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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Spanish Red Cross together with the Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean (CCM) will organize the **14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Youth Camp “Atlantis”**. The event will take place in Malaga, Spain, from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Since its first edition in 2005, Atlantis has gathered hundreds of youths from across the Mediterranean region and now stands as a referential meeting and a platform for intercultural exchange among youth, seen as the real agents of behavioural change both for the present and the future of our communities.

The overall objective of the Camp is to use intercultural dialogue as a tool to **build young volunteers’ capacities as agents for positive change within multicultural societies**, counteracting stereotypes and discrimination.

Building on the experience of the previous editions of the Camp (see annex 1), in 2018 Atlantis aims to follow the priorities highlighted during the 12<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies<sup>1</sup> held in the Republic of San Marino in May 2015 and in the **First RC/RC Mediterranean Youth Meeting**. On that occasion **Youth and volunteering promotion** was underlined as an area of concern to tackle jointly, as well as climate change and environment, with special focus on sustainability development.

Accordingly, the Camp will gather Mediterranean Red Cross and Red Crescent Youth around the theme of Sustainability. The topic will be addressed from a range of perspectives including environmental sustainability and it will be carried out in the wider frame of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)<sup>2</sup>.

## **ACTION FRAME**

The Youth Camp will be displayed under the umbrella of **Strategy 2020 (S2020)** of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), as it is specifically tied to its **Enabling Action 1 ‘Build Strong Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies’<sup>3</sup>**. Young people stand as a fundamental investment for the present and the future of the Movement. Their multiple roles contribute to better respond to current vulnerabilities and to the reinforcement of their capacities.

The current global situation of problem interconnection has created the need of transboundary cooperation. Volunteers of different countries in the world are now required to work together by sharing their concerns, solutions and solidarity. Localised disasters, such as floods and earthquakes, now belong to the international sphere, thus mobilising National Societies in different countries. One of the main steps towards the framing of

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.rcrcmediterraneanconference.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ifrc.org/who-we-are/vision-and-mission/strategy-2020/>



this international action to tackle a local issue has been the application of the Millennium Development Goals and afterwards the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2000, the United Nations signed the Millennium Declaration establishing eight key goals (MDG) to fulfil before the end of 2015. Twelve years later, at the Rio Conference, the goals were expanded to seventeen under the name of Sustainable Development Goals. This edition of the Youth Camp will be framed by Goal 13 of the SDG (Climate Action), yet also tackling Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation); Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), with the cross cutting component of Goal 5 (Gender Equality).

Goal 13 focuses on taking urgent action to combat climate change and the impacts it has. For this reason, this year's aim of the Youth Camp is to empower those who have been long recognized by the United Nations as a major human resource for development, agents for social change, economic growth and technological innovation: Youth. Ideas, imagination and energies of young people are key for the development of societies in the world. In the UNDP's first Youth Strategy 2014-2017, youth engagement is reaffirmed to be a positive force for transformational change. This strategy includes:

- Three outcomes: (1) increased economic empowerment of youth; (2) enhanced youth civic engagement and participation in decision-making and political processes and institutions; and (3) strengthened youth engagement in resilience building;
- Ten guiding principles: human rights, gender equality, sustainability, national ownership and leadership, participation, innovation, South-South cooperation, volunteerism, inter-generational knowledge-sharing and working by, with and for young people;
- Four-pronged approach: capacity development, advocacy and mainstreaming, thought leadership, and national policy.

S2020's **Strategic Aim 2 'Enable Healthy and Safe Living'**, remarks the importance of tackling the climate change. Recognizing its impact in the community development and sustainability, we work in measures for adaptation and actions focused at creating environment-friendly behaviours. Likewise, in the **Solferino Youth Declaration** (2009)<sup>4</sup>, the **climate change** and addressing catastrophes are considered by youth an important commitment to be tackled with higher responsibility in order to increase the action of NSs and Governments to foster preparedness and response to this humanitarian challenge.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVE

- To build and consolidate the capacities of Mediterranean RC/RC Youth as active and engaged volunteers in the domain of environmental sustainability.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1 Foster the implementation of IFRC Y.E.S. among Mediterranean National Societies
- 2 Acquire new tools and creative approaches to replicate the lessons learnt regarding environmental sustainability

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.ifrc.org/Global/Publications/youth/170700-Youth\\_declaration-EN.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/Global/Publications/youth/170700-Youth_declaration-EN.pdf)

- 3 Develop skills such as organisation, problem solving, time management, team work and communication through interactive sessions, role plays and other activities
- 4 Promote intercultural interaction, partnerships and networking between young volunteers of the Red Cross/Red Crescent of the Mediterranean region
- 5 Train volunteers to act as agents of change within their communities in order to combat discrimination and build a culture of peace, understanding and tolerance

## CONTENTS OF THE CAMP

In order to achieve its objectives, Atlantis XIV will develop a number of workshops and sessions so as to provide youth participants with specific knowledge and trainings. Amongst others:

1. Introduction to the Camp

This plenary session will serve as an introduction on the main topics of the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Camp, addressing the concept of Sustainability from a range of perspectives.

2. Sustainable consumption

Participants will be involved in an interactive session made of activities and dynamics to enhance their understanding of the climate and environmental changes that planet earth is undergoing. Their awareness on the relation between gender, women's role and societies' consumption will also be raised in order to let them think about –and propose- positive actions and projects at a local level to face such challenges.

3. Climate change and population movement

This session aims at raising awareness on the complexity of reasons that may trigger further mass population movements in the Mediterranean: not only conflicts and poverty, which may be interrelated, but also the extreme weather conditions and climate change.

4. Sustainable development and Gender

The session will aim at deepening the knowledge and raise awareness of young people towards gender equality, its meaning, issues and challenges as well as the consequences that women's role and work can have for a sustainable development as seen from a social, economic, cultural and environmental perspective. Participants will also be given tools to integrate sustainable methods into their projects and lifestyles.

5. Special session: the prevention of trafficking in human beings

Building on the expertise developed by the Spanish Red Cross on trafficking in human beings, with particular emphasis on prevention issues, this session will be aimed at introducing the topic to participants. The tools used will be brainstorming, active participation and role-plays using the didactic materials produced by the Red Cross of Serbia and translated into English with the support of the CCM.

6. Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC)

YABC is an IFRC tool that empowers youth to play a leading role in transforming mind-sets and behaviours in their local communities. It integrates peer-education and non-cognitive learning and uses role-plays and artistic platforms to promote behavioural change.



#### 7. Leadership skills

This session will tackle leadership from a holistic point of view exploring it both from an individual perspective and from a group approach. The session aims at discussing the different ways of being a leader within the group and being target oriented, as well as being able to value the efforts and the potential of the group.

### **METHODOLOGY AND FORMAT**

Atlantis XIV will be based on an interactive and participative approach. The methodology, thanks to the long experience of facilitators in international youth trainings, fostering dialogue and the sharing of experiences, will be geared to interaction and active participation (role-plays, exercises, real-life situations, discussions, sharing personal experiences about participants' countries and about their Red Cross/Red Crescent Youth structures and volunteers' management). The group's philosophy will be open mindedness. At the same time, participants will profit from practical evaluation activities that will allow them to use the knowledge acquired during the camp to measure the level of achievement of the objectives.

The team of facilitators will consist of RC/RC National Societies peer educators and IFRC, as well as field expert of other international organizations

### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Approximately 50 to 55 young volunteers coming from RC/RC Mediterranean National Societies, selected between those who are actively involved in the development of programmes and activities of their Youth Branch.
- RC/RC Youth volunteers aged 18-30.
- Volunteers must be able to understand and express themselves in English and/or French.
- A flexible attitude in an environment of intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding is highly desirable.
- Gender balance in the selection of participants is highly appreciated.

**WHERE:** Spain

**WHEN:** 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**WORKING LANGUAGE:** English and French

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## Annex 1

### RC/RC Mediterranean Youth Camp 'Atlantis': 2005 - 2017

- **Atlantis I**, Sicily (Italy) organized by the Italian Red Cross, 2005. Workshops on: Human rights; Addictions; Prevention of Pandemics; Migrations; Disasters.
- **Atlantis II**, Istanbul (Turkey), organized by the Turkish Red Crescent in 2006. Workshops on: Refugees and Migrants; Partnership; Millennium Development Goals.
- **Atlantis III**, Tartous (Syria), co-organized by the CCM and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent in 2007. It focused on the Principle of Humanity. Workshops on: Leadership, Addiction, Road Safety, Migrants and Disaster Management.
- **Atlantis IV**, Mitrovo Polje (Serbia), co-organized by the CCM and the Red Cross of Serbia in 2008. Workshops on: Leadership, Climate Change, Principles and Values, First Aid.
- **Atlantis V**, Mehdia (Morocco), co-organized by the CCM and the Moroccan Red Crescent in 2009. It focused on Environment and Climate Change. Workshops on: Sustainable Consumption; How to make a dissemination video on climate change; Disaster Risk Reduction; How to carry out an awareness campaign, and YABC.
- **Atlantis VI**, Grans (France), co-organized by the CCM and the French Red Cross in 2010. It focused on Social Inclusion. Workshops on: Youth and Employment; Sustainable Development; Principles and Values; Migrants; YABC and Leadership skills.
- **Atlantis VII**, Hammamet (Tunisia), co-organized by the CCM and the Tunisian Red Crescent in 2011. It focused on Volunteer Management, under the title “Young Volunteers in Action”. Workshops on: Disaster risk reduction and volunteering; Environmental education; Leadership skills; Principles and Values; Volunteers Management; YABC.
- **Atlantis VIII**, La Massana (Andorra), co-organized by the CCM and the Andorran Red Cross in 2012, under the title “Youth across the borders: Principles and Values for stronger communities”. Workshops on: Gender and sustainable development; International Humanitarian Law and Principles and Values; Migration and Intercultural Dialogue; Human rights and Environment; Leadership Skills; YABC).
- **Atlantis IX**, Jahorina (Bosnia and Herzegovina), co-organized by the CCM and the Red Cross Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Under the title “Saving water, saving lives”. Its workshops focused on: Sustainable consumption and gender; Human Rights and Environment; Youth employment and green economy; Water sanitation and Health: actions at RC/RC youth level; Leadership skills; YABC.
- **Atlantis X**, Jesolo (Italy), co-organized by the CCM and the Italian Red Cross, under the title ‘Engaged Youth for Stronger National Societies’. Its workshops focused on Youth leading a culture of Non-Violence and Peace; Humanitarian Diplomacy and Social Media; Project Cycle Management; Youth Engagement in the RC/RC Movement; Communication Skills for Leaders; Leadership Skills; YABC.
- **Atlantis XI**, Guimarães (Portugal), co-organized by the CCM and the Portuguese Red Cross under the slogan “Youth Volunteering: Challenges and Opportunities to Make a Change”, focusing on Youth and Social Entrepreneurship; Strategic Thinking & Planning; Volunteer Management and Youth; Volunteering Sustainability and Resource Management; Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change (YABC); Leadership skills; Special Session: Youth Volunteering as a means to promote Peace.



- **Atlantis XII**, Orahovica (Croatia), co-organized by the CCM and the Croatian Red Cross under the title “Time to Engage: Youth Action in Crisis Response and Peace-building”. Its workshops focused on Volunteer Management in Crisis response and preparedness; Protection of Volunteers during crisis; Migration crisis: case studies; Environmental crisis: case studies; YABC; Leadership skills, Special Session: Youth Volunteering as a means to promote Peace.
- **Atlantis XIII**, Larnaca (Cyprus), co-organized by the CCM and the Cyprus Red Cross Society under the title “Innovating Volunteering, Empowering Youth”. Workshops on: the role-play ‘Play4Change’; Volunteer Charter; Innovation, Foresight and Future Thinking; Psycho-social Support in Volunteers Management; Innovation and Volunteering, YABC; Leadership Skills.

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