SOLIDAR AT THE 3rd REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE EU-ARAB PARTNERSHIP IN BEIRUT

From 30-31 October 2015, the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), together with the Euromed NGO Platform and SOLIDAR, organised a two-day regional conference in Beirut, in order to discuss the ongoing challenges related to the EU-Arab Partnership, in the framework of the upcoming revision of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).

The regional dialogue brought together around 80 participants from CSOs from the Arab region and Europe, including SOLIDAR members active in the MENA region, representatives from the Trade Unions, including CGIL, Arab trade Union Confederation (ATUC), and UGTT. The event was attended also by Maciej Golubiewski, from the EU Delegation in Lebanon, and the members of the European Parliament Pier Antonio Panzeri, Richard Howitt, Cecilia Kyenge and Maria Arena.

The dialogue highlighted the need for a concrete human rights framework of the revised policy that allow for the progressive realisation of economic, social, cultural rights (ESCRs) and all human rights. In addition, participants insisted on the need to enhance cooperation between CSOs and Trade Unions to mobilise grassroots communities and foster inclusive policy changes to support approaches for sustainable policy development likewise Tunisia.

You can read the full version of our activity report here.

SOLIDAR and its members and partners are organising the European Neighbourhood Days that will take place from 16th & 17th November 2015 in Brussels. You can register now for our two public events;

‘Defending Civil Society Space. EU-Arab Dialogue: Rebuilding relations with European Southern Neighbourhood Countries’
Seminar organised by CONCORD, Euromed Non-Governmental Platform and the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND).
16 November 2015, 09:30 – 16:30 at the EESC
Programme
Online Registration
'The EU as a peace promoter in the Middle East and North Africa: between human rights and security'
Roundtable debate organised by SOLIDAR, Euromed Non-Governmental Platform and the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) hosted by Pier Antonio Panzeri, MEP.  
17 November 2015, 18:00 – 20:00 at the European Parliament  
Programme  
Online Registration