

CSC in the Mediterranean Region

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The Current state of Affairs is not encouraging ...

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The EU is often criticised of not paying enough attention to the Mediterranean and of neglecting the “cradle of Europe”.

The Barcelona Process

The SIA-EMFTA notes that unless effective mitigating action is taken, there will be a small but significant adverse effect on MDG goals 1 (poverty), 2 (education) and 4 and (health) while both positive and negative effects occur to goal 7 (environment)

The Barcelona Process

CSOs asked the EC to slow down the current processes to give more time to intervene effectively to ensure that the potential negative consequences will not further exacerbate the problems of the region.

The Barcelona Process

Climate Change is threatening to exacerbate existing trends ...

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The active involvement of civil society in the implementation of the ENP has been generally lacking.

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CSOs have asked the EU to overhaul its mechanisms for involving civil society in the future stages of the implementation of the action plans, ensuring in particular that citizens and their organisations are involved well in advance of such processes, and if need be training for participation be given.

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CSOs have noted that democratisation is not an automatic consequence of free trade.

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What lessons learnt from the Barcelona process?
Unfortunately there has been no serious consideration under a critical perspective of the main reasons for the failure of the Barcelona process.

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CSOs had cautioned on such a debate becoming security-oriented rather than focusing on social, economic and cultural development and rights.

CSOs have demanded that any Mediterranean initiative will have as an aim the empowerment of civil society.

Women's Rights

CSOs have noted current barriers to full participation of women in the policy process (the political, economic, civil, social and cultural fields), and have asked all governments within the Barcelona process to seriously engage to promote the active participation of women and their associations in such processes.

Alternatives

Fair Trade as opposed to free trade
Preservation of Local Small Scale Agriculture as
opposed to Large Scale Commercial Farming
Renewable Energy as opposed to Fossil Fuels

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Responsible tourism as opposed to Mass tourism
Fluid borders as opposed to a fortress mentality

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CSOs have asked for the setting in motion of policy
initiatives that encourage the above.

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