

Title: The compatibility of the Islamic Religion with the Human Rights

Date: 29th of March – 4th of April 2005

Type of the event: International Seminar

Justification:

Nowadays the political, diplomatic, humanitarian and military actions in the name of the Human Rights are increasing in force all over the Globe, but young people are still ignorant about the cultural backgrounds of the Islamic societies. This seminar must represent a pertinent approach concerning the Islamic religion, discussing the compatibility of the Islamic percepts with the notion of Human Rights as we - the Europeans - know it.

The main aim of the event: raising awareness on the compatibility of the Islamic religion with the concept of Human Rights and proposing a solution for the reconciliation between archaic Islamic principles and the values of the modern European societies.

Target group: The direct target group is formed by 45 persons: 30 participants coming from the Council of Europe countries and 15 participants representing the youth NGOs from Romania. A special attention in the selection process will be given to participants coming from Islamic countries (such as Turkey or Macedonia) or from Islamic minorities in European countries.

General objectives:

- a) Raising youth awareness on the importance of the basic human rights and liberties (such as: the right to life, the right to freedom, the right to the physical integrity and health, equality);
- b) The promotion of tolerance and intercultural learning among youth;
- c) Creating an international network of Human Rights activists, facilitating the communication on Human Rights issues and the organization of new events;

Specific objectives:

- a) Informing the youth on the main Islamic principles concerning the Human liberties;
- b) Comparing the Human Rights documents in the European system (the European Convention of Human Rights, 1950) with similar documents in the Islamic world (e.g. The Islamic Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1981);
- c) Discussing Turkey's future accession in the European Union, especially the issues raised by the Human Rights protection in the Turkish society, having a statement on the issue;
- d) Searching for a solution in order to reconcile the Islamic radical principles with the protection of the basic human freedoms;

Activities/ Structure of the seminar: there will be 5 main theoretical sessions, in plenary, during the morning. In the afternoon the group will divide in smaller groups (up to 12 persons) participating in workshops. The main results of each workshop will be presented as a resolution in plenary, at the end of the day.