

CEDAR: The first pan-European Muslim Professionals Network - generating a culture of success and leadership amongst Europe's diverse Muslim communities

The CEDAR network was established in 2008 as a means to connect and empower Europe's diverse communities. It particularly seeks to foster a culture of success and leadership amongst Europe's Muslim communities, with an aim to diversify the representation of Muslims in the mainstream, by recognising the integral role that Muslims play in Europe and beyond. The network works to give visibility to an important constituency of European Muslims by facilitating their engagement as role models and mentors in marginalised and mainstream communities. The Network also seeks to expand pathways to career opportunities and development for the next generation, facilitate members' participation in public discourse and expand their interaction within wider professional, political and social networks.

CEDAR's projects include:

- A **European-wide mentoring programme** for young people that reaches into schools, mosques and madrassas with an aim to raise expectations and enhance future life prospects of young people in an ever diverse Europe.
- The **European Muslim Women of Influence List (EMWI)** recognising and celebrating the achievements of European Muslim women in a range of fields and raising awareness of Muslim women's contribution to European life, diversifying their representation in the mainstream. www.cedar-emwi.com
- **CEDAR Professionals Finder:** a databank of experts and policy figures from within Muslim communities who are able to comment on a wide-range of issues.

For more information visit: www.cedar.com

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The Board is available as media spokespeople for CEDAR.



Note for Editors:

The CEDAR initiative was facilitated by the London-based [Institute for Strategic Dialogue](#) (ISD) and the [Salzburg Global Seminar](#). These organisations will form the interim secretariat for the initial 18-24 months of the project, with the aim of establishing the network as its own self-managed and sustainable organisation thereafter.

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