



Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Young Journalists (2009) Amsterdam, 5-16 October

It all began with the first Euro-Mediterranean Youth Parliament in 2007 where at the session of follow-up projects was an idea of creating a conference for young journalists from the two regions. Things went on, and the first conference took place in 2008 in Jordan and this year in Amsterdam with the help of many organizations among others the Goethe Institute and Anna Lindh Foundation.

The Euro-Mediterranean Academy for Young Journalist is an intensive 10-day-long workshop for twenty young journalists (in equal numbers) from the European Union and the Mediterranean region. It has the aim to raise the awareness of critical and objective journalism in the region. During this year's conference they had the possibility to exchange working methods, approaches and to work on common media projects (such as videos and articles) throughout their stay in Amsterdam. In 2009 the topic was migration and Amsterdam happened to be a perfect place to cover migration-related media products.

The Academy involved field trips to local communities and organizations, daily news papers, the Dutch Public TV and also the European Parliament in Brussels. EMAJ2009 has many advantages such as professional networking, new journalistic skills, and also how to look on different issues happening in our region. A perfect example for this is that if anything happens in the given countries, we can call or write to the former participant anytime and get back objective and up-to-date information. Also, this year's organizers came from EMAJ2008, because they got so much from each other, and now have friends and colleagues in all countries of Euro-Med region. The organizers have the aim to create an important year-to-year hub for young and interested journalists in the Euro-Med region.