

European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 Launched

The 2008 Year will feature a small number of flagship projects on a European level, as well as EU support for a national project in each Member State, and a Partner programme aimed at mobilising civil society. Find out more about the Year in Europe at:

<http://www.interculturaldialogue2008.eu/>

The UK's National Coordination Board for the Year, Euclid, is organizing an 'Intercultural Cities' conference in May 2008 which is set to be a banner event for ICD in the UK. Find out more at:

<http://inter.culture.info/ICC>

If, during 2008, your organisation is involved in an activity addressing the themes of the Year, you will also be able to include the official EYID logo [pictured above] on your website and publicity materials – and such activities and events will also be promoted through the website. More information about using the logo is now available from tim@euclid.info.

2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

The European Commission has designated 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

Its four specific objectives have been identified as:

- Recognition of the right of people in poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society;
- An increase in the public ownership of social inclusion policies, emphasising everyone's responsibility in tackling poverty and marginalisation;
- A more cohesive society, where no one doubts that society as a whole benefits from the eradication of poverty;
- Commitment of all actors, because real progress requires a long-term effort that involves all levels of governance.

Find the proposal in full at:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/news/2007/dec/antipoverty_1_en.pdf

Council Resolution on Youth Volunteering

The Council has adopted a Resolution on the implementation of common objectives for voluntary activities of young people. The full text of the resolution can be found at:

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/07/st14/st14425.en07.pdf>

Creative Industries and Culture

The Brussels Office attended a presentation on 'Creative Industries and Culture - towards Creative Economy' organized by the City of Turku and Regional Council of Southwest Finland. The event included presentations on Turku – European Capital of Culture 2011; The role of culture, cultural industries and creative clusters in the European Union and EU funding opportunities; Smart City development; Fostering creative economy in Turku region; Tallinn 2011 – The Creative Capital that fosters Cultural Industry; Role of universities in promoting creative economy; Creative economy in promoting local, regional and global competitiveness: Turku and Southwest Finland; INTERREG programmes 2007-2013: creative clusters and regional co-operation. For more info contact: Jennifer.carson@east-of-england.eu

New Programme Guide – Youth in Action

A new programme guide for the youth in action programme will be valid from 1 January 2008. The programme guide is an essential document for anyone wishing to take part in the Youth in Action Programme. The new guide can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.html

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