



SALTO YOUTH Good Practices Newsletter

Europe and Youth Activities...in 2005!!

Recent initiatives

European youth week

The second edition of the **European Youth Week** will take place **5-11 December 2005** with the slogan "**Youth Takes the Floor**". Plenty of events will be organised throughout Europe to promote Youth work and the European Youth Programme. This year, once again some European Youth Awards will be handed out during the European Youth Week. Projects have been nominated in 5 different categories by the National Agencies of the YOUTH Programme and the 25 best projects will be invited to Brussels. The 3 best projects in each category will be awarded during the award ceremony. http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/youthweek/index_en.html

Europass and Youth-Pass

This is an instrument enabling easy visibility and recognition of personal skills and qualifications in Europe. The "Europass" consists of five documents: Europass curriculum vitae (CV) and Europass Language Passport) to be filled in by the beholder and three other documents (Europass Certificate Supplement, Europass Diploma Supplement and Europass Mobility) filled in and issued by competent organisations.

Moreover, in every country (European Union and European Economic Area), a National Europass Centre coordinates all activities related to the Europass documents. It is the first point of contact for any person or organisation interested in using or learning more about Europass. http://europass.cedefop.eu.int/europass/preview.action?locale_id=1.

Linked to the Europass, the YOUTH-PASS is another instrument of recognition of non-formal learning which aims at developing and implementing a special European level validation instrument within the YOUTH Programme. It seeks to support the employability of young people and youth workers and favours the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and the social recognition of youth work. www.salto-youth.net/youthpass/

Declaration and Resolution "Human dignity and social cohesion": youth policy responses to violence.

The final declaration of European Ministers responsible for Youth, on the issue **Human dignity and social cohesion** was adopted last September 2005. It calls upon the States (members of the European Cultural Convention of the Council of Europe) to put in place **measures as well as educational and training programmes apt to support young people's commitment to reducing and preventing violence in everyday life** in the framework of their youth policies and youth work policies. These papers set out several measures to curb and prevent all forms of violence, of which young people may be either the victims or the perpetrators.

www.coe.int/T/E/Com/Files/Ministerial-Conferences/2005-Budapest_jeunesse/Decl_final.asp

www.coe.int/T/E/Com/Files/Ministerial-Conferences/2005-Budapest_jeunesse/Resolution.asp

Call for proposals relating to support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth. DG EAC No 51/05

The programme is intended primarily to strengthen Community action in the field of youth and increase its effectiveness by promoting the bodies working in this field. The programme supports the permanent activities of bodies which pursue an aim of general European interest in the field of youth or an objective which is part of the European Union's policy in that area. These activities must contribute, or be capable of contributing, to the active participation of young citizens in public life, in society and in the construction of Europe, and to the development and implementation of European cooperation actions in the field of youth in the broad sense. Bodies interested in applying are particularly encouraged to propose **politically visible initiatives which involve the participation of young people in the process of European construction**. Applications must reach the Commission **no later than 1 December 2005**. http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/ingyo_en.html

European Youth Pact

The Pact adopted by the European Council in March 2005. This initiative will mean a more unified and coherent approach to youth issues. The Lisbon strategy (which aims at making Europe the most competitive knowledge-based economy in the world) is relevant for young people since it addresses issues which affect them directly, such as education, employment and social inclusion.

This is the first time that youth policy has featured so visibly at EU level.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/whitepaper/download/st06609-re01_en.pdf

Symposium “all different- all equal” (26-30 October 2005)

The symposium aimed at examining the realities of racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and tolerance today and how they affect young people but also at planning and develop the key concepts and contents for the new “all different – all equal” campaign. Moreover the 10th anniversary of the campaign (launched in 1995) has provided the opportunity to update the Education Pack “all different- all equal” and DOMINO, the new versions are available on-line (www.coe.int/compass).
http://eycb.coe.int/eycbwwwroot/hre/open1.html?url=/eycbwwwroot/hre/eng/symposium_alldifferent.asp

...Coming soon...

Youth in Action programme 2007-13

With the 'Youth' Community action programme coming to an end in 2006, the Commission proposes to bring in a new youth-oriented instrument designed to provide continuity with the previous programme and greater effectiveness. The main aims are: to promote European citizenship, giving young people the opportunity to express their personal commitment through various activities at European, national and local levels; to develop solidarity among young people, particularly in order to reinforce social cohesion in the European Union and to foster mutual understanding between peoples through youth; to encourage young people's initiative, enterprise and creativity, and their personal and professional development; to enhance the quality of support systems for youth activities; to promote European cooperation in youth policies. To this end, the proposed **programme will comprise five forms of distinct but complementary action: 'Youth for Europe'; 'European Voluntary Service'; 'Youth of the world'; 'Youth workers and support systems'; 'Support for policy cooperation'**. The Commission also wants the programme to be accessible to a greater number of **young people, aged between 13 and 30** (instead of the current 15-25 age range). Moreover, in the interest of simplification, it proposes: to incorporate into the new programme the activity of promoting bodies active at European level in the field of youth, hitherto covered by a separate legal basis; to decentralise the management of the programme, entrusting it to an executive agency; to reduce red tape for the beneficiaries of the programme. Lastly, the Commission proposes that this programme, running for seven years (2007-13), should be allocated an overall budget of EUR 915 million.

Find out more through the page the new generation of EU programmes for education and training, culture, youth and the audiovisual sector in 2007-2013. http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/education_culture/newprog/index_en.html

2008 "European Year of Intercultural Dialogue"

The European Commission proposes that 2008 be "European Year of Intercultural Dialogue". The Commission adopted on 5 October a proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council to declare 2008 "European Year of Intercultural Dialogue". Culture, education, youth, sport and citizenship will be the main areas concerned. Generally speaking, the European Year is expected to: **promote intercultural dialogue** as an instrument to assist European citizens, and all those living in the European Union, in acquiring the knowledge and aptitudes to enable them to deal with a more open and more complex environment as well as **raise the awareness of European citizens**, and all those living in the European Union, of the importance of **developing active European citizenship which is open to the world**, respectful of cultural diversity and based on common values.

Representing a unique opportunity to strengthen “**mainstreaming**” in all of the relevant Community programmes and actions in 2008, the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue will make it possible to raise the profile and increase the overall impact of these actions in the context of the Year. This will make it possible to promote a consistent image of the **multiplicity of Community actions contributing to the intercultural dialogue** while developing synergies between programmes, particularly those geared towards neighbouring countries and third countries.

The Year will also involve close cooperation between the Member States to concentrate efforts on awareness-raising and communication activities. The Commission proposes that the European Year be allocated a budget of **€10 million** to fund **three types of activity**, which will constitute the operational objectives:

- an **information campaign promoting** the objectives of the European Year – to be identified by a logo – which could account for half of the budget;
- **grants for actions at Community level**, geared towards a limited number of emblematic actions on a Community scale (e.g. major festivals or sporting events) intended to raise awareness, especially among young people, of the objectives of the European Year;
- **co-financing of actions at national level** with a strong European dimension.

The preparation for the Year will need to be closely coordinated with the preparations for and implementation of the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All in 2007 in order to maximise synergies and complementarities between these two initiatives. This proposal must now be examined by the European Parliament and the Council for **adoption under the co-decision procedure by the end of 2006**. http://europa.eu.int/comm/culture/portal/index_en.htm

