies, and toward civil society, to strengthen local practices and promote stronger links between grassroots action and broader policy frameworks.



1.930

Stakeholders & experts involved

55

Policy Debates and
Outreach Dialogues

26

Cities

18

Countries

118

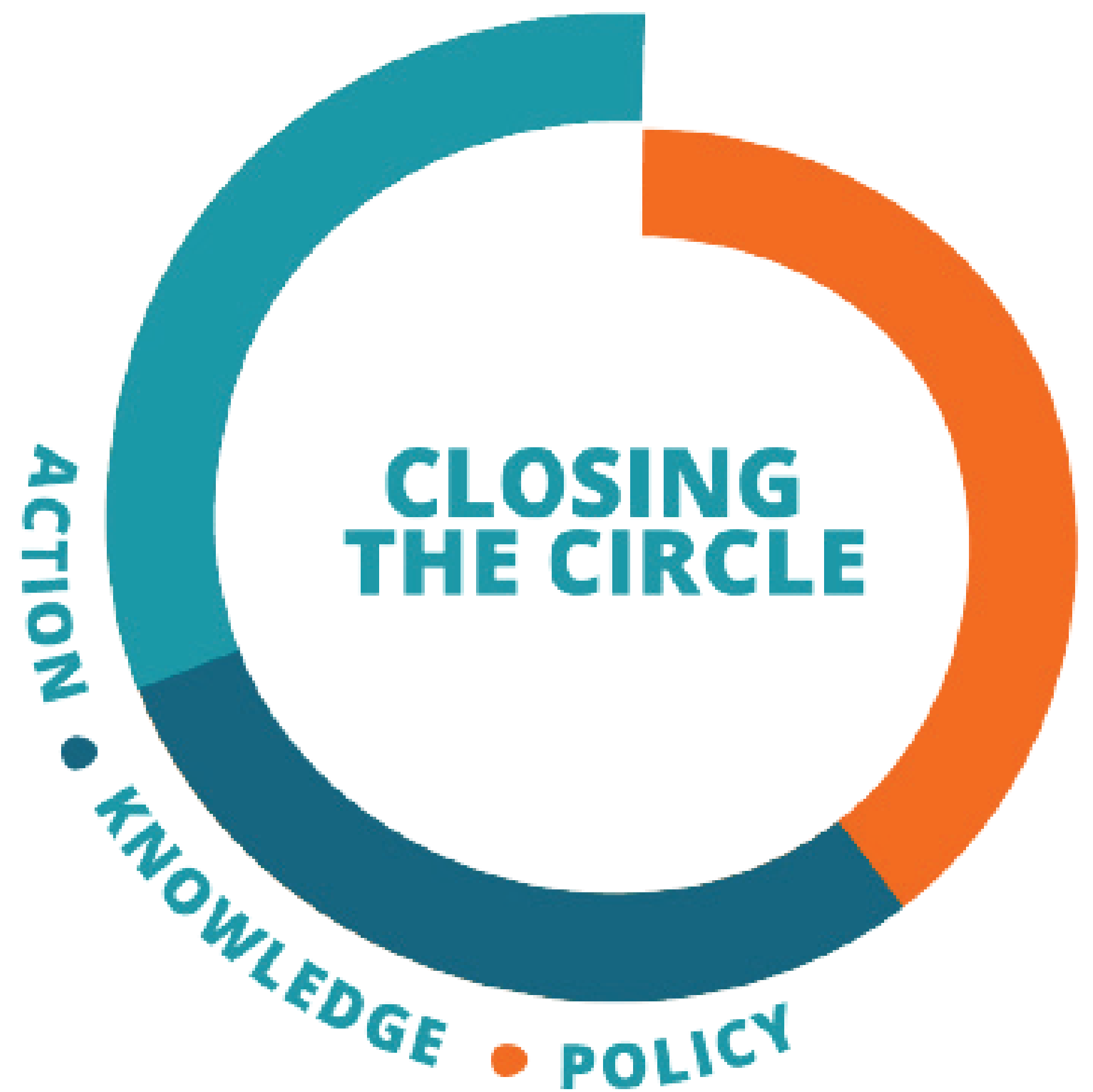
Publications

At the heart of this approach lies our methodology of **Closing the Circle**.

We close the circle through two complementary dialogue mechanisms:

- **Policy Debates** bring together experts, think tanks, universities, and decision-makers to discuss strategic themes, present research findings, and propose evidence-based recommendations that reflect the region's needs and aspirations.
- **Outreach Dialogues** engage youth, local communities, and grassroots organisations in translating complex policy themes into accessible, relevant conversations connected to their realities.

By combining the analytical depth of the debates with the inclusive participation of the dialogues, the Foundation has built a holistic and participatory process that bridges civil society, academia, and EU institutions. This approach has strengthened the ALF's credibility and visibility across the region.



THIS IS WHERE WE CLOSED THE CIRCLE



Helsinki
•Youth Engagement

Prague
•Living Together
•Peacebuilding

Ljubljana
•Ethics of AI
•Living Together
•Empowering women
•Peacebuilding

Brussels
•Living Together
•Ethics of AI
•Youth Engagement

Sarajevo
•Living Together
•Peacebuilding

Bitola
•Living Together
•Empowering women

Barcelona
•Living Together
•Cultural Heritage

Tirana
•Youth Engagement
•Ethics of AI
•Living Together
•cultural diplomacy

Lecce
•Youth Engagement

Elbasan
•Youth engagement
•Living Together
•Ethics of AI
•Social innovation

Valongo
•Living Together
•Fostering Democratic Participation
and Resilience for Migrants and
Community Integration

Madrid
•Living Together
•Social innovation

Alcamo
•Living Together
•Cultural Diplomacy

Catania
•Youth Engagement

Kleiat
•Living Together
•Social innovation

Rhodes
•Youth Engagement

Rabat
•Living Together
•Integrating social dimensions
in climate change policies

Oujda
•Ethics of AI

Gozo
•Living Together
•Integrating social dimensions
in climate change policies

Tunis
•Living Together
•Integrating social dimensions
in climate change policies
•Ethics of AI

Agadir
•Living Together
•Empowering women

Alexandria
•Living Together
•MCCD

Amman
•Living Together
•Empowering women

Haifa
•Living Together
•Peacebuilding

Irbid
•Living Together
•Integrating social dimensions
in climate change policies

Cairo
•Living Together
•Empowering women
•Ethics of AI

“

We are taking cultures, taking language and all those characters and nuances from people, from humans and we are going to map this to AI models which are going to help us in fastening this process but we need the human in the loop to hopefully connect us together.

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— Iman Khaouja, Secretary General
MoroccoAI, Morocco

“

This event was useful and important, because it gives the voice not only to the government but to people across the Euro-Mediterranean region. This way we can organise together how to develop ethical digital tools that would make life better to all the population.

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— Claude Kirchner, Public Policy Dialogue
Keynote Speaker, France

DRIVING ACTION

NETWORK ENGAGEMENT SCHEME (NES)

Creating impact through how Networks function, not only through what they deliver

NES supports ALF's National Civil Society Networks, connecting more than **4,500** member organisations across the region.

Moving beyond coordination

Networks meetings moved from coordination updates meetings into participatory working spaces that generated peer to peer learning addressing practical needs in addition to progressively developing grassroots initiatives driven by members.

Stronger governance and clearer ways of working

Networks strengthened internal governance by clarifying roles and adopting more inclusive decision-making practices. This reinforced accountability and transparency in their operations.



39 National Civil Society Networks engaged

333 Intercultural dialogue initiatives

Thematic priorities based on local needs

Building on the ALF Strategic Framework, Networks identified thematic priorities grounded in members' expertise and local context.

Knowledge management and expertise capitalisation

Harnessing the know-how and specialisation of grassroots members, processes of mutual learning, collaboration and innovation have been gradually incorporated.

Stronger visibility and engagement

Networks enhanced communication and outreach through newsletters, social media, and website, making grassroots voices more visible while strengthening links with media, academia, and local administrations.



Empowering civil society through mobility and capacity building

ALF IN MOTION

ALF in Motion strengthens civil society cooperation across the Euro-Mediterranean region by enabling face-to-face exchanges between partners from the complementary shores of the Mediterranean.

Through mobility opportunities, civil society actors built trust, exchanged expertise, and developed joint initiatives beyond borders. Structured around four modalities, Action, Creativity, Knowledge, and Partnership, the Programme supported project co-creation, artistic collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the development of new collaborations.

175 Mobilities benefiting
397 individuals



“

We are all humans and the Mediterranean Sea is a common resource that we all share, so the more we talk, the better we can solve the problems that affect all of us.

”

— **Manar Ramadan, Co-founder of Banlastic Egypt**

ALF HANDS ON

ALF Hands-On complements mobility efforts by strengthening the capacities of civil society practitioners with a Euro-Med vision to lead and implement initiatives more effectively.

Through interactive tailored training and peer-learning formats, the Programme equipped participants with practical tools to respond to emerging challenges in their local contexts. Capacity-building activities focused on key areas such as governance, strategic planning, gender equality, climate action, conflict prevention, youth participation, and the ethical use of digital tools, including AI.

Over **1.000** hours of training to
1.025 practitioners

“

As anticipated, the training covered a broad range of topics essential for navigating contemporary society, providing practical skills and fostering strategic thinking to address complex challenges. Its adequacy depends on delivering comprehensive content, practical insights, and fostering critical thinking relevant to today's world.

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— Iman Rhimi, Tunisia



DRIVING ACTION

THE DAY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

107

Simultaneous musical performances

17.000

Attendees

“

“The best part was witnessing the transformation of a public space into a shared platform for artistic expression and intercultural dialogue, and empowering children and youth to take centre stage in a meaningful international celebration. It strengthened intercultural dialogue and highlighted the power of grassroots creativity to unite people.”

— **Implementing Entity in Jordan**

“It was especially meaningful for us that our own performance was viewed by so many people across the Mediterranean. This visibility not only showcased our community’s creativity and dedication but also reinforced the impact and reach of grassroots cultural work. Overall, the programme enabled us to expand outward, connect deeply with Mediterranean partners.”

— **Implementing Entity in Greece**

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MEDITERRANEAN CAPITALS OF CULTURES AND DIALOGUE

Alexandria and **Tirana** were selected as the Mediterranean Capitals of Culture and Dialogue in 2025.

50

Cultural and interactive initiatives were implemented in Alexandria and Tirana, engaging local communities and bringing people together through arts and participatory experiences.



OPENING SESSION

الجلسة الافتتاحية

SEANCE D'OUVERTURE

ALFORUM 2025: BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

18 to 20 June 2025 in Tirana, Albania





ALFORUM HIGHLIGHTS

803

PARTICIPANTS

3

DAYS

105

Parallel sessions

9

Plenaries

400+

Speakers

90

Creative
artists

15

Interactive &
networking
activities

14

Artistic
performances



As the milestone of Phase VI, the Forum brought together 803 participants from 41 Euro-Mediterranean countries, primarily from ALF Civil Society National Networks, alongside representatives from academia, cultural and artistic sectors, youth initiatives, media organisations, policymakers and institutional stakeholders.

In a context marked by geopolitical tensions and societal polarisation, the Forum was designed under the theme “The Dialogue Effect.” It positioned dialogue as a foundational and transformative process through which knowledge, collective reflection and inclusive participation can generate practical solutions and drive action.

The design and implementation of the ALForum was grounded in a participatory and co-creation-based methodology, ensuring that National Networks and grassroots actors were not only beneficiaries but key contributors to content and outcomes.

More than half of participants (52%) played an active role as speakers, moderators, facilitators, performers, or youth contributors,

reflecting strong ownership and engagement beyond passive attendance, in line with the Forum’s guiding principle that participants’ voices and knowledge are central to dialogue processes.

5

Open Calls for participation

2.500

and more applications to actively participate in ALForum

407

New requests in three months to become member of the ALF National Civil Society Networks

ALFORUM 2025



“An exceptionally well-organised Forum with a vibrant atmosphere. The cultural **diversity** and opportunities for meaningful exchange made it **unforgettable.**” - Feedback collected through the post-Forum anonymous survey

Parallel sessions enabled deeper thematic exchange and peer-to-peer learning, translating shared knowledge into practical insights and collaboration pathways. **Cultural and artistic activities** were intentionally embedded to emphasise that culture is not a supplement to dialogue but a form of dialogue. This was reflected in the selection of both cultural venues and open public spaces, extending parts of the Programme to the wider public beyond registered participants. **Networking activities** provided structured informal spaces that enabled meaningful encounters, supported new partnerships and reinforced cross-network collaboration.

ALFORUM 2025



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“We felt the Euro-Mediterranean region come alive through music, movement, food, and art. Every evening in Skanderbeg Square, we created a special space to celebrate the diversity, creativity, and shared spirit of the region, and connect with the people of the hosting country too.”

— **Feedback collected through the post-Forum anonymous survey**

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As a part of the ALF determination to be relevant and useful for institutions and civil society, key takeaways from the Forum were incorporated into ALF's contribution linked to the **EU Pact for the Mediterranean.**



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ALF 4 THE PACT



How ALF brought youth and civil society voices to the heart of Euro-Mediterranean policy discussions.

Over the years, ALF has strengthened its capacity to manage, generate, and channel policy-oriented knowledge, becoming a trusted bridge between grassroots voices and EU institutions.

For us, **Dialogue is not a goal in itself**, it is a process that leads to real change.

During the development of the Pact for the Mediterranean, the ALF took the initiative and launched a series of participatory events to ensure that the voices of youth and civil society are placed at the heart of the Pact's conversations.

This journey was guided by Four Key Steps:

1

Creating spaces for dialogue

Organising a series of participatory engagements across the Euro-Mediterranean region, bringing together youth representatives, civil society actors, cultural practitioners, policymakers, and institutional stakeholders. These spaces enabled open, trust-based exchanges and the co-creation of ideas on the future of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.



Granada, Spain, April 2025

Co-organised dialogue with youth leaders, civil society actors, and Heads of ALF Networks



Brussels, Belgium, April 2025

Euro-Med Youth Policy Dialogue with EU institutions, including a high-level exchange with Commissioner, Dubravka Šuica



Tirana, Albania, June 2025

ALForum 2025 sessions and plenary on the Pact for the Mediterranean



2

Capturing and translating insights

ALF systematically documented proposals, synthesised the most important takeaways, and turned them into structured knowledge.

3

Channeling voices to the highest level

To ensure that these proposals influenced decision-making, ALF facilitated direct exchanges between youth and EU officials including a high-level dialogue with Commissioner for the Mediterranean on the Pact for the Mediterranean. One Sea, One Pact, One Future. This ensured that youth voices contributed the Pact while it's being shaped.

“There is a lot of youth ‘talk’, but not that much people who walk it. And ALF have given us is an amazing opportunity to challenge that” **Pablo Pastor**, Young MYA Researcher



ALF4THEPACT

Putting the People-To-People and the Cultural Dimension at the Heart of Euro-Mediterranean Relations

Mobility, Youth, Culture



4

Delivering actionable outcomes

The journey culminated in the submission of the consolidated contribution

“ALF4ThePact: Putting the People-to-People and the Cultural Dimension at the Heart of Euro-Mediterranean Relations” to the European Commission.

SOME OF ALF RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Establish** a Euro-Mediterranean Youth Assembly led by the ALF Secretariat, bringing together intergenerational elected representatives and delegates from youth-led and youth-oriented organisations across the region.
- **Develop and coordinate** a dedicated mobility scheme for civil society actors: an “Erasmus for Euro-Med Entities (EEE)”, building on and expanding the ALF in Motion Programme.
- **Design and coordinate** a dedicated programme for Euro-Mediterranean International Cultural Relations, capitalising on initiatives such as the Day of the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean Capitals of Culture and Dialogue.



DIVERSIFYING TO SUSTAIN AND EXPAND

Over the past three years, the Foundation started to broaden its funding sources, successfully moving toward a **more diversified and sustainable financial model**. This shift reflects a strategic choice not to rely only on one single grant but on a growing ecosystem of partnerships that share our values and vision. Through this model, we were able to adapt to emerging priorities, address cross-cutting regional needs, and design and implement initiatives that are relevant.





MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH IN ACTION (MYA)

MYA reflects ALF's approach to youth engagement in which young people are not only beneficiaries but also partners and active citizens driving change in more inclusive and sustainable societies across the Euro-Mediterranean region. Across all Programme activities, young participants are engaged in an intensive journey that includes capacity-building trainings, peer-collaborations, and mentorship. They lead concrete actions at local and Euro-Med scale and actively contribute as speakers, presenters, and active contributors, bringing forward their expertise and perspectives into public, local, institutional, and policy-related spaces.

27

Policy briefs
produced

22

Blogs
produced

Translating research findings into clear and actionable recommendations amplifying youth-led analysis and perspectives on Euro-Mediterranean issues.

14

Targeted
Dialogues
facilitated

7

Academic Dialogues, engaging research communities and strengthening youth presence within academic and professional ecosystems.

7

Civil Society Outreach Dialogues, connecting young researchers with local civil society aiming to increase the visibility of youth-led research within their countries.



“ ALF places a key and an enabling role in providing trusted platforms for all young voices across the Mediterranean in order to meet, make new connections, and most importantly be heard by institutions. In this way, ALF amplifies intercultural youth-led dialogue and promotes the Mediterranean identity that is grounded in mutual respect.

— Alessandro Agniti, Italy ”

“ The programme has allowed me to learn more about the Euro-Mediterranean region as a whole, but also to sharpen my skills as a researcher when it comes to research itself, developing ideas and policy recommendations.

— Christelle Barakat, Lebanon ”

Community leaders

25 Community-based initiatives implemented, addressing locally identified challenges and demonstrating youth-led solutions rooted in community needs and realities.

Content creators & digital storytellers

25 National social media outreach campaigns implemented, reaching over **9 million** users and generating more than **500,000 interactions** across platforms.

5 Regional campaigns currently ongoing, extending youth-driven inclusive narratives across borders.

Creating spaces for youth voice, visibility, and influence

ALF fosters young people's active participation in policy dialogues, international meetings, and strategic events, adopting a multi-stakeholder and intergenerational approach that brings together youth of the different profiles, policymakers, academia, civil society organisations, and practitioners to address a wide range of thematic priorities relevant to the region.

20+ Events with European Union Institutions, including DG MENA, EEAS, the EP, and EESC.

9 Parallel sessions in the ALForum 2025 and ALF Youth Conference.



Key regional stakeholders and partners: UfM, FUNDEA, PCNS, & UNIMED.

CHALLENGING INEQUALITIES

MASAR AL'AN PROGRAMME

Through this Programme, **16** community-based organisations (CBOs) were empowered to become local agents of social change in Southern Mediterranean countries.

The Programme supported CBOs committed to addressing inequalities in their local communities through innovative approaches, focusing on thematic priorities related to youth, gender equality, green transition, environment and water, and employment, with **14 CBOs** receiving a grant of **EUR 10,000** to implement their initiatives.



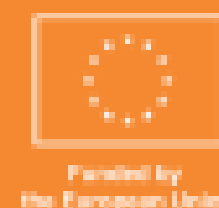
YOUNG CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Programme brought together **50** dynamic and committed young leaders from **10** Southern Mediterranean countries throughout **two** inspiring cohorts and successfully implemented community-based actions.

After enhancing their capacities through tailored trainings, the Programme empowered young leaders to lead within their communities and to turn ideas into meaningful impact through their community-based actions while addressing local needs and challenges related to “New technologies and ethical AI for civic engagement” or “Just Transition”. Young leaders engaged in an intensive journey that included capacity-building sessions, peer-collaborations, and mentorship.

Some focused on the theme “Promoting Ethical AI for Civic Engagement and Participatory Governance,” addressing a diverse range of sub-thematic areas, such as misinformation and disinformation, the use of AI in governance and academia, technology for climate action, and data management in the health sector.

Other change-makers tackled the theme of “Promoting a Just Transition” and delivered tangible solutions across key areas such as climate justice, gender-responsive climate action, green and circular economy, waste management and recycling, renewable energy awareness, inclusive green skills, sustainable livelihoods and environmental peacebuilding.



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“ The Programme strengthened my skills as a civil society leader and connected me with youth from diverse countries and cultures who share similar concerns. Through these exchanges, I learned from others’ experiences, built partnerships, collaborated on joint initiatives, and gained a broader understanding of the world.

— **Mohamed Alouane, Morocco**

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DIVERSIFYING TO SUSTAIN AND EXPAND

DIVERSIFYING TO SUSTAIN AND EXPAND



THE ROAD TO INCLUSIVE NARRATIVES



A pilot initiative on intercultural literacy and fighting misinformation & disinformation that equipped **15** civil society organisations from six countries with a structured manual, targeted capacity-building sessions, and strategic guidance to strengthen critical thinking and design **15** grassroots-level digital awareness and advocacy campaigns addressing misinformation related to gender equality, migration, and mental health; delivered in collaboration with **10** local media outlets, these campaigns reached over **1 million** people across social media across the region.

“ These narratives vividly highlighted the challenges and realities faced by migrants, making our message not only more relatable but also more resonant with the audience. The stories provided concrete examples that illustrated the complexities of the migration experience, which helped to dismantle stereotypes and foster empathy among viewers.

— Cross Culture International Foundation, Malta

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#ChallengeYourBias

LOOKING AHEAD

The achievements of Phase VI are not endpoints but building blocks.

Over the past three years, the ALF has strengthened how it works, how it reaches people, and how it delivers impact across the Euro-Mediterranean region. The ALF is now well-positioned to carry forward a coherent, inclusive, and a results-driven direction.

This phase also demonstrated the scale of the Foundation's accessibility to the grassroots. Between 2022 and 2025, ALF launched **38** calls for participation, receiving over **12,000** applications from civil society organisations, young people, researchers, and cultural actors across the region. This remarkable level of engagement reflects the relevance and credibility of the ALF on the ground.

This growing demand reinforces why the ALF's role matters more than ever and why additional support is needed. Expanding ALF's resources means expanding both grassroots impact and institutional value **reaching more communities through trusted local actors, supporting more locally driven initiatives, and generating stronger insights and partnerships that contribute to Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.**



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