

Iraq - Network of young Iraqi activists on Facebook

To facilitate communication with and among young Iraqi activists who are supporting the message conveyed by Kulluna Muwatunun, a Facebook page has been set up: it shares information about project activities and other relevant updates and news occurring in Iraq.

The Facebook page has also been a mean to rally young people who are not directly involved with activities and who can now get in touch with the team to join activities.



The Facebook page has now more than 10.000 subscribers! <http://www.facebook.com/Kulluna.Muwatinin>

Iraq - 3rd training of young facilitators



From December 4th to 8th 2013, the **third training of young Iraqi facilitators** was organized in Erbil. The 20 civil society activists, aka **the ambassadors, representing 16 governorates** of Iraq were gathered again. They shared experience in organizing activities to raise awareness and engage in dialogue with other young people and discussed lessons learned and difficulties met. They received an **introduction on Human Rights** and existing **international mechanisms to monitor human rights violations** and discussed possibilities to contribute to the **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)** by feeding the process with information related to violation of minority rights. Finally, they prepared **plans for future activities** which will include continuing dialogue with their groups of youth as well as launching work to **map and approach relevant stakeholders** in their own governorates.

## Iraq - Radio shows



Our Iraqi partner, **Masarat**, has produced a **mini-series to raise awareness on minority groups living inside Iraq**. The mini-series consists of 20 episodes of a length of 1 minute and 30 seconds. Each short clip focuses on sharing knowledge related to the **identity, the religion and other cultural rites and practices of minorities**. They discuss as well the discriminations of the past that Christians, Yazidis, Mandaeans, Shabbaks and Bahais have faced.

The mini-series have been broadcasted on two local radio stations in Iraq.

## Iraq - Meeting of the advisory committee

On November 30th, the advisory committee of the Kulluna Muwatunun program gathered in Beirut, Lebanon, to review achievements made in the year 2013 and plan activities of the year 2014.

The advisory committee, beside PAX coordinators and the Iraq partner, gathers two advisors: Jim Fine, Iraq Program Officer of the Mennonite Central Committee and Ali Mammouri, analyst and writer of Al-Monitor newspaper.

The meeting provided an opportunity to launch preparations of a seminar that will be held in Brussels in February 2014 which will enable Iraqis to address European policy makers in regards to the role that the EU should play in promoting freedom of religion and belief and ensuring protection of rights of minorities in Iraq.

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Kulluna Muwatunun is implemented by PAX in Iraq and Syria in cooperation with 5 partners in Iraq and 2 partners in Syria. For further information about the program and its activities, contact Ms. Benoite Martin, Program Coordinator: [martin@paxforpeace.nl](mailto:martin@paxforpeace.nl)



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