



Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean

Report 2012 *Executive Summary*

INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Cooperation in the Mediterranean (CCM) of the Spanish Red Cross is the office created in 2005 for the follow-up of the resolutions of the Mediterranean Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent*.

The CCM is supported by the Spanish Red Cross and its regional Committee in Catalonia. It also counts on the support of the *Generalitat de Catalunya* (Government of Catalonia), the Barcelona City Council and the Italian Red Cross.

As underlined by the Dubrovnik Declaration deriving from the 11th Mediterranean Conference held in Croatia in 2010, participating National Societies reaffirmed their commitment to actively support the CCM, provide it with information concerning their activities, actively participate in its programmes and promote an efficient partnership with the members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. National Societies' commitment would be essential to jointly tackle, at regional level, the following humanitarian challenges: protecting and providing assistance to migrants; climate change and environment, the social effects of the world economic crisis and the role of youth in the present and future of the region.

The CCM Plan of Action 2011-2014 was designed to provide a follow-up of the Mediterranean Conference recommendations on the above mentioned issues.

Hence, based on the needs of the very Conference, the mission of the Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean is based on:

- ◆ *Hosting of the Permanent Office for the Follow-up of the Mediterranean Conference*
- ◆ *Facilitating the follow up of the resolutions of the Conference*
- ◆ *Promoting partnership between National Societies of the Mediterranean, the exchange and sharing of experiences regarding the areas of interest of the Conference which contribute to the fulfilment of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's purposes.*

*The Mediterranean Conference convenes 25 National Societies of the Red Cross/Red Crescent (RC/RC) which have historical or geographical links with the region, namely those of: Albania, Andorra, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Slovenia, Spain, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, San Marino, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE



(Permanent Office for the Follow-up of the Mediterranean Conference)

- Dubrovnik Declaration 2010 -

Assistance and protection to migrants | Youth | Environment and Climate Change | Social effects of the World economic crises

FRAMEWORK OF ACTION

The Centre has developed its work throughout 2012 according to the objectives established in its Action Plan for the 2011-2014 period, approved by the Governing Board.

Objectives of the Plan of Action 2011- 2014

1. Support National Societies and the governing bodies of the Mediterranean Conference in the follow up of the Conference's concerns, with special regards to:

- ◆ Assistance and protection to migrants;
- ◆ Climate change and environmental sustainability;
- ◆ Capacity building of Youth sections;
- ◆ The social effects of the world economic crisis.

2. Help and provide technical support in the organization of the exchanges of experiences and best practices on the Conference's issues.

3. Encourage the interaction and partnership among Mediterranean National Societies as well as the networking with other actors of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and other international organizations.

4. Encourage and increase the visibility of the actions and recommendations of the Mediterranean Conference as well as the Centre's activities in Mediterranean fora.

As the current report will show, such objectives are structured around two main results.

Main results

1. Supporting Mediterranean National Societies in their follow up on the issues of the Mediterranean Conference;
2. Cooperation and networking in the areas of interest of the Mediterranean Conference has increased.

DETAIL OF ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN 2012

Result 1. Mediterranean National Societies were supported in their follow up on the issues of the Mediterranean Conference

ACTION 1

❖ ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION TO MIGRANTS

1.1. Mediterranean Youth Seminar “Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migrations”

It was organized in collaboration with the Italian Red Cross, with the support of the IFRC North Africa Office.

General objective: sharing information, experiences and practical tools among those Red Cross and Red Crescent youth volunteers and technical staff coming from the Mediterranean National Societies involved in migration programmes, with special regards to the humanitarian effects and the consequences of forced migrations, in a regional context direly complicated by the 2011 conflicts.

Specific objectives:

- ◊ increase the knowledge of RC/RC Youth coordinators on topics related to Migration and Population Movement in order to improve the implementation of programmes;
- ◊ explore the roots of forced migrations and their consequences;
- ◊ exchange experiences among Mediterranean youth volunteers on the challenges related to Migration and Population Movement;
- ◊ debate on the role of the RC/RC Youth in promoting a change in attitude when dealing with migration-related issues and advocating for a more inclusive society;
- ◊ promote partnership and networking between RC/RC Youth coordinators in the Mediterranean region, encouraging intercultural dialogue.

Structure:

- ◊ 7 theoretical sessions and 4 workshops
- ◊ Special sessions: Sharing of best practices on migration programmes (RC/RC National Societies), Presentation of the Youth on the Run (Italian RC), Terra Game (CCM)

Number of participants: 29

National Societies involved: 12 National Societies (Algerian RC, Egyptian RC, French RC, Italian RC, Lebanese RC, Libyan RC, Malta RC, Moroccan RC, Palestine RC, RC of Serbia, Spanish RC and the Tunisian RC).

Other RC/RC members involved: ICRC, IFRC North Africa Office, PERCO network and RC/EU Office.

Other entities: European Institute of the Mediterranean, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, Carlos III University of Madrid, Rovira i Virgili University of Tarragona (Spain), the Agesci Scout (Italy).



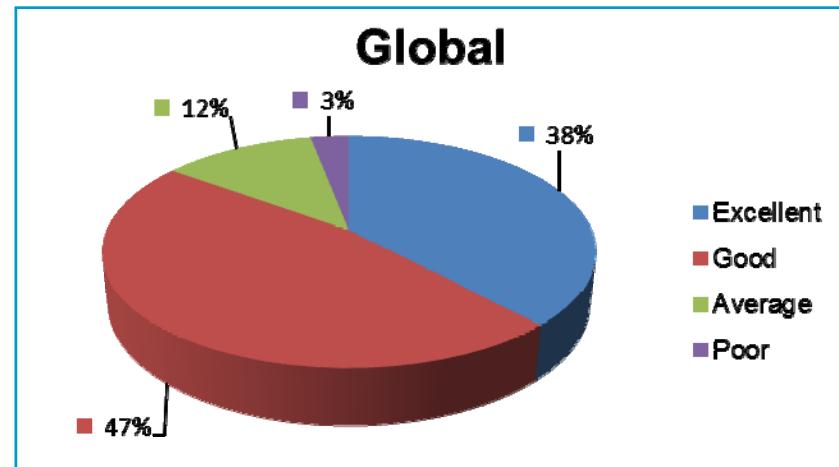
Participants at the Youth Seminar on Migration

Evaluation: the percentage of participants who evaluated the seminar as good or excellent was of 85%.

Venue: Italian Red Cross Regional Committee of Lazio, Rome (Italy)

Date: 2-6 May 2012

The level of appreciation of the CCM's activities and workshops globally, is over 80%.



1.2. Workshop on 'Migration and Intercultural Dialogue' - Youth Camp Atlantis VIII

Facilitated by: UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Dialogue in the Mediterranean of the Rovira i Virgili University of Tarragona (Spain).

Objective: reinforce the knowledge and increase the awareness of young people towards the social effects and the impacts of displaced people such as migrants and refugees, and the consequences these could have in the community of reception.

Evaluation: it was valued excellent or good by **83% of participants**.

Venue: l'Aldosa de la Massana, Andorra

Date: 6-7 July 2012

Length: 7 hours

1.3. Raid Cross with a focus on Migration – Youth Camp Atlantis VIII



Participants during the Raid Cross

Facilitated by: Lebanese Red Cross and French Red Cross.

Objective: a role play aiming at the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law by its application, learning the rules of armed conflicts in an innovative and interactive way.

Venue: l'Aldosa de la Massana, Andorra

Date: 4 July 2012

Length: 5 hours

❖ CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

2.1. Workshop on 'Climate Change and Population Movement' - Mediterranean Youth Seminar "Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration"

Facilitated by: Carlos III University of Madrid.

Objective: encourage participants' reflection on how to deal with the fact that climate change, which particularly affects the Mediterranean region, is currently leading to population movements between certain countries across the region.

Evaluation: it was valued excellent or good by **76% of participants**.

Venue: Italian Red Cross Regional Committee of Lazio, Rome (Italy)

Date: 3 May 2012

Length: 2,5 hours

2.2. Workshop on 'Gender and sustainable development' – Youth Camp Atlantis VIII

Facilitated by: Spanish Red Cross Youth.

Objective: raise attendants' awareness and deepen their knowledge on gender equality, its meaning, issues and challenges as well as the consequences that women's role and work can have on sustainable development as seen from a social, economic, cultural and environmental perspective.

Evaluation: the workshop was valued excellent or good by **88% of participants**

Venue: l'Aldosa de la Massana, Andorra

Date: 2-3 July 2012

Length: 7 hours



Gender and Sustainable Development workshop

2.3 Workshop on 'Human Rights and Environment' –Youth Camp Atlantis VIII

Facilitated by: Centre for the Cooperation in the Mediterranean

Objective: reinforce the knowledge and awareness of young people towards Human Rights, their basic and principal elements, their relation with environmental issues, such as water access and climate change, as well as the Principles and Values of the International RC/RC Movement.

Evaluation: the workshop was valued excellent or good by **83% of participants**

Venue: l'Aldosa de la Massana, Andorra

Date: 6-7 July 2012

Length: 7 hours

2.4. Terra Game



Participants during the Terra Game

The CCM, after taking care of the game's translation into English, during 2012 has been working on adapting the general content of the game to the specific reality of the Mediterranean. The game was also used in several international activities, such as Atlantis VIII and the Mediterranean Youth Seminar "Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration".

Objective: by reflecting the influence of human activity on the general degradation state of the planet, the game aims at making the participants aware of the fact that everyone is involved in the task of preserving and improving the environment, both at local and global level.

Activity: the game activity expects to put participants into different problematic situations related to environment and sustainable development, encouraging them to debate in order to come up with sustainable solutions.

To date the role play game on climate change and environmental awareness has been requested for translation - other than English and Spanish - by National Societies. In detail:

1. Romanian RC	4. Tunisian RC
2. French RC	5. Algerian RC
3. German RC	6. Italian RC

❖ CAPACITY BUILDING OF YOUTH

3.1. Mediterranean Youth Camp of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Atlantis VIII - *"Youth across the border: Principles and Values for stronger communities"*

The 8th edition of the Atlantis Youth Camp was organized in collaboration with the Andorran Red Cross, with the support of the IFRC MENA Zone and the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

General objectives of the camp:

- ◊ promote intercultural dialogue and partnership among RC/RC Youth leaders of the Mediterranean region;
- ◊ empower youth as dynamic models of change for their local communities;
- ◊ enhance capacity building and encourage practical actions and joint activities;
- ◊ share best practices and lessons learned with other RC/RC youth branches;
- ◊ increase and enhance the commitment to the RC/RC Principles and Values.

Specific objectives:

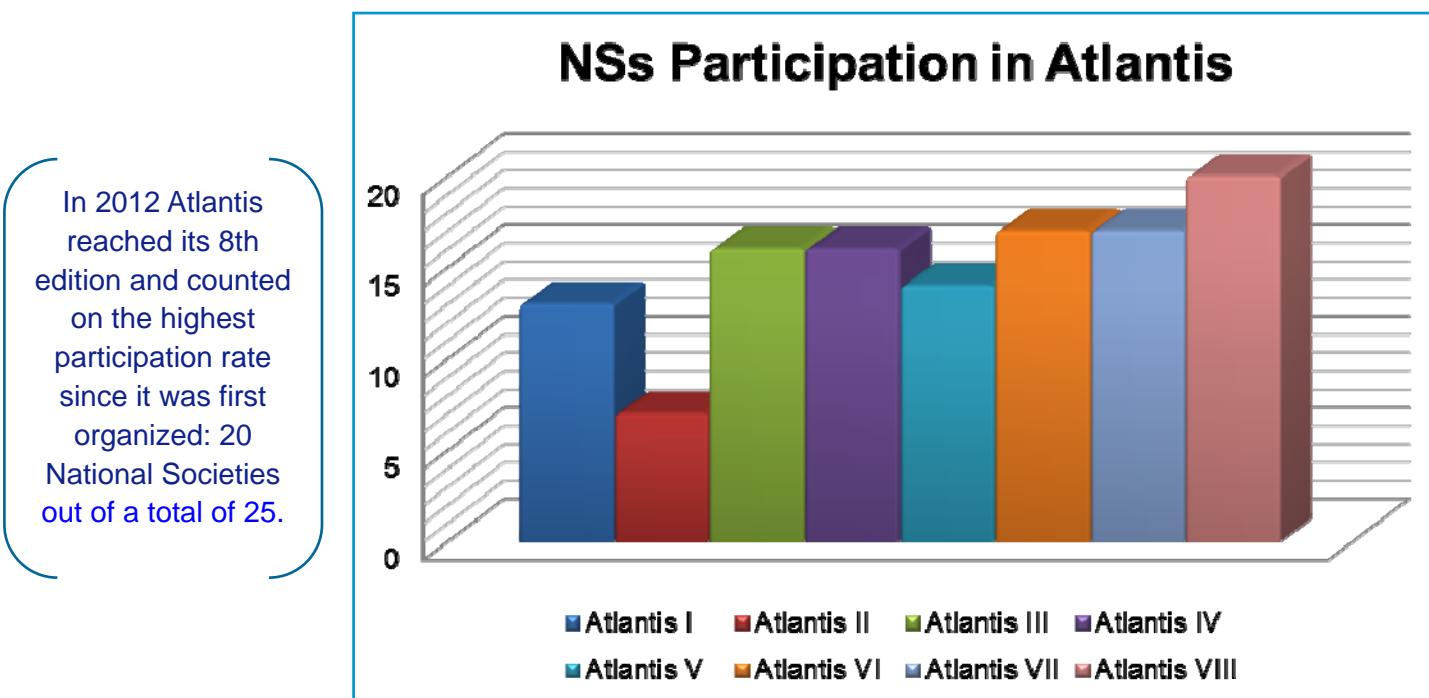
- ◊ build and support the capacities of young volunteers to carry out youth work for the most vulnerable in multicultural environments;
- ◊ promote intercultural interaction and partnerships between young volunteers of the Red Cross/ Red Crescent of the Mediterranean region;
- ◊ train young volunteers to act as agents of change within their communities in order to combat discrimination and build a culture of understanding and tolerance.

Structure:

- ◊ 6 thematic workshops: two in English, two in French and two more both in English and French
- ◊ Special sessions: Sharing of National Societies' Best Practices on the dissemination of RC/RC Principles and Values, IFRC Strategy on Violence, Mitigation and Response (IFRC P&V Department), Healthy Lifestyle Promotion (Portuguese RC), Som.Nit project (Spanish RC Youth in Catalonia), Club 25 and blood donation (RC National Societies of Croatia and Serbia), Raid Cross (National Societies of France and Lebanon)
- ◊ Side events: First Aid Interactive demonstration (RC of Serbia in collaboration with the National Societies of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro), Terra Game (CCM), a Cultural Flee Market, a farewell party.

Number of participants: 87

National Societies involved: 20 National Societies (Algerian RC, Andorran RC, RC of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatian RC, Egyptian RC, French RC, Italian RC, Lebanese RC, Libyan RC, Malta RC, Monaco RC, Montenegro RC, Moroccan RC, Palestine RC, Portuguese RC, RC of Serbia, Slovenian RC, Spanish RC, Tunisian RC and Turkish RC).

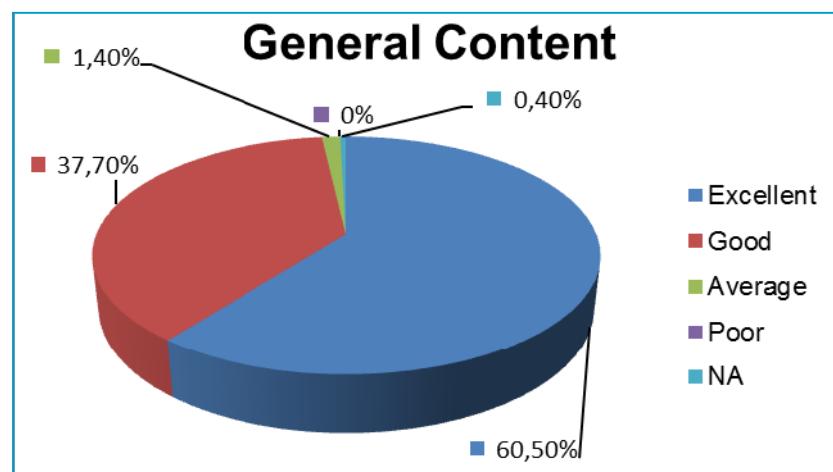


Other RC/RC members involved: IFRC P&V Department

Evaluation: the workshop was valued excellent or good by **98% of participants.**

Venue: l'Aldosa de la Massana, Andorra

Date: 1-8 July 2012



3.2. Workshops on YABC (Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change)



YABC Session

During 2012, the CCM organized two workshops on YABC, one – which had a special focus on migration and was facilitated jointly by the IFRC North Africa Regional Office and the Tunisian Red Crescent - within the framework of the Mediterranean Youth Seminar “Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration”, and the second – which was facilitated jointly by the Egyptian Red Crescent and the Tunisian Red Crescent - within the framework of the Youth Camp Atlantis VIII.

Objective: promote a culture of non violence and peace, in a context of social inclusion and intercultural dialogue

Evaluations:

- ◊ *Youth Camp Atlantis VIII:* the workshop was valued excellent or good by **94% of participants**
- ◊ *Mediterranean Youth Seminar “Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration”:* the workshop was valued excellent or good by **86% of participants.**

3.3. Workshop on ‘International Humanitarian Law and Principles and Values’ – Youth Camp Atlantis VIII

Facilitators: Andorran Red Cross.

Objective: reinforce the knowledge and awareness of young people towards International Humanitarian Law, its basic and principal elements, its relation with human rights and the Principles and Values of the RC/RC.

Evaluation: the workshop was valued excellent or good by **82% of participants**

Venue: l'Aldosa de la Massana, Andorra

Date: 2-3 July 2012

Length: 7 hours

3.4. Workshop on 'Leadership Skills' – Youth Camp Atlantis VIII

Facilitators: Italian Red Cross Youth.

Objective: improve participants' capacities in order to play a leading role in their National Society, promoting a positive change in attitudes and behaviours.

Evaluation: the workshop was valued excellent or good by **96% of participants**

Venue: l'Aldosa de la Massana, Andorra.

Date: 2,3,6,7 July 2012

Length: 2 sessions of 6 hours



Leadership Skills Session

3.5. Workshop on 'Setting up an awareness campaign' - Mediterranean Youth Seminar "Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration"

Facilitators: Portuguese Red Cross.

Objective: strengthen the knowledge of young people towards the importance and the technical methodology of creating an effective awareness campaign.

Evaluation: the workshop was valued excellent or good by **70% of participants**

Venue: Italian Red Cross Regional Committee of Lazio, Rome (Italy)

Date: 4 May 2012

Length: 2,5 hours

3.6. Workshop on 'the role of Youth Volunteers: strategies for action at local level' – Mediterranean Youth Seminar "Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migrations"

Facilitators: Malta Red Cross.

Objective: build the capacity of youth as key agents for social change and economic development and further promote youth volunteering.

Evaluation: the workshop was valued excellent or good by **96% of participants**

Venue: Italian Red Cross Regional Committee of Lazio, Rome (Italy)

Date: 4 May 2012

Length: 2,5 hours

3.7. Mediterranean Youth Photo Contest “Youth across the borders: one click for one change”

The CCM yearly organizes a photography contest for youth in the Mediterranean region.

Objective: give youth an opportunity to express themselves creatively and show their vision on their own potential for creating a positive change in the world.

Topic: themes concerning youth, young volunteers and their action related to the living and promotion of our principles and values.

The most representative 15 photographs were selected and exhibited during Atlantis VIII. Among them, the jury chose the best one: “Humanité”, taken by Abdessamie El Kabir, from the Moroccan Red Crescent. The winner was invited to participate in Atlantis VIII.



1st Prize to:
Abdessamie El Kabir
Title: Humanité
(Morocco)

3.8. MedYouth Port@I

The MedYouth Port@I is a creative and interactive space of encounter, exchange and dialogue for youth. It aims at creating a common channel of communication and information sharing on youth programmes and activities and it will share tools and resources originating from youth and aiming at youth in order to support the knowledge and replication of best practices.

During 2012 the MedYouth Port@I was officially launched at the Mediterranean Youth Seminar “Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration” and, then, also presented during the Youth Camp Atlantis VIII. The CCM continues to implement the platform design as well as the interactive tools and is improving its contents and accessibility.

❖ SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS

4.1. Session on ‘Forced Migration at Mediterranean level: causes and consequences’ – Mediterranean Youth Seminar on “Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration”

Facilitators: European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed),.

Objectives:

- ◆ encourage participants’ reflection on how migration flows are linked not only to economic distress and environmental degradation, but also to the lack of political and civil rights;
- ◆ promote the assistance and the social inclusion of migrants in countries of destination;
- ◆ advocate for better policies to manage migration flows, taking action for sustainable solutions which ultimately depend on stable economic, political and social conditions.

Venue: Italian Red Cross Regional Committee of Lazio, Rome (Italy)

Date: 3 May 2012

Length: 2 hours

Result 2: Cooperation and networking in the areas of interest of the Mediterranean Conference was improved

ACTION 1

Support to the organization of the Mediterranean Conference

During 2012, apart from the dissemination and follow up of the recommendations set by the Dubrovnik Declaration, the CCM worked on the preparation of the 12th Mediterranean Conference. A follow up questionnaire regarding the previous Conference was sent to Mediterranean National Societies in order to collect the themes of interest to be developed and discussed during the 12th Mediterranean Conference.

The CCM is also engaged in identifying a Mediterranean National Society willing to host the above mentioned Conference in 2014.

The Governing Board of the Centre

During 2012 one virtual meeting of the Governing Board was called. On that occasion the following documents were approved:

- ◊ Activity Report for 2011 translated into English, French and Spanish;
- ◊ Financial Report for 2011
- ◊ 2012 Economic Forecast

An information note regarding the “High Level Movement Meeting on the Humanitarian situation in the Mediterranean” – held in Rome (Italy) on the 22-23 of March – was also presented, as participants agreed that the future of the platform needs to be coordinated by the CCM, in collaboration with the IFRC and the ICRC.

ACTION 2

Collection of Best Practices

It is a platform aiming at facilitating and spreading the interconnection of information between Mediterranean National Societies. It focuses on employment practices and the main priority areas of the Conference. It is intended to be a tool for the transfer of knowledge: it enables Mediterranean National Societies to access a variety of different programmes already used, or currently underway, giving them a better understanding of the complexity of options presented.

During 2012, Mediterranean National Societies received a generic form to be compiled with the main facts of their programmes. This enabled the CCM to collect further data which will be available on the CCM website.

ACTION 3

Partnership and collaboration

The Centre has carried out a constant work, keeping contact with National Societies, the IFRC as well as other public and private bodies related to the field of work of the Centre.

- ◆ **Partnership within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**
 - ◊ The CCM participated to the several events and meetings and, among others, we would like to mention:
 - ◆ *High Level Movement Meeting on the Humanitarian Situation in the Mediterranean*, (Rome, 22-23 March), jointly called by the Italian Red Cross, the ICRC and the IFRC.
 - ◆ *20th European Youth Cooperation Meeting (EYCM)*, (Sofia, 18-22 April), hosted by the Bulgarian RC Youth.
 - ◆ *Global Youth Conference*, (Vienna, 8-12 December) jointly organized by the IFRC and the Austrian RC.
 - ◊ The CCM strengthened its collaboration with the RC/RC National Societies of the Mediterranean and counted on the technical support of the IFRC in several activities during 2012. In detail:
 - ◆ IFRC Mena Zone: support in the implementation of the Mediterranean Youth Camp Atlantis VIII.
 - ◆ IFRC North Africa Regional Office: co-organizers of the Youth Seminar “Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migration”. From the latter collaboration a publication was issued.
 - ◊ Promotion of Volunteering: at present, the Centre in coordination with the Spanish Red Cross in Catalonia, counts on volunteer profiles related to the fields of: international cooperation, international relations, administration management, translation and communication.

During 2012 the Centre has incorporated collaborators of different countries: 16 volunteers coming from Andorra, France, Spain, UK and Syria, and 4 interns coming from Macedonia, Spain and Sweden.

◆ **Partnership with the public sector as well as with international and national organizations**

Apart from the bond between CCM, the *Generalitat de Catalunya* (Government of Catalonia) and the City Council of Barcelona, new patterns of collaboration with a range of organizations have been enhanced:

The unique diversity of nationalities, backgrounds, skills, languages and cultures is a source of wealth and an invaluable asset for the Centre's activity.

◊ **The European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.**

The Council of Europe, through its European Youth Foundation (EYF), supported the organisation of the last Mediterranean Youth Camp Atlantis VIII, held in Andorra. The Centre, in partnership with the Andorran Red Cross, Portuguese Red Cross, Italian Red Cross and Red Cross of Serbia, presented the project proposal to the EYF in September 2011 and received notice of its approval in December.

◊ **CECU-UNESCO.**

On February 1st, the CCM and the Spanish Confederation of Clubs, Centres and Federations of UNESCO (CECU-UNESCO) signed a cooperation agreement to develop common programmes and actions in the Mediterranean region.

The cooperation will focus on strengthening peace relations, human rights and solidarity, aiming to take joint action to ease the consequences of the economic and social inequalities in the Mediterranean region. The two organizations will also work in the development of joint projects concerning the areas of education and culture in the Mediterranean.



Signature of the the cooportion agreement: CECU-UNESCO and the Spanish Red Cross

◊ **United Nations Environment Programme – Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production.**

The CCM and the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production (CP/RAC) of the United Nations Environment Programme signed a cooperation agreement to promote sustainable standards of production and consumption within the countries of the Mediterranean region.

Through the agreement, the two institutions consolidate their long tracked cooperation regarding issues related to environmental sustainability and climate change.

ACTION 4**Visibility**◆ **Visibility tools:**◊ **Newsletter**

Three numbers of the CCM newsletter have been published and disseminated among more than 1500 contacts. The electronic version is uploaded on the CCM website. In 2012 a new online format of the newsletter was edited in order to improve its legibility and dissemination. It has been published in English, French, Arabic and Spanish.

◊ **Website** (www.cruzroja.es/ccm)◊ **Atlantis Video**

During the 2012 edition of the Mediterranean Youth Camp Atlantis, a video was shot in order to show the aims and the activities of the Youth Camp.

◆ **Publications (among others):**

- ◊ Collaboration with the IFRC North Africa office regarding the booklet on the Key issues of the Youth Seminar on the Humanitarian Consequences of Forced Migrations
- ◊ Participation in the Migration Unit Newsletter no. 2

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The Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Humanity

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, born of a desire to bring assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield, endeavours, in its international and national capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all peoples.

Impartiality

It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.

Neutrality

In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.

Independence

The Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.

Voluntary service

It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

Unity

There can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.

Universality

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, in which all Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide.

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