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EUCIS-LLL News

Registration is open for the next Public Hearing on Volunteering, 30 November, Brussels

On the 30 November, EUCIS-LLL, the European Civic Forum and Volunteurope organise a Joint Public Hearing on the recognition of the role volunteering plays for social cohesion and active citizenship. Discussions will focus on the specific role of civil society organisations in supporting and encouraging volunteers at European, National and International levels. There will be a time to share experiences on how organisations concretely acknowledge and recognise the competences acquired by volunteers and another to discuss the setting up of a Statute for European Associations. [Register now!](#)

EUCIS-LLL joins the European Alliance for the Statute of the European Association (EASEA)!

The freedom of association at European level is a key element of a democratic society and of an active European citizenship. Giving citizens from different Member States the possibility to gather together within a transnational organization duly recognized by public authorities would encourage and facilitate transnational exchanges. Building on the success of our "Civil society day" in 2009 and 2010 and considering the current initiative of five MEPs gathered together around a "[Written declaration on establishing a European Statute for Mutuals, Associations and Foundations](#)", civil society organisations including EUCIS-LLL decided to support this declaration and to join efforts to help it become a success and collect a majority of MEP signatures. They wish to set up an informal "European Alliance for the Statute of the European Association" (EASEA) which would act like a coordinator, together with the International Association of Mutuals (AIM) and the European Foundation Center (EFC), of an awareness raising and lobby campaign towards MEPs. All civil society organisations that share this vision are warmly invited to join us. Please get in contact with [Alexandrina Najmowicz](#), coordinator of the European Civic Forum.

First results of EUCIS-LLL thematic working groups, Brussels, 28 October 2010

After the success of the first encounter in Barcelona during EUCIS-LLL General Assembly, the [working groups](#) met again on the 28 October 2010. The working groups are: the social dimension of education and training (WG1), European tools and competences (WG2) and the sustainability of lifelong learning (WG3). In the first working group participants discussed key recommendations on how to better

promote inclusion within learning institutions. They also presented and discussed good practices identified within the networks via a study that was launched on the European Year 2010. In the second, participants discussed the development of national qualification frameworks at national and sectoral levels. They agreed on key messages to push forward within the EQF advisory group especially on ESCO, the European Taxonomy of Skills, Competences and Occupations. In the last, participants discussed the opportunity of setting up a European Lifelong Learning Institute.

EUCIS-LLL participates in the Human Ring against poverty, November 19th 2010 in Brussels!

84 million people in the European Union are living in poverty! ... and several other millions are at risk of poverty. Join us on 19 November from 12.15 – 14:00 in forming a Human Ring against Poverty around the European Parliament in Brussels. Thousands of people, including Members of the European Parliament, Commission, Committee of the Regions, EESC, European and Belgian NGOs, schools, social activists and trade unions will participate in this event, organised by the NGO coalition for the European Year 2010 against Poverty and Social Exclusion. [Join us!](#)

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News from the members

EFFE 33rd Colloquium on Sustainability and Responsibility in Education and Health Promotion

Between 18th and 20th of November 2010, the European Forum for Freedom in Education organises a colloquium on “For a Healthy School: Sustainability and Responsibility in Education and Health Promotion” in the University Witten/Herdecke, Germany. This international [event](#) will tackle questions concerning the connection between education and health and how they complement each other. If you would like to receive further information, please contact [Anne Liekenbrock](#).

EUROCLIO-EPA Conference “Challenge Migration - Connecting Europe through History”

EUROCLIO, the European Association of History Educators, joins forces with the European Parents Association and organises the [Migrating Conference](#) on November 19-20 2010 in Vienna and Bratislava on “Challenge Migration - Connecting Europe through History”. You can still [register](#). This event brings together a unique blend of Civil Society that places the School in the centre of the society, as the place where people of Europe can overcome their cultural differences. At the conference, participants will be parents, students, academics and teachers. This is the Final Conference within the EUROCLIO Project “Experiences and Perceptions of Migrations in Europe” ran in partnership with EVROPAEVM and the International Students of History Associations. A survey is also out on How Migration is presented in the Classroom. Please fill in the Project Survey and disseminate it as wide as possible among your network!

ESHA Magazine vol.5, October 2010

The European School Heads Association Magazine No. 5, October 2010, is out. You can read it online or download from ESHA [website](#) .

ISCA: 100 million more Europeans active in sport and physical activity by 2020!

The International Sport and Culture Association invites you to join its [e-Petition](#) for a common European vision of 100 million more Europeans active in sport and physical activity by 2020. An increased focus on physical activity will foster the ambitions of a healthy, active and inclusive Europe. This vision has been formulated at the occasion of the public hearing in the European Parliament on Sport for All and Physical Activity in Europe and is supported by, among others, several MEPs and European Stakeholders, as EUCIS-LLL member EFEC (European Federation for Education and Culture). [ISCA's Annual Report 2010](#) has been officially released. It provides a comprehensive insight to ISCA's work, both with respect to political priorities, achievements and the numerous international projects that have been implemented throughout the past year.

ETDF: New study on evaluation of training in French enterprises

ETDF has recently published a study on the practice of evaluation of training in French enterprises in 2010 (French). Have a look at it on their [website](#).

SOLIDAR is looking for a European Enlargement & Neighbourhood Policy Project Officer

The key tasks for this position include implementing the project "Decent Work Balkan Network - Putting Equality and Solidarity at the heart of EU integration"; contributing to the development of SOLIDAR's network within the Western Balkans and further European neighborhood and supporting the communications strategy of SOLIDAR, in particular towards the Western Balkans. If you are interested, please [send](#) a one page motivation letter and detailed CV (in English) with subject field 'Project Officer European Enlargement' by 6 December 2010 at 10:00.

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Institutional news

Public consultation on the next-generation EU programmes – education, training and youth

The European Commission is launching public consultations on the [Lifelong Learning Programme](#); [Youth in Action](#) and [Erasmus Mundus](#). In the consultation questionnaires, the European Commission asks for your views on the development and design of the programmes and on how they can contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth – and especially two of the strategy's flagship initiatives: Youth on the move and An Agenda for new skills and jobs. The consultations will be open until 30 November 2010. Results of the consultations will be published on DG EAC's website.

Informal Council of Ministers for Education and Training and Conference on Quality assurance and Transparency, Bruges, 6-7 December 2010

On 7 December, the Belgian EU Presidency is holding the biennial ministerial [conference on the Copenhagen Process](#) (European framework for cooperation in the field of vocational education and training). The Ministers of 33 countries will take note of the evaluation report on the past decade and outline the priorities of the programme of activities for the new decade (2010-2020). The objective is to achieve a reinforced EU cooperation in the field of vocational education and training. The day before, a conference will be held on topics which are relevant to both the Copenhagen Process and the Bologna process. It will examine how quality assurance and transparency can form a bridge between VET, compulsory education and higher education, and thus promote mobility and lifelong learning.

Breaking the cycle of disadvantage the role of education in combating poverty, inequality and social exclusion

The Presidency [discussion paper for the next Education Council](#) (18-19 November) invites Ministers to consider the following two questions for discussion: 1. When combating poverty and inequality, cooperation with other sectors is essential. What examples from your country can you provide of specific joined-up policies and measures, in which education and training policy has been linked up to other policy areas (e.g. employment, housing, youth, immigration, social welfare, etc.) with a view to tackling inequalities and social exclusion? And what has been the impact of such policies? 2. How do the Member States measure and monitor: a) educational inequality? b) their progress towards promoting equality and inclusion both in and through education and training? We invite you to contact your MS representation if you have good practices you wish to promote.

The social dimension of the Europe 2020 Strategy – Opinion of the Social Protection Committee

The EPSCO Council approved an [opinion](#) of the Social Protection Committee on social protection and social inclusion in the Europe 2020 Strategy and its governance on 21 October 2010. Challenges encountered by member states in setting their national targets on social exclusion and poverty reduction include, inter alia, the current budgetary constraints, the availability of statistics, the difficulty of quantifying targets for specific policy measures and the need to conduct analysis to identify groups which are at risk of poverty as well as new forms of poverty.

Europe 2020: the Council adopts guidelines for the member states' employment policies

On 21 October the Council for Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Protection (EPSCO) took an important step in the implementation of the new Europe 2020 strategy, by adopting a decision establishing new guidelines for the employment policies of the member states for the next five years.

The guidelines for employment policies form one part of the integrated guidelines, the other part being the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the member states, which the Council already adopted in July 2010. These [integrated guidelines](#) lay the foundations for structural reforms which the member states will have to carry out. Read [SOLIDAR analysis](#).

Europe 2020: the European Commission publishes its strategic plan for promoting innovation

"Innovation Union" is one of the seven flagships announced in the Europe 2020 Strategy. It aims to improve conditions and access to finance for research and innovation, to ensure that innovative ideas can be turned into products and services that create growth and jobs. This [Communication](#) addresses the challenges and opportunities facing Europe in key areas where urgent and sustained efforts are required. It sets out clearly the key European, national and regional initiatives needed to create the Innovation Union.

Failure of the conciliation procedure on the EU budget 2011!

The EU budget serves European citizens, businesses, researchers, students, rural communities, cities and regions across Europe. The failure of the conciliation procedure in the night of 15-16 November 2010 means that the budget 2011 will not be in place sufficiently in time for ensuring the smooth operation of EU funding programmes and will cause delays in the implementation of new initiatives and the creation of new bodies. In line with the Lisbon Treaty, the Commission will now start working on a new draft EU budget 2011. Once the new draft EU budget will be published, the Council and then the Parliament will have to adopt their position on it. This will be followed by another conciliation procedure. This process may again take a few months. [More information](#).

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Research and Innovation

Learning for Well-being – Consortium of Foundations in Europe

In 2009, a group of foundations decided to establish the 'Learning for Well-being' Consortium in Europe, designed to support this vision, in partnership with other actors of society. The founding group of the Consortium, all members of the European Foundation Centre, come from different European countries and work with children and youth in different contexts.

CEDEFOP expert conference on skills demand and supply forecasting – Call for papers

Cedefop, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, is organising a two-day international [technical conference on Skills demand and supply forecasting](#) in Thessaloniki on 17-18 February 2011. The aim is to bring together an international forum of researchers and experts in labour market needs and supply forecasting to gather the latest insights on the use of the Cedefop forecast as well as on other (innovative) forecasting processes in different Member States. Those who wish to participate actively are invited to send a maximum two page abstract by 10th December 2010.

Euroskills 2010, Lisboa, 9-12 December 2010

In 2010, Lisbon welcomes the 2nd edition of the [EuroSkills](#) and hosts hundred of competitors, experts and judges, representing 31 countries and 50 vocational skills. This event represents an opportunity for VET institutions to demonstrate, test, compare and update work and training methodologies, to strengthen partnerships and enhance common patterns within Europe.

CEDEFOP research paper on "Ageing workers, changing demands: skills for silver workers"

The rising median age of the workforce and the mismatch between the demand and supply of skills are two issues of particular concern for the European labour market. But are people's skills more likely to be mismatched as they age? This is the subject of Cedefop's latest [research paper](#), "The right skills for silver workers: an empirical analysis".

SALTO Newsletter #2 on Educational tools is out!

SALTO-YOUTH.net is a network of 8 Resource Centres working on European priority areas within the youth field. It provides resources and organises training and contact-making activities to support

organisations and National Agencies within the framework of the European Commission's Youth in Action programme and beyond. In this [issue](#), you will find information on the new developments of the Strategy on Educational Tools, an update on the progresses towards the Tool Fair (Venice 16-21Nov) and an invitation to participate in the discussion on Quality of educational tools.

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EU funding and opportunities

Lifelong Learning Programme - 2011 call for proposals published

The general call for proposals for 2011 ([EAC/49/10](#)) for the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme has just been launched. Both citizens and organisations in the field of school and higher education, vocational training and adult learning can now apply again for the numerous activities supported by the programme, which includes the Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig sub-programmes, Transversal Programme with its activities for policy cooperation, languages, ICT and dissemination, as well as the Jean Monnet Programme.

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Agenda

November 2010

23-24: 2nd MOBIVET-REGIO Forum, Brussels

24-26: 5th EAPRIL Conference on "Challenges in professional learning across the disciplines", Lisbon

25-26: EAEA / NVL 2010 Conference, Brussels

29-30: FREREF symposium, "Young people transitions: from school to work", Brussels

December

6-12: Belgian EU Presidency conference on Quality assurance and Transparency, Bruges

7-12: "Towards a stronger European collaboration on vocational education and training", Informal Council of Ministers for Education and Training, Bruges

9-12: Euroskills 2010, Lisboa



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