

## ***Fiche d'information / Information Sheet***

### ***Title of the working group***

#### ***EUROPE - MEDITERRANEAN AREA***

### ***Committee on Democracy, social cohesion and global challenges***

#### **THEME(S) DISCUSSED :**

The issue of immigration is at the heart of the topics addressed by the "Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges committee. The recent humanitarian disasters close to the Italian and Greek coasts has moved the peoples of Europe and highlighted the complexity of the issues. These initiate a displacement of the center of gravity of Europe which puts the Mediterranean in his former role as a crossroads and results in a challenge for Democracy. NGOs and INGOs on the ground need to coordinate their efforts to encourage States and European institutions to act more vigorously. NGOs facing the migration phenomena need to understand

- the reasons for the influx of migrants in the Mediterranean
  - Political reasons
  - Economic reasons
  - climatic reasons
- The consequences in European countries
  - Economic reasons
  - Political reasons
  - in the field of Human rights
  - in the field of Education
- How to react ?
  - upstream (solidarity and co-development)
  - in host countries
  - towards European states and the European institutions

#### **OBJECTIFS :**

- Identification of situations observed and the actions taken by the INGOs in different countries (the countries of emigration and host countries).
- Proposition of a framework of NGOs
- Preparation of a discussion seminar on "Immigration, a democratic issue for Europe and the world"

#### **LANGUE(S) DE TRAVAIL : FRANÇAIS, (ITALIEN) & ANGLAIS**

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#### **DATE DE CRÉATION 2015**

#### **DURATION OF FUNCTIONING SCHEDULES 3 ANS**

#### **EXPECTED RESULTS :**

- Improved collaboration between INGOs and dissemination of "best practices
- "Drawing a framework for possible collective actions
- Resolutions submitted to the Conference of OING in January 2015

#### **DISSEMINATION**

- the committee and conference of INGOS websites and social networks
- various Council of Europe organs

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