

A SEA ²⁰²² of words

A Contest with 15 years of history

A Sea of Words contest was launched in 2008 by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) in collaboration with the Anna Lindh Foundation. This initiative gathers the voices of young people, essential agents of change, about social, cultural, economic or political dialogue topics that prompts the 1995 Barcelona Declaration.



This contest gives voice to young people from Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries and the European Union, promoting the debate around common problems and shared values.



Each edition focuses on different current topics for young people from all over the Mediterranean basin to write about, making their realities and conceptions known through the creative tool: **writing**. Through the narration of life or fictitious experiences, young people contribute with a personal, historical or anthropological vision of issues and realities that, despite geographical or cultural distances, are common to the Euro- Mediterranean region.



The authors of the 10 best texts –selected by an international jury– will be invited to Barcelona on **November 24th, 2022**, in the framework of the Mediterranean Day, to participate for three days in the awards ceremony, creative workshops and cultural exchanges to create common spaces of encounter.



YOUTHS IN THE FOREFRONT FOR GENDER EQUALITY

15th EDITION-2022

Increasingly more people share the goal of achieving gender equality, although we are very far from bringing about a change in mentalities. The new generation is getting involved in transforming the current reality which still tolerates forms of gender-based discrimination. Sexist stereotypes, the pay gap, the difficult access to senior political, economic and social positions, and, particularly, gender-based violence are some of the issues we are interested in changing.

In this 15th edition, we want the authors to feel free to write using fiction or real experiences about their aspects of overcoming this discrimination in their everyday lives.

Short stories are a tool that enables an exercise in introspection, expressing profound convictions, experiences and imaginaries. The literary form can reflect the personal views of the authors or their societies. It can promote the rights of women to fight against this inequality throughout the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Participate by sending your short story!

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BASES OF THE CALL

- Participation is open to young people between 18 and 30 years of age at the deadline for submission of the texts (1992-2004).
- People with nationality and residence from one of the 43 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area*.
- The story must be original and may be written in any of the official languages of the 43 states of the Euro-Mediterranean space. Only one piece per author will be accepted.
- The text cannot exceed the maximum length of 2,500 words.
- People who have been selected in any of the previous editions are not eligible.
- The document must be sent in Word format to the following address: **concurso@iemed.org**. The message must include the title of the work along with the author's personal data: name, telephone number, postal address, email address and date of birth.
- The selected works will be published in a book in digital format with the texts in the original language and their corresponding translation into English.

* In the event that a person with nationality from one of the Euro-Mediterranean countries but residing outside that area wishes to participate, the travel costs to Barcelona will only be assumed from a Euro- Mediterranean country.

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