

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



EuroMed Forum for Cultural Diplomacy

Rhodes Island, May 11th-14th 2010

From May 11th to May 14th 2010 on the Greek island of Rhodes, the Chios Institute for Mediterranean Affairs (CIMA), in cooperation with the [Institute for Cultural Diplomacy](#) (ICD) and the [Department of Mediterranean Studies](#) of the University of the Aegean, will organise the first Euro-Mediterranean Forum for Cultural Diplomacy. The technical and logistical support will be provided by [Geoservices](#), by the Municipality of Southern Rhodes and by the Prefecture of Dodecanese.

The Euro-Mediterranean Forum for Cultural Diplomacy aspires to be the place where theory and practice meet, where proposals become projects and where projects become reality. To this aim, participants will interact with distinguished academics and practitioners with first-hand experience of cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The first day will provide for an opportunity to discuss both the concept of Cultural Diplomacy and the challenges and perspectives of regional cooperation. On the second day, regional cooperation areas will be discussed in more depth. The afternoon will be dedicated to poster presentations. The third day will be fully devoted to thematic workshops, allowing participants to discuss and get feedback on their current or future cooperation projects. Projects will be presented in plenary during the final day and further cooperation possibilities with the CIMA will be discussed.

The Euro-Mediterranean Forum aims at fostering an interdisciplinary approach to Cultural Diplomacy and its potential impact on the Euro-Mediterranean Region. Participants will therefore be selected from a variety of backgrounds: journalists, NGO and union activists, students, representatives from the academic world as well as young professionals.

The fee for the Euro-Mediterranean Forum is **EUR 200** for EU citizens and **EUR 150 for non-EU citizens**. This covers accommodation for 5 nights, meals for the 4 Forum days, as well as transport from and to the airport on arrival and departure days. Participants who wish to arrive earlier or to leave later will benefit from preferential prices thanks to our cooperation agreements with local partners.

SELECTION PROCESS

We invite graduates and young professionals with a keen interest in Cultural Diplomacy and in Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation to submit a proposal in one of the two tracks:

1 – Academic Track: Call for Papers

We invite M.A. students, PhD candidates and researchers with a background in anthropology, sociology, international relations, political science, cultural studies, history, geography, economics or law to send us their **CV** and to submit an **abstract of 500 to 700 words**. Abstracts must be sent in English and include an original contribution to the academic debate: in this context, we will particularly value proposals adopting a comparative approach. Selected participants will be asked to offer a poster presentation on the second day of the Forum. Following the Forum, academic participants will be given the opportunity to publish their article in a book edited by the CIMA in cooperation with the ICD and the University of the Aegean.

2 – Practitioner Track: Call for Projects

In addition, we invite young professionals, lawyers, businessmen, journalists, trade-union and NGO activists as well as any interested person to send us a **CV** and a **project proposal of 500 to 700 words** on issues covered by the Forum. Proposals should be sent in English and include an answer to the 6 “W-questions” (*Who? What? Why? For whom? Where? When?*). We encourage the submission of proposals with a clear emphasis on North-South or on South-South cooperation at the Mediterranean level. The proposals may refer to ongoing projects or to projects that have not yet been implemented. After the Forum, CIMA will contribute to the implementation or to the further development of the cooperation projects presented.

Topics of interest include **but are not limited to**:

- the framework of cooperation: the Barcelona Process, the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Union for the Mediterranean;
- North-South and South-South regional cooperation;
- the definition of priorities for the political dialogue;
- the political economy of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation;
- cultural diplomacy and civil society dialogue;
- civil society cooperation and the role of NGOs;
- journalism in the Mediterranean;
- the role of states and civil societies in the Northern and Southern Mediterranean;
- the role of universities and exchange programmes;
- definition, criticism and added-value of the concept of Cultural Diplomacy;
- cross-border cooperation at the basin level;
- hard power and soft power in the Mediterranean;
- regional development;
- sustainable tourism;
- environment and management of natural resources;
- education and professional training.

Deadline for proposal submission is **March 15th 2010**. Selected participants will be notified by **March 31st 2010**.

Proposals can be submitted electronically to euromedhouse@gmail.com or via mail to the following address:

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PROFILE OF THE ORGANISERS

Chios Institute for Mediterranean Affairs (CIMA)

Established in 2009, CIMA is an international, not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation with headquarters in Chios, Greece. It consists of three departments named after Ancient Greek deities: the Hestia Department develops projects in the field of economic development and sustainable tourism at the regional level; the Metis department offers education and training sessions on Euro-Mediterranean issues; the Caerus department offers a platform for debate and exchanges between civil societies from all around the Mediterranean.

Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD)

Founded in 1999, the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) is an international, not-for profit, non-governmental organization with headquarters in Berlin, Germany. Over the past decade the ICD has grown to become one of Europe's largest independent cultural exchange organizations. The ICD conducts activity to facilitate intercultural exchange, undertakes research into the theory and practice of the field of cultural diplomacy, and works to support the existing organizations and institutions active in the area - both governmental and nongovernmental.

Geoservices

Geoservices, founded in 2005, is a young innovative company that deals with the processing of geographical information. Geoservices headquarters is in the city of Mytilene, on the island of Lesbos, and its founding members are directly associated with the geography faculty of the University of the Aegean in Mytilene. Since November 2008 Geoservices has a branch in Thessaloniki and is active in many parts of Greece and the Balkans.