

Arab-Europe Citizens Dialogue/AECD
„Religion in Europe and in the Arab Region“
Cairo, 15th to 18th June 2025
INVITATION

11th March 2025

We hereby have the pleasure of inviting you to the 11th Consultation to be held from Sunday June 15th (arrival day) to Wednesday 18th (departure day) 2025, in Cairo/Egypt, under the theme “**Religion in Europe and in the Arab Region**”.

In many different regions and social contexts, peaceful coexistence among people with different religious and cultural backgrounds has been relatively unproblematic. In the last decades, however, we observe conflicts and tensions increasing in many parts of the world for different reasons. This is also an serious problem for Arab and European societies at large. Living peacefully together, with cultural and religious differences seen as assets and strengths rather than weaknesses, makes a society stronger and more successful. Tensions and conflict break down communities and causes serious challenges to people in terms of security and quality of life.

With this Consultation we want to come together and discuss how civil society and religious institutions can play a significant role for stability and peaceful coexistence. We will deal with three dimensions: **Education** – how can education foster peaceful coexistence? **Youth** – how can we help those who represent the future to become positive agents? **Models** – what concrete efforts to create positive change can we share as examples? Based on the sharing of experiences and the dialogue among us, as representing a multitude of educational, religious, and cultural backgrounds, we hope to identify and explore paths toward a more peaceful future.

The series of Arab European Citizens’ Dialogue Consultations that started with a meeting at the Orthodox Academy of Crete (OAC) in 2010, with CEOSS (Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services) and Oikosnet Europe (a network of lay academies, spiritual communities and other educational institutions) as the main counterparts, has over the years been a forum for mutual learning between the Arab region and Europe. In June 2025, CEOSS, Oikosnet Europe and the OAC are planning a Consultation in Cairo where we will explore paths toward a better future in which we all can live peacefully together.

Please find attached a registration form; a detailed Program will follow.

Looking forward to your positive response, no later than April 10th, 2025.

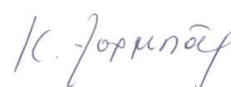
The Organizers of the Conference



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