



European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning - EUCIS-LLL Newsletter #27 - JULY 2011

/// NEWS FROM THE PLATFORM ///

EUCIS-LLL Press release on the EC proposal for the next MFF

On 29th June, the European Commission published its proposal on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). EUCIS-LLL welcomes the proposal to raise the budget allocated to Education and Culture by 68% for the period 2014–2020. EUCIS-LLL feels this proposal matches the high objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy. However, it is concerned about the decision to merge education, training and youth programmes into a so-called “Education Europe” programme. EUCIS-LLL will continue to work with its members and partners to make stakeholders’ voice heard in the legislative process that will lead to the adoption of the new programmes by the end of 2012. Read the [press release](#).

Manifesto for a European Statute of the European Association

The "European Alliance for the Statute of the European Association" (EASEA), of which EUCIS-LLL is part, has been intensively campaigning to set up a "European Statute for the European Association". On 12th July, at the opening of the "We volunteer" exhibition at the European Parliament hosted by MEPs Marian Harkin (ALDE), Sandrine Bélier (Greens/EFA), Marie-Christine Vergiat (GUE/NGL), Marc Tarabella (S&D) and Regina Bastos (EPP), EUCIS-LLL took part in launching a [Manifesto](#) urging the EU to take the necessary steps for introducing proposals for the Statute for European Association.

EUCIS-LLL position on the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs is now available

EUCIS-LLL has just published its [position paper](#) on the Agenda for new skills and jobs. It supports the overall orientation of the Agenda for New Skills and Jobs and welcomes its focus on “resolute action”. The Agenda is very ambitious with action points and priorities covering many aspects of education, training, employment, youth or social affairs. However in these times of crisis and change, the austerity measures put in place by Member States are having an adverse effect by acting on investments in education and training...

EUCIS-LLL at the Digital Agenda Assembly – Workshops’ reports published

Several EUCIS-LLL members participated in the [Digital Agenda Assembly](#) (DAA) on 16-17 June in Brussels. Of special interest were the workshops on 'Mainstreaming e-Learning in education and training' and on 'Digital literacy and e-Inclusion'. All [workshops’ reports](#) are now available in the DAA website.

/// NEWS FROM MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ///

SOLIDAR “Network of European Labour and Social Academies” Conference

On 21st September SOLIDAR will organise the [final Conference](#) of the "Network of European Labour and Social Academies - Better Information and Training for Trade Unionists" project in the European Parliament in Brussels. The focus will be primarily to present the "Social Europe" educational module developed by the Europäische Akademie der Arbeit (EAdA). In

addition, SOLIDAR intends to hold a debate on the "Agenda for New Skills and Jobs" and facilitate exchange of best practices/experiences among its members.

UNIQUE's upcoming workshops and training courses

UNIQUE network organises a [training course for educators](#) in Amendolea, Calabria (Italy) from 27th October until 2nd November 2011. The ['How do I learn best' training course](#) wants to explore "learning" questions in order to help participants to raise their awareness about their own learning and to improve their competences as facilitators of others' learning. Moreover, the Association of Non-formal Education in Lithuania is organising a [Grundtvig workshop](#) on intercultural and media education with aspects of intergenerational learning through [cooking and exploration of food cultures](#) in Europe (deadline: 12 August).

The MOVE2011 World Congress – Think global, MOVE local!

ISCA is organising the [MOVE2011 Congress](#) in Paris, from 19-23 October 2011. This international congress will welcome sport organisations and city administrators, private businesses and international institutions, decision-makers and local activists, club coaches and medical doctors. MOVE2011 wants to uncover and release the enormous potential for cooperation between stakeholders from grassroots sport and physical activity from both the public and the private sector.

How can LLL strategies be developed and implemented in higher education institutions?

EUCEN is organising the [dissemination event](#) for the ALLUME project from 12-13 September 2011 in Barcelona. The ALLUME project developed a self-reflexive set of guidelines which intends to facilitate universities' strategic development in the area of lifelong learning.

Apply for a Comenius and Grundtvig grant to attend next EUROCLIO 2012 Annual Conference!

EUROCLIO in cooperation with the Association of History Educators of Turkey organises its [19th Annual Conference](#) on the theme "Looking at History Through a Variety of Lenses" in Antalya, Turkey on April 1-7 2012. Participants can apply for [Comenius and Grundtvig Grants](#).

EAEA Grundtvig Award 2011

Lunaria's project "Seven – Senior European Volunteers Exchange Network" won the [EAEA Grundtvig Award 2011](#). The project involved 29 organizations from several countries, creating and implementing a Senior Volunteering Program - exchange and visit of volunteers abroad. More than 300 volunteers took part so far in a volunteer exchange, but equally important the project developed a set of educational tools for the exchange and ways to disseminate the results.

effe and EfVET latest Newsletter and ESHA Magazine are out!

[effe's latest newsletter](#) includes an interesting article about the political priorities of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU. [EfVET newsletter](#) has important information about its next Annual Conference on VET and ET2020, among other topics. The June's edition of [ESHA Magazine](#) contains an extensive report on Deputy Heads growing role within the school autonomy.

Infoletter on Adult Education and guidance

The European InfoNet Adult Education has recently published its [Infoletter](#) focused on the role of outreach activities and guidance in lifelong learning. It also includes an interview with Johannes Laitenberger, Head of President Barroso's cabinet.

/// INSTITUTIONAL NEWS ///

Post-2013 EU budget: Commission increase investment in education, training and youth

On 11th July the European Commission put forward [a programme for education, training and youth](#) that will be provided with €15.2 billion over seven years. This is an increase of 73%, the highest in the budget put forward for 2014-2020. Indeed the Commission hopes to double the number of young people, teachers and researchers who receive a EU grant to study / train abroad, from 400 000 recipients per year now to almost 800 000 in future. As well as increasing study and training grants, it will target support at modernising education systems, more cross-border cooperation between education institutions and policy reforms. The Commission will present the detail of the new programmes in the autumn. Moreover, €80 billion will be dedicated to research and innovation funding, an increase of 46%.

Polish Presidency work programme

1st July marked the beginning of Poland's presidency of the European Union. The three main priorities of its [work programme](#) will be promoting economic growth, improving the EU's economic and financial security, as well as energy, food and military security and defending the EU's openness. In the field of education, the Polish Programme emphasises the need to develop further Europe's intellectual capital as a source of growth, and highlights learning mobility and modernisation of universities as two key themes, together with language learning and youth participation. SOLIDAR has published a [briefing paper](#) on the 9 challenges for the Polish Presidency.

€47 million dedicated for supporting higher education in the European Neighborhood countries and Russia

On 5th July 2011, the European Commission announced that it would allocate €47 million to support higher education projects in the European Neighborhood countries and Russia under the Tempus Programme. [The new funding](#) will improve teaching, learning methods and teaching material, as well as boost quality assurance and management of higher education institutions in the partner countries.

Parliament endorses 2012 as the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations

The support by the European Parliament is the final step before the launch of the European Year next January 2012. The Council of Ministers endorsed the Year at their Employment and Social Affairs meeting in June. [The European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations](#) will raise awareness about meeting the challenges of ageing as well as sharing best practices. EUCIS-LLL decided to join the [EY2012 coalition](#) of stakeholders involved in an awareness-raising campaign to attract the attention of politicians at all levels on how to rethink the concept of solidarity between generations, and on how to support civil society initiatives on intergenerational cooperation and active ageing.

/// PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ///

New Gambling Law threatens civil society organisations' work, deadline 31st July

State lotteries contribute to more than 22 billion per year to the state budgets and the funding of sport, culture, social projects, research and other causes of general interest. For thousands of civil society organisations in the EU, lottery funding represents an important source of income. [The Green Paper on on-line gambling](#), adopted by the European Commission on 24 March 2011 launches an [extensive consultation](#) on challenges resulting from the development of on-line gambling.

Free movement of workers' public consultation, deadline 12 August

The objective of the [consultation](#) is to assess how to best ensure the enforcement of the right to free movement of workers and contribute to the removal of obstacles.

Modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive, deadline: 20 September

[The Green Paper](#) is aimed at gathering stakeholders' views on a modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive (Directive 2005/36/EC).

/// RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ///**European Volunteering Measurement Project**

Launched during the 2011 European Year of Volunteering, the European Volunteer Measurement Project aims to disseminate the [manual](#) published in March 2011 and promote its implementation throughout Europe to help ensure effective management of volunteering by providing better information.

Eurydice new publication on "Teaching Reading in Europe: Contexts, Policies and Practices"

For the first time, a [pan-European study](#) offers a comprehensive picture of reading literacy and identifies some of the key factors impacting on the acquisition of reading skills for 3-15 year olds. It addresses four key topics: teaching approaches, tackling reading difficulties, teacher education and the promotion of reading outside school...

Under the Radar: The Contribution of Civil Society and Third Sector Organisations to e-Inclusion

[EU e-Inclusion policy goals](#) reinforced in the flagship initiative 'A Digital Agenda for Europe (2020)' aim to both develop digital skills and competence for empowerment and emancipation and use ICT in support of social inclusion processes. The vast majority of the e-Inclusion initiatives in the field are carried out by the third sector and public sector organisations...

Parental support initiatives improve literacy of children according to new study

A new [study](#) produced for the European Commission by independent experts concludes that involving families in literacy programmes is essential to increase the literacy levels of children and adults.

International Social Innovation Competition for Naples

EUCLID, the European network of civil society professionals, working in partnership with local organisations and Unicredit Foundation have identified 6 challenges in Naples and called social innovators to submit solutions. An international jury will evaluate the applications and select 6 winners at the [Conference](#) taking place in Naples on 21-23 September...

UNESCO-Hamdan Prize 2012: Call for nominations, before 30 September

UNESCO is pleased to announce the [call for nominations](#) for the second edition of the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers. Once every two years, the Prize rewards candidates that have made an outstanding contribution, through their teacher-related activities, to enhancing the quality of teaching and learning.

Stop Discrimination Newsletter and Publication on the EY2010

DG Justice has recently published the summer edition of its [Newsletter on discrimination](#).

This edition focuses on initiatives taken at EU level to improve the situation of Europe's Roma population. DG Employment has launched a [catalogue](#) on the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

CEDEFOP "VETAlert" July 2011

Cedefop's latest issue of "VETAlert" is available for [download](#).

/// FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ///

PROGRESS: Exchange of good practices implementing the skills dimension of two flagship initiatives, before 29 July

The main objectives of the [exchange](#) are to encourage mutual learning at all levels and enhance transferability of the most effective policies to: 1) implement the skills dimension of the flagship initiative "An Agenda for New Skills and Jobs" and 2) implement the flagship initiative "Youth on the Move".

Call for Proposals - Preparatory Action in the field of sport, before 29 July

This [call for proposals](#) serves to implement the Preparatory Action in the field of sport in accordance with the Commission Decision adopting the 2011 annual work programme on grants and contracts for the Preparatory Action in the field of sport and for the special annual events.

Youth Support Systems — Enhancing youth workers' learning mobility and youth work support to unemployed young people, before 1st September

The purpose of this [call](#) is to support youth workers' mobility and exchanges with a view to promoting the acquisition of new skills and competences in order to enrich their profile as professionals in the youth field.

Call for tenders - Cooperation between education and training and the labour market in renewing VET, before 21 September

The overall objective of this [study contract](#) is to map and analyse how the education and training system and the labour market cooperate and communicate in the process of defining and renewing the content and profile of VET provisions and qualifications.

LLP - European Policy Network on the Implementation of Key Competences in School Education, before 30 September

The overall aim of this [call](#) is to establish a Europe-wide network to develop policy advice for the implementation of the 2006 Recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning in schools.

European Policy Network on the education of children and young people with a migrant background, before 14 October

The purpose of this [call](#) is to strengthen cross-European collaboration between high-level decision makers, academics and practitioners for raising the educational attainment of children and young people with a migrant background.

/// AGENDA ///

August 2011

23-25: Engagement [Summer University](#) of the AFEV, Lyon, France

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

Learning, Neuchatel, Suisse

31-Sept 3: [European University for Voluntary Service](#), 31st Aug– 3rd Sept 2011, University of Basel, Switzerland

September 2011

3-5: 64TH Annual UN Department of Public Information NGO [Conference](#) “Sustainable societies; responsive citizens”, Bonn, Germany

5: EU [Youth conference](#), Warsaw, Poland

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

12-13: EUCEN [dissemination event](#) for the ALLUME project, Barcelona, Spain

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

14: [International conference](#) – national, ethnic and languages minorities in the European Union, Lublin, Poland

14-16: EFQUEL [Innovation Forum](#), Oeiras, Portugal

19-22: [Supporting multilingualism](#) through language assessment, European Parliament, Brussels

21: SOLIDAR [Final conference](#) of the "Network of European Labour and Social Academies - Better Information and Training for Trade Unionists", Brussels, Belgium

21-22: CEDEFOP [Seminar](#) Learning later in life – uncovering the potential of investing in an ageing workforce, Brussels, Belgium

22-23: EDEN [Seminars](#) on “Web 2.0 for Social Inclusion” and “Entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity”, Budapest, Hungary

23: [Conference](#) on “Quality Assurance in Continuing Education Programmes at Higher Education Institutions: tools developed in a European perspective”, Brussels, Belgium

23-24: ESHA Hungary Regional [Conference](#) “New Skills in Leadership”, Budapest, Hungary

23-25: Second ISCA - EUROVOLNET [Seminar](#), Riga, Latvia

27: EESC [Public Hearing](#) on Legal Framework for volunteering, Brussels, Belgium

28: EU Polish Presidency [conference](#) on “Multilingual competences for professional and social success in Europe, Warsaw, Poland

October 2011

5: EU Polish Presidency [conference](#) on “Innovation for digital inclusion”, Gdansk, Poland

10-13: [OPEN DAYS 2011](#) – Investing in Europe’s future: Regions and cities delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, Brussels

17: EU Polish Presidency [conference](#) on “Mobility as a tool to acquire and develop competences from childhood to seniority”, Sopot, Poland

17: [Convention](#) on the European Platform against Poverty, Krakow, Poland

17-18: [First Annual Convention](#) on the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion, Krakow, Poland

19-21: CEV [Symposium](#) “Volunteering and Active Citizenship – two sides of the same coin?”, Berlin, Germany

19-23: MOVE2011 World [Congress](#) – Think global, MOVE local, Paris, France

20-21: [European Culture Forum](#) 2011, Brussels, Belgium

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

20-23: 20th Annual Volonteuropa [Conference](#), “Make a difference by volunteering” Edinburgh, UK

23: EU Polish Presidency [conference](#) on modernisation of higher education, Sopot, Poland

26-29: 20TH Annual EfVET [Conference](#) “Towards ET2020. Positive action to enhance Vocational Education and Training within a Lifelong Learning Agenda”, Malta

27-29: EDEN [Conference](#) “Inclusive Excellence, Innovative Technologies and Transformed Schools as Autonomous Learning Organisations”, Athens, Greece

27-30: EUROCLIO “History online” [seminar](#), Fehérvárcsurgó, Hungary

27-Nov 2: UNIQUE's [training course](#) "How do I learn best", Amendolea, Calabria (Italy)

November 2011

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

9: EESC [Public Hearing](#) on Employee volunteering

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

10-13: 2nd European Physical Education Association (EUPEA) [Symposium](#), Brussels

16: EU Polish Presidency [conference](#) on "Effective policies for the development of competencies of the Youth in Europe", Warsaw, Poland

17-19: Closing the empowerment gap through citizenship education: How to address educationally deprived groups, NECE [Annual Conference](#), Warsaw, Poland

17-19: 6th European Quality Assurance [Forum](#) "Quality and Trust: at the heart of what we do", Antwerp, Belgium

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

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

28: Eastern Partnership Civil Society [Forum](#), Poznan, Poland

30-2: 17th [International conference](#) on Technology supported learning & training, Berlin, Germany

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14: EUCPN Best Practices [Conference](#) on "Sport, Science and Art in Combating Juvenile Crime", Warsaw, Poland

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