

## MED: PROCIDA; EDUCATION TOOL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

NAPLES, MAY 24 - Education and the sharing of daily existence are the only tools to build a peaceful future in the Middle East. This, in brief, is the thought of Israeli Tamar Millo, member of the Jerusalem Foundation, who took part in the opening of the 'Networkshop' organised in Procida by the EuroMediterranean and Black Sea Monitoring Body. The event brought to the island some 70 representatives of 13 Mediterranean and Black Sea countries, including Israelis and Palestinians, who sat at the same table. Two peoples at war, but united during these days by the common wish to carry out concrete projects promoting peaceful coexistence, such as those carried out by the Jerusalem Foundation. The Foundation, established in 1966 by the historical mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek, "is a non-political independent organisation which aims at establishing in Jerusalem a pluralistic, free and open society", Tamar Millo said. "Jerusalem is a unique city in the world for its complexity. Some 65% of the residents of Jerusalem are Jewish, 32% are Muslims and the others are Christians. It is necessary that these groups live in peace. In order to overcome hate and violence, the only tools are education and spending time together," Millo, who is a member of the Honorary Committee of the EuroMediterranean Monitoring Body, explained. The opportunities for Jewish, Muslims and Christians in Jerusalem to meet and share opinions are few. It is through the promotion of such opportunities that the Jerusalem Foundation offers its contribution to the possibility of peaceful coexistence. "We are an organisation which does not belong to any party and it is because of this that our role is even more important. It does not matter which Government is ruling, we are there to fill in the gap," Millo said.(ANSAméd).