

## The European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning



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### EUCIS-LLL News

EUCIS-LLL and the European Youth Forum co-organise the third Stakeholders' Forum with DG EAC

The third edition of the Stakeholders' Forum on EU cooperation in education and training will take place on 28-29 October in Brussels. This Forum is different from the former two Fora with a broader scope including lifelong learning but also youth and international cooperation. Indeed, it is meant to consult European stakeholders on the future of the Youth in Action, Erasmus Mundus and Lifelong Learning Programmes. It will also be an opportunity to discuss the impact of the "Youth on the Move" initiative on the programmes.



EUCIS-LLL has already published a position paper on the future of the LLP in which it mentions some concrete suggestions to improve the next generation of programmes. In this paper, EUCIS-LLL asked the Member States to invest more in the Lifelong Learning Programme and to the European Commission to ensure an overall simplification of administrative procedures. EUCIS-LLL is looking forward to cooperate with other stakeholders' to raise awareness on the need to have strong European programmes as well as "civil-society friendly" ones. The Forum will represent a great opportunity for European stakeholders to work together to make concrete proposals to the European Commission on the future programmes. More information on the Forum [here](#) and on EUCIS-LLL position on the future LLP [here](#).

**EUCIS-LLL thematic working groups meeting, Brussels, 28 October 2010**

In the last few years, EUCIS-LLL member networks have been cooperating on several topics of common interest such as access to education and training for all but also on more technical/political issues such as the EQF/NQF implementation at national and sectoral levels. A first working group had worked on the "LLL Weeks Charter"... It is clear that working together adds a great



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#### September 2010

17/09: Webstreamed debate with Commissioner Vassiliou on the communication "Youth on the Move", from 3-4 pm.

28-29/09: Belgian presidency conference "Breaking the cycle of disadvantage - Social inclusion in and through education", Gent

28/09: Seminar on "Transparency at the EU level and in the Member States organised by the European Ombudsman and Transparency International, Brussels, Belgium

#### October

05-06/10: Belgian Presidency conference on "Youth on the Move: achieving mobility for all!", Antwerpen

added value for mutual learning and for providing new ideas. It is on this basis that we have set up 3 thematic working groups on the following topics: "the social dimension of education and training" ; "European tools and competences" and " the sustainability of lifelong learning".

After the success of the first encounter in Barcelona during EUCIS-LLL General Assembly, the working groups will meet again on the 28 October 2010. The event will take place in EUCIS-LLL Brussels-based office at Rue d'Arlon 25 from 9-12 am and it will be linked to the Stakeholders' Forum.

More information about the Working Groups [here](#).

Meeting with Pierre Mairesse, Director of Directorate A, DG EAC

On 15 July 2010 Gina Ebner, President, David Lopez, Vice-president and Audrey Frith, Director of EUCIS-LLL met Pierre Mairesse, new director of "Directorate A" in charge of LLL policies and strategies at the European Commission. The meeting was mainly focused on how to improve the cooperation between civil society organisations and the European Commission. EUCIS-LLL representatives mentioned some proposals such as annual meetings or the organization of the "LLL Weeks" and the "LLL Institute" as ways to enhance cooperation.



Pierre Mairesse mentioned that he had always valued a good cooperation between stakeholders and policy-makers. In a very large and complex sector as lifelong learning, he acknowledged the importance of developing bilateral contacts with civil society organisations as well as a more transversal dialogue with a platform like EUCIS-LLL. He outlined the importance of the Stakeholders' Forum as a key element of this partnership and pointed out some common transversal topics such as social inclusion, equity and/or multilingualism.

EUCIS-LLL and the European Year for Combating social exclusion and poverty

2010 is the European Year for Combating social exclusion and poverty. Its goal is to raise public awareness about these issues and renew the political commitment to promote basic values that would be able to increase the level of solidarity within the European borders and outside. EUCIS-LLL is directly engaged in the promotion of values embodied by the current European Year. Its members are actively involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion because all of them recognize education and training / lifelong learning as one of the key instruments that societies have to promote the prosperity and wellbeing of their citizens.



In fact, EUCIS-LLL last conference of April 2010 focused on the social dimension of education and training. The day after, a specific working group gathering experts from the various sectors met and started working on the topic. They decided to launch an internal consultation to collect experiences and practices related to combating social exclusion and poverty within the networks. The working group will meet again on 28 October in Brussels.

14-15: EURASHE conference "Implementing Bologna: from rhetoric to reality", Tallin, Estonia

13-16: EfVET annual conference "VET in Europe. We can do it! But even better!", Lisbon, Portugal

20-24: ISCA Congress "Sport for all and health, a strategic partnership, Frankfurt, Germany

28/10: EUCIS-LLL working groups meeting, 9h-12am, EUCIS-LLL Office, Brussels

28/29/10: 3rd Stakeholders Forum, 28-29 October 2010, Brussels, Belgium

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## EUCIS-LLL participates in FREREF Summer University...

EUCIS-LLL Associate member FREREF, The Foundation of European Regions for Research in Education and Training, organized its 8th European summer University on 8-10 September 2010 in Brussels. Under the title "Lifelong Learning: a new economic and social development for the Regions!" it focused on the analysis, comparison and synthesis of regional policies towards a strategic convergence for implementing lifelong learning. Participants and keynote speakers such as Philippe Meirieu talked about mobilising people around projects especially for those at risk of exclusion; developing efficient systems for the validation of prior learning; implementing lifelong guidance and counseling; recognising the importance of non-formal education and building bridges between formal and non-formal sectors, etc. More information will be available in FREREF "64 pages" publication.

More information about FREREF [here](#).

## The President of the European Commission answers to CSCG letter on Smart regulation

The Civil Society Contact Group (CSCG) and its members actively participated in the debate on the EU Budget review that started in 2008, advocating for a EU budget that serves the European public interest and provides a long-term answer to the economic, social and environmental challenges the EU and the world are facing. In view of the expected failure of this process to reach an ambitious reform, the CSCG called in particular the Commission and its president Mr. José Manuel Barroso, through a letter sent on 14 July 2010, not to abandon such objective. In its reply, sent on 3 September 2010, he reassured the CSCG about the fact that most of the issues will be included in the next Commission's Communication on Smart Regulation to be adopted later this autumn.

Download CSCG letter on Smart Regulation [here](#) and M. Barroso's reply [here](#).

## Stakeholders' Forum on the future of the Europe for Citizens programme

Read our last newsletter about this Forum. The report is now available... [click here](#).

## New project Officer at EUCIS-LLL Secretariat!

Noé Viedma has joined the EUCIS-LLL Secretariat in September 2010 as Project Officer, where he supports the overall functioning of the Secretariat with a special focus on issues related to project management, as administration/logistics, policy content as well as information/communication. Before joining EUCIS-LLL, he worked for the European Platform for Rehabilitation. More about EUCIS-LLL Secretariat [here](#)...

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### ETDF-FEFD: call for papers

The European Training and Development Foundation (ETDF-FEFD) published two calls for papers: one for the EAPRIL / BPR Conference (deadline 14.9.2010) and the other for eLearning Papers, the European Commission's portal for promoting the use of ICT for lifelong learning (deadline 24.9.2010). You can also find requests of ETDF-FEFD members or other organisations to participate in European projects [online](#).

### FREREF Newsletter August 2010

The Foundation of European Regions for Research in Education and Training (FREREF) has launched the new release of its Newsletter #5. FREREF purpose is to promote concrete interregional cooperation in the field of lifelong learning. The newsletter is published twice a year. Just click on the following [link](#).

### EUROCLIO: Comenius grants available for the Second Historiana Seminar

EUROCLIO is pleased to announce that the Second Seminar within the Historiana initiative has been approved by the EU and is registered in the Comenius and Grundtvig Catalogue under the course reference number: NL-2011-220-001. The event will take place on January 20-23 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey. You can apply for Grants before September 15th. If you need further information do not hesitate to contact the Event coordinator [Maria Kazamiaki](#) and more [online](#).

### EURASHE: European project report on LLL in Higher Education

The FLLLEX project (The Impact of LifeLong Learning Strategies on Professional Higher Education) addresses the challenges and implications of Lifelong Learning incorporation into European higher education institutions. It is a EU funded project under the lifelong learning Programme and it includes 24 partners from 10 European countries. More [online](#).

### SOLIDAR is looking for a Project Officer on Education and Lifelong Learning!

The key tasks include implementing the project "Network of European Workers' and Labour Academies - Better information and training for trade unionists" and contributing to the development of SOLIDAR's education pillar, including bringing together a European network of workers' education associations, trade union education institutes and popular education movements. If you are interested, please send a one page motivation letter and detailed CV (in English) with subject field 'Project Officer Education LLL' by Monday 27 September 2010 at 10:00 at this [address](#).

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## Institutional news

### EACEA Customer Satisfaction Survey 2010

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) is launching a survey to assess how applicants and beneficiaries perceive the service provided by the EACEA during the different steps of the project cycle (including submission, selection of projects, contracts, reporting and responding to your questions). This survey is a direct follow-up to a similar survey carried out in 2008 and will be used to help EACEA improve the quality of the services they provide. Filling out the survey only takes about ten minutes. The deadline is 25 September 2010. [Click here](#).

### Commission survey on ESCO - a common language for education/training and employment

The European Commission has launched a survey on ESCO. ESCO aims to be a multilingual European standard terminology and classification of skills, competences, qualifications and occupations. It will be developed in close partnership with representatives of all relevant stakeholders from the worlds of education/training and work, including the social partners. DG EAC and DG EMPL have launched an on-line survey and invites stakeholders to send feedback (deadline for response: 1 October). The survey contains ten questions and should not take more than twenty minutes to complete. To access the questionnaire [click here](#).

### Fourth meeting of the stakeholders expert group set up for the European Year 2010

The fourth meeting of the stakeholders expert group set up for the EY2010 took place on 21 June in Brussels. The meeting highlighted once again the richness of activities developed across Europe and underlined the numerous challenges ahead. The European Year is now entering its second phase, a phase of consolidation which will be key for the campaign to have a sustainable, lasting impact. While the first semester was dedicated to raising awareness of the reality of poverty and social exclusion in the EU, the next campaign stage will put a strong focus on highlighting good practices, so as to "build together a society for all". The stakeholder group's next meeting will take place in November.

### Art Partner project, European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

The European Commission has launched its Art Partner Project in the framework of the 2010 European Year Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. The aim of the project is to raise awareness about poverty and social exclusion through art – more precisely photography. The idea is to allow persons experiencing poverty to express themselves through photography. All the artworks will be available online and also be shown in an exhibition of about fifty photos in Brussels. Furthermore, post cards with the artworks will also be produced and disseminated. The deadline for uploading the photos is 15 October 2010 and the exhibition will take place in Brussels on 25 November 2010. If you agree to participate as partner in the

project, you can be mentioned on the [project website](#) so that participants know easily where to find you. Please send your contact details to this [address](#).

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## EU funding and opportunities

### Call for proposals - European Policy Network on Key Competences in School Education (EAC/41/10)

This call for proposals will support the implementation of the 2006 Recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning. The policy network should therefore bring together those organisations, researchers and stakeholder groups whose area of interest and expertise is on school curriculum development, teacher education, assessment and evaluation, learning support and any other area that is seen as crucial for the development of a coherent policy for the promotion of key competences. Deadline: 15 October 2010. More information [here](#).

### Call for proposals - European Policy Network on School Leadership (EAC/42/10)

This call for Proposals will support the implementation of the Conclusions of the Education Council of November 2007, 2008 and 2009 which agreed to improve the way that school leaders are prepared, selected, educated and trained. It will do so by facilitating transnational exchange and cooperation between policymakers, practitioners, researchers and stakeholders involved in developing school leadership policy through, for example, peer learning, research and analysis. Deadline: 15 October 2010. More information [here](#).

### Europe for citizens programme: Call for proposals for operating grants 2011

The call for proposals for structural support for European public policy research organisations and think tanks and for civil society organisations at European level has been published on the website of the Executive agency. Deadline: 15 October 2010. More information [here](#).

### Call for tenders: a study on Active Citizenship in the EU (EACEA/2010/02)

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) launched a tender for a study on Active Citizenship in the EU. Deadline: 29 October 2010. More information [here](#).

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