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**European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning - EUCIS-LLL
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/// NEWS FROM THE PLATFORM ///

EUCIS-LLL welcomes 4 new members during its General Assembly 2011!

The European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning (EUCIS-LLL) held its General Assembly on 10 May 2011 in Krakow, Poland. Participants welcomed four new full members: the Organising Bureau of European School Student ([OBESSU](#)), United for Innovation and Quality in Education ([UNIQUE](#)), [Contact-2103](#) and Erasmus Student Network ([ESN](#)). The platform members also elected Anne Lieckenbrock, Director of the European Forum for Freedom in Education (effe), as a new member of the steering committee. Members adopted EUCIS-LLL activity, financial and moral reports as well as their 2011-2012 work plan.

EUCIS-LLL Annual Conference on volunteering in education and training, 9 May 2011, Krakow

On 9 May 2011, EUCIS-LLL organised its [Annual Conference 2011](#) on <<the role, place and value given to volunteering in education & training>>. Around 60 participants coming from various sectors and levels of education and training shared their experiences and worked on policy recommendations in order to provide specifics insights on volunteering within lifelong learning in the context of the European Year 2011. The conference report will soon be published on our website.

EUCIS-LLL latest position papers & publications

In the last months, EUCIS-LLL published several position papers on EU policy developments in education and training. It adopted a position paper on [austerity measures](#) and lifelong learning; [Youth on the Move](#); the [future programmes for education, training and youth](#); and LLL & [European active citizenship](#). Furthermore, [EUCIS-LLL Activity Report 2010](#) and the [feasibility study](#) on a "European Institute on Lifelong Learning" are out!

/// NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS ///

EUROCLIO 3rd Historiana initiative seminar, 7-10 July 2011

The Third EUROCLIO [Seminar](#) within the Historiana initiative will be focused on the theme <<Rights and Responsibilities>> and will take place on July 7-10 2011 in Riga, Latvia.

FREREF European summer University for Lifelong Learning, 29-31 August 2011

The Foundation of European Regions for Research, Education and Training (FREREF) will organise its European [summer University](#) for Lifelong Learning in Neuchâtel, Switzerland).

Network of European Labour and Social Academies

SOLIDAR and the Europäisch Akademie der Arbeit (EAdA) are running a joint one-year

project to build a network of [European labour and social academies and Workers' Education Associations](#).

effe's Newsletter is out!

[The latest newsletter](#) of the <<European Forum for Freedom in Education>> (effe) includes a brief summary of its colloquium <<Education Spring>>, held in Austria last April 2011.

ESHA Magazine vol.11, May 2011

[The latest magazine](#) of the European School Heads Association (ESHA) includes a special report on what sports means to young people and how it works on the ground, highlighting the role of volunteer teachers.

EUpVET Annual Conference <<Creating Skills Today for Tomorrow's Europe>>

The 2nd Annual EUpVET Conference will be held in Brussels on the 15th of June 2011 at the Hotel Bristol Stephanie. The conference will try to get answers on what skills we should be training for today to ensure that we are fully prepared for Europe's future. More info contact Mr. [Manfred Polzin](#) or Mrs. [Tellervo Tarko](#)

Do you still believe in the power of culture?

Culture Action Europe and the European Cultural Foundation launched a [joint campaign](#) to seek increased support for culture in the next EU budget. You can sign the <<we are more>> manifesto before July 2011.

/// INSTITUTIONAL NEWS ///

EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies

On the 19th May 2011 the EPSCO Council adopted the [Council conclusions](#) on the future EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020.

EU education report: good progress, but more effort needed to achieve targets

EU countries have improved their [education systems](#) in key areas over the past decade but they have achieved only one out of five benchmarks set for 2010.

European Year 2012 on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations

The [website](#) of the European Year 2012 was launched during the high level conference <<Towards the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations>>.

/// CONSULTATIONS ///

Youth on the Move card consultation is now online, before 4 June

The EC is carrying out a [consultation](#) on youth cards in light of preparations for one of the top 10 targeted actions of the Youth on the Move flagship initiative.

Public consultation on a possible successor to PROGRESS, before 27 May

The Commission has undertaken the [review](#) of its financial instruments for the next post-2013 multiannual financial framework, including PROGRESS (2007-2013).

Public consultation on a strategic innovation agenda for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT): until 30 June

[The European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT) was set up in 2008 with the objective of delivering world-leading innovation via integration of the actors of the <<knowledge triangle>>...

/// RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ///

Briefing on EU Lifelong Learning Policy Framework

SOLIDAR has recently published a [briefing paper](#) giving an introduction to the EU's Lifelong Learning Policy Framework. SOLIDAR has also produced another useful [brief analysis](#) of the Commission communication "[An Agenda for New Skills and Jobs](#)" (November 2010).

EURASHE's publication on "Short Cycle Higher Education in Europe - Level 5: The missing Link"

EURASHE has recently published a [report](#) on Short Cycle Higher Education in Europe, co-authored by Magda Kirsch and Yves Beernaert. The general objective of this study was to make a [detailed analysis](#) of the existing Short Cycle Higher Education (SCHE) at level 5 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) ...

EUROSTUDENT Final Conference: Closing the gap - New data on the social dimension of higher education in Europe

On 15-16 June 2011 EUROSTUDENT will release a new [comparative study of student life](#) in 25 European countries in Copenhagen (Denmark). This study deals with topics such as access to higher education, student finances and temporary mobility periods during studies.

Call for good practices in equity in higher education

EQUINET is looking for [contributions](#) (in video or writings category) from organisations/associations actively working on the field of equity in Higher Education and willing to share their good and/or bad practice with the public. Deadline for submissions: 10 June 2011

eLearning portal relaunched with new features

eLearningeuropa.info, the European reference portal on education and technology, has just been relaunched on a brand new platform and with new features. The new [site](#) is designed and built in a user-centred way and contains participatory tools to communicate, share and discuss.

New online tool on quality assurance in vocational education and training

A new [online tool](#) offers national and regional policy makers guidance on how to approach quality assurance in vocational education and training.

The economic benefits of vocational education and training for individuals

As part of the general examination of the benefits of training, in this [publication](#) CEDEFOP looks at the economic returns that accrue to individuals who receive training.

CEDEFOP VET Analysis – May 2011

[VET-Alert](#) is a monthly publication meant to inform VET specialists about publications and documents acquired by Cedefop's Library and Documentation service.

/// FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ///

Commission launches [call for proposals](#) to support implementation of lifelong learning, deadline 30 June

[Call for proposals](#) - Pilot project for the development of knowledge partnerships, deadline 30 June

CEDEFOP [Call for tenders](#): The role of qualifications in governing occupations and professions, deadline 23 May

CEDEFOP [Call for tenders](#): Return to Work – Work-based learning and the reintegration of unemployed adults into the labour market, deadline 1 June

4th [call for proposals](#) of the AAL Joint Programme: <<ICT based solutions for Advancement of Older Persons' Mobility>>, deadline 30 June

/// AGENDA ///

May 2011

23: EESC [hearing](#) on <<Volunteering infrastructure and quality of volunteering>>

23-24: EC 2nd [Thematic Conference](#) for EYV 2011 <<Volunteers: the difference they make and the challenges they face>>

25-26: [Conference](#) on the European Qualifications Framework, Budapest, Hungary

28-29: [9th Transformative Learning Conference](#), Athens, Greece

June 2011

8-9: VALUE project – Volunteering and LLL in Universities in Europe – [final conference](#) in Ankara, Turkey

15: 2nd EUproVET [Annual Conference](#) <<Creating Skills Today for Tomorrow's Europe>>

15-16: EUROSTUDENT [Final Conference](#): Closing the gap - New data on the social dimension of higher education in Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark

16-17: 1st [Digital Agenda Assembly](#), Brussels, Belgium

19-22: EDEN [Annual Conference](#): Learning and Sustainability - The new ecosystem of innovation and knowledge, Dublin, Ireland

22-23: [International conference](#) <<Voluntarily across the Border>>, Prague, Czech Republic

23-24: [Learning through experience](#): developing international & regional research agenda, Glasgow, UK

July 2011

7-10: Third EUROCLIO [Historiana Seminar](#), Riga, Latvia

August 2011

29-31: [European Summer University](#) for Lifelong Learning, Contribution of firms to Lifelong Learning, Neuchatel, Suisse

31-Sept 3: [European University for Voluntary Service](#), University of Basel, Switzerland

September 2011

7-11: II [Youth Convention](#) on Volunteering, European Parliament, Brussels

12-16: Executive [Summer School](#) in International and Comparative Education, University of Geneva, Switzerland

October 2011

20-21: [International Conference](#) ICT for Language Learning, Florence, Italy

20-23: 20th Annual Volonteurope [Conference](#), <<Make a difference by volunteering>> Edinburgh, UK

November 2011

3-4: 3rd EYV [Thematic conference](#) on <<Quality of volunteering>>, Athens, Greece

10-11: ENIL - European Network for Intergenerational Learning [conference](#) on <<Intergenerational Learning and Volunteering>>, Rome, Italy

23-25: EAPRIL [Conference](#) on <<Balancing workplace learning and practitioner research across professional fields>>, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

24-25: MEDEA [Awards 2011](#), Brussels, Belgium

TBC: 2nd EquNet Conference, Varna, Bulgaria

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