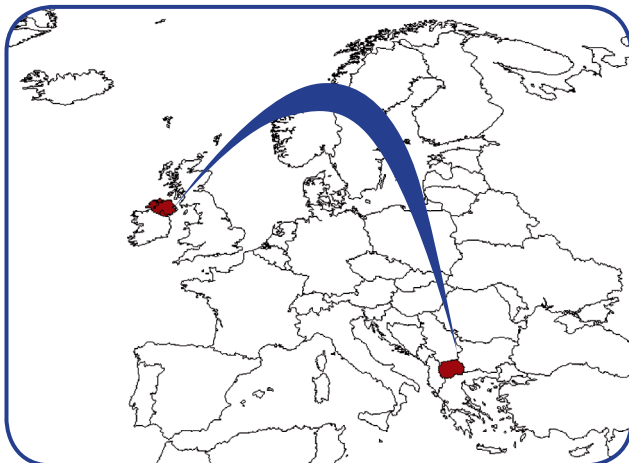


Macedonia, Northern Ireland and the Six Border Counties

These two regions, of similar size and population, situated at opposite ends of Europe are emerging from violent conflict, spanning generations, identities, cultures, religions and nationalities.

Both regions are now working through the social and political consequences of their respective conflicts a decade after Agreements signed in Belfast (1998) and Ohrid (2001).

MNI and MCIC, both leaders in the field of conflict transformation, have come together to share their experience of building civic leadership and facilitating change towards a shared society.



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High quality international exchanges provide new space for creative thinking on difficult issues.

Over the lifespan of the MOST project, 72 civic leaders from Northern Ireland and the six Border Counties will participate in facilitated exchanges on the themes of

- Policing & Justice
- Local Governance
- Housing
- Youth
- Media
- Faith & Leadership

These civic leaders will participate in both legs of the exchange, sharing their learning and insights with colleagues to develop best practice both within their own organisations and throughout wider society.

The first two exchanges will be with the Macedonian Centre for International Cooperation (MCIC).



What is the Most Project ?

MOST is a European and international learning and networking project aimed at addressing issues of segregation, sectarianism and racism.

There are three distinct and interlinked strands to the MOST project

- The creation and development of international exchanges.
- The exploration of good practice in service delivery by key institutions.
- The training of local mediation practitioners to work in an international context and on a cross-cultural basis.

MOST is a four year project 2009-2013.

Mostari

Is the Bosnian word used to describe those who protected the Mostar bridge for travellers using this important route over the centuries for peace or war, love or adventure.

The MOST project will train a team of twenty experienced mediators or mostari who wish to assist local and international bridge building.

The programme includes an accredited course, a practitioners' peer learning panel and opportunities to facilitate transnational exchanges, participate in international seminars, conferences and scoping assignments with MNI.