



EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM ON LIFELONG LEARNING

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EUCIS-LLL NEWS

■ EUCIS-LLL organises its “Lifelong Learning Week” from 14-17 March 2011 in the European Parliament

The objective of the “Lifelong Learning Week” organised in the European Parliament is to put forward the need to implement integrated LLL strategies at national and European level. It also aims to raise awareness on the social dimension of education and training. This week will be the occasion for us to organise several events:

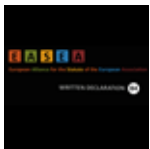
14-17 March: Exhibition on “Different pathways to lifelong learning” (ASP building, towards deputies’ restaurant) with performances from 12h00 to 14h00

16 March: Round Table discussion on the social dimension of education and training: investing in skills and competences, in partnership with SOLIDAR at the European Parliament (12h30-15h00)

17 March: Public Hearing on the impact of transnational mobility schemes to develop personal, social and economic skills, in partnership with the EESC (14h00-17h00): draft programme

For more information about the LLL Week or to register to one or more of these events, please [contact us](#).

■ For the European Statute for the European Association, Mutual and Foundation, act now!



The European Parliament has launched a **written declaration** that supports the establishment of a European statute for mutual societies, associations and foundations by giving them a political recognition and by simplifying administrative procedures. If you support this initiative, you can download the declaration in 27 languages on the **dedicated website**, and handle it to your MPS and invite them to sign the written declaration! The next voting session will take place in Strasbourg on 15-16 February 2011.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

■ EUCEN Conference “Education as a right - LLL for all!”

“Education as a right - LLL for all!” is the title of the next **EUCEN conference**, which will be held in Granada (Spain) on 25-27 May 2011. The conference will be an opportunity to celebrate EUCEN's 20th Anniversary.

■ EURASHE 21st Annual conference on Professional Mobility programmes

EURASHE will hold its **21st Annual conference** in Nice (France), on 31 March-1 April 2011. The conference will focus on professional programmes in different country contexts and the related Mobility with partners inside and outside the EHEA.

■ EAEA is looking for a Grundtvig Assistant!

EAEA - the European Association for the Education of Adults is ready to receive your application for a **Grundtvig Assistantship** at the Office in Brussels. Please **send** your CV and motivation letter before 21 February.

■ ECSWE publication on Quality of Childhood in Europe

As a result of talks given by a range of experts to the “Quality of Childhood Working Group” in the European Parliament, the European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education and the Alliance for Childhood European Network have published an interesting study on **Improving the Quality of Childhood in Europe 2011, Volume II**.



ECSWE latest [newsletter \(February 2011\)](#) is also out! It includes the Report from the 3rd international Alliance for Childhood conference 'Childhood in Balance' held in Budapest, Hungary 13-16 October 2010.



INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

■ Commission launches action plan to reduce early school leaving

On 31 January the Commission approved an [action plan](#) that will help Member States to achieve the Europe 2020 headline target of reducing the EU average rate of early school leavers to under 10%, from the current level of 14.4%, by the end of the decade. The Commission's new initiative outlines the situation across Europe regarding early school leaving, its main causes, its risks for future economic and societal development, and proposes ways to tackle the problem more effectively. The accompanying proposal for a Council Recommendation contains guidelines to help Member States develop comprehensive and evidence-based policies to reduce early school leaving.

■ EC consultation on Higher Education

Europe 2020 stresses the vital role of the European higher education sector in developing human capital and driving research and innovation in the knowledge economy. As part of its efforts to help develop higher education in Europe, the European Commission plans to adopt a new Communication on the modernisation of higher education in the third quarter of 2011. To help prepare the new Communication, the Commission has just launched a public [consultation](#) open until 15 March.

■ Public Consultation on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive

The [public consultation](#) is aimed at gathering stakeholders' views on a modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive (Directive 2005/36/EC). This Directive, adopted in 2005, sets the rules for mutual recognition of professional qualifications between Member States. The result of this work will be taken into account in the preparation of the Evaluation Report and a Green Paper in autumn 2011 with the view to a legislative proposal on the modernisation of the Directive in 2012. The consultation is open until 15 March 2011.



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

■ Policies to Support Youth – Thematic Review 2010 by the Employment Committee

This [report](#) by the Employment Committee describes the implementation of policies chosen by Member States to support youth during the current economic challenges. It illustrates the practices and instruments put into effect in different countries, existing bottlenecks and subsequent priorities for further reform.

■ Teaching democracy – A collection of models for democratic citizenship and human rights education

This [teachers' manual](#) contains a collection of exercises and models for Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) and Human Rights Education (HRE) in schools as well as in non-formal settings of education. These teaching models provide the framework to encourage students to become active by offering examples and inroads.



■ Commission Regulation on the production and development of statistics on education and training

On 2 February, the European Commission launched the [regulation 88/2011](#) which lays down rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 452/2008 as regards the collection, transmission and processing of statistical data in Domain 1 on education and training systems. It shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It shall apply from 1 January 2012.

■ A common language for quality – Cedefop's new glossary on quality in education and training

[Cedefop's new glossary](#) of terms on quality in education and training is meant to promote communication and understanding between countries. It is intended for all stakeholders in education and VET, researchers; experts; those involved in improving learning curricula; and education and training providers.



EU FUNDING

■ Lifelong Learning Programme – 2011 call for proposals

The general [call for proposals](#) for 2011 (EAC/49/10) for the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme has 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.

AGENDA

MARCH 2011

1: SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards 2011, European Parliament, Brussels

14-18: Lifelong learning Week at the European Parliament, Brussels

16: Round table on Investing in Skills & Competences: the Social Dimension of E&T, EP, Brussels

17: EUCIS-LLL Public Hearing on mobility, EESC, Brussels

25: European Talent Day, Budapest, Hungary

25-26: "Assessment and Evaluation in Schools", EPA Conference, Budapest, Hungary

31-1: EURASHE 21st Annual conference, Nice, France

APRIL 2011

6-7: HRD Learning and Organisation Development Conference and Exhibition, London, UK

28-30: *effe* Colloquium on alternative pedagogical methods, Vienna, Austria

MAY 2011

9: EUCIS-LLL Annual Conference on volunteering, Krakow

10: EUCIS-LLL General Assembly, Krakow

25-27: EUCEN's 20th Anniversary Conference, Granada, Spain

