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LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN EFSC

EFSC welcomes new Member Organizations

The Kosovar Youth Council (KYC) is a non-governmental youth organization established to activate young Kosovars to respond to their problems brought on by massive expulsion from their homes to Albania in 1999. The organization acts to build a civil society through youth participation, by creating and supporting youth NGOs and coordinating their leadership. The aim of the organization is to represent adolescent voices, promote self-organized education, development and entertainment for adolescence and actively involve youth in the creation and development of meaningful youth policies. The vision of KYC is to “make a better place for a better life.” It is one of Kosova’s newest youth NGOs among a few organizations serving as an advocacy group on behalf of young Kosovars. Members of the Kosovar Youth Council are working in several cities in Kosovo with their main office in Pristine. The organization underwent an in-depth organizational development process in 2000, and is governed by a set of by-laws. The organization has more than 60 active members.

The Kosova Student Council was established under the umbrella of the Kosovar Youth Council, with its own structure based on the Law on Education and as such is the only legitimate structure that represents the voice of students all over Kosovo. The main goal of the Kosova Student Council is to promote the involvement of students in school life, and through that the interest of the school, by cooperating with officials, parents and professors on all levels.

The objectives of the Kosova Student Council are:

- To increase the communication between the students, officials and parents in three Levels: school, local and national.
- To promote a favourable environment for personal and educational development.
- To promote social relations and mutual respect between students.
- To support the education officials in school development and education policies.
- To represent the interests of students and their needs on three levels; (education?)school, local and national.

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Kosovar Youth Council is implementing campaigns in order to strengthen the youth advocacy in Kosovo, youth participation and capacities or awareness raising campaigns e.g. on drug addiction. The organization has implemented a very interesting awareness raising campaign on human trafficking with the aim to increase the level of understanding in the community and in schools in the scope of preventing, controlling and combating human trafficking, and strengthening coordination and cooperation between all stakeholders on child protection.

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News from EFSC Member Organizations

International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO)

The organization will hold its 4th International Conference in the city of Rome, Italy, in collaboration with another EFSC Member organization, the **Istituto Don Calabria**.

The conference titled "Mental disorders and drugs misuse: building an integrative juvenile justice system" will take place in Rome (Italy) on 9th - 10th November 2010. The central themes of the 4th International Conference of the IJJO are as follows:

1. Analysis and current situations **regarding young offenders with mental health issues and drugs abuse.**
2. **Juvenile justice and health systems: integrated multi-agency collaboration.**

A bi-annual event, the International Conference is organised by the IJJO with the aim of enabling

meetings between professionals, public bodies, institutions and universities that share a common interest: the development of a **GLOBAL JUVENILE JUSTICE WITHOUT BORDERS**.

This fourth edition of the **IJJO International Conference** will focus on two main themes as the basic framework for other subjects related to juvenile justice:

1. Mental health.
2. Drug and alcohol abuse.

In this context, the IJJO has received support through the European Commission's Daphne III Programme in developing an analysis and comparison project together with a number of European organisations and institutions that share its interest and concern regarding the current situation of young offenders with mental difficulties in Europe. In this manner the future development of good practices and tailored training for professionals on young people's evolutionary and psychological processes taking their individual

needs into account, from an integrative and multidisciplinary perspective employed by the justice and health-care systems, is the ultimate goal of this common purpose over the next two years.

Considering the existence of drug abuse in connection with mental illnesses, the IJJO highlights the importance of this conference as a meeting space and common link between drug abuse by minors and its relationship to the psychological health of the young offender. Through its close collaboration with the Istituto Don Calabria and other European organisations, and with the support of the European Commission, the IJJO participates in projects that focus on developing the definition of a common practice for prevention and the rehabilitation of minors, both offenders with behaviour associated with drug abuse and other typologies of crime and deviant behaviour, and the consistent development of common working indicators for action models to be provided by a multi-sector intervention system.

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Sleska Diakonie– Czech Republic

Job shadowing in Český Těšín/ Ostrava (Czech Republic) from Georgian organisation Ndobá. The job shadowing is focused on psychosocial problems of youth and children.

During 14 days participants will visit centres from Silesian Diacony: low-threshold centre On-line, Pohoda, Kanaan for Roma children and then Centre of psychosocial help, Municipality Department of Social care. The project is supported by the

National Agency program Youth in Action.

January – December 2010: Research project on Motivation of young people in area of social excluded regions Bruntal / Opole.

The region on the Czech-Polish frontier is one area with the highest unemployment rates and emigration rates of young people. Research will include interviews, round tables and workshops. The planned research aim is to bring answers to the following questions: „How to motivate

young people to continue their education, how to motivate young people not to leave this region, and to work and become active in the region. “ Approximately 500 students will be interviewed as well as municipalities, schools, and private companies.. The project should aid in developing plans which could help in the region’s development as well as to help find the key elements which demotivate young people and how to reverse this cycle.



First Children Embassy in the World– Macedonia

The First Children’s Embassy in the World Megjashi is conducting a campaign under the slogan **“You should not be silent about the violence”**.

The main goal is to inform the public about the **violence issues that the children in Macedonia are facing**. It is necessary to talk about the violence and abuse against children. **They can cause serious and long lasting psychological harm to children**. Fear, insecurity, low self-esteem, lack of information and lack of confidence in the institutions that are obliged to provide care and protection are the most frequent reasons why **children are quiet about the violence and are not**

willing to talk and report it.

The idea for this campaign originated from analyzing the data taken from the work of the SOS helpline for children and youth over the past few years. There is a constant increase in the number of reports about violence and abuse against children. In the past few years, The majority of the reports on the SOS helpline were made from adults, witnesses of the violence and abuse against the children.

The goal of this campaign is to encourage the children, the victims of abuse and violence to talk about it and to report it on the SOS helpline for children and youth 0800 1 2222.

The First Children’s Embassy of the World Megjashi is realizing

this campaign in cooperation with Akzent Media as a media partner. The slogan **“You should not be silent about the violence”** is placed on an illustration with a sad and lonely child which is holding a phone. Twenty billboards are prepared and placed across the territory of the Republic of Macedonia. Eight billboards are bilingual (Macedonian and Albanian). Ten billboards are placed across the capital Skopje and the remaining ten are situated in other cities of the country.



Advocacy work

EUROPEAN ANTI POVERTY NETWORK (EAPN) European Organizations Meeting

On 8th of February 2010, the European organizations members of the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) had been invited to attend one of their annual meetings in Brussels. Under the direction of the Director of EAPN, EFSC with the other participants discussed the agenda of the European Year 2010 for combating Poverty and Social Exclusion and the most significant events that will be organized by each member under the umbrella of this year. *EFSC presented its activities in this context during 2010, mentioning in particular:*

The European Year 2010 final exhibition: Nobody's children are everyone's children. Voices from the street and for the street that will be organized in Luxembourg (October 2010) to present the results of the EFSC Member Organizations artistic activities with the aim of raising general public's attention closer to the living condition of street children and

The Conference: European Forum on Street Children 2010. Youth rebellions in European

Metropolis - Second and third generation migrant children and adolescents in search of their place in the society: challenges to national and EU policies under the new Lisbon Treaty that will be organized by EFSC and its member organization Les Francas in Lille(December 2010).

EAPN presented the results of the European year Opening event and the lacking points in the organization of the event and in the visibility given to the NGOs.

Representative of the NGO coalition had met the head of the cabinet of the Belgian Minister responsible for social inclusion the head of Administration, Social Protection. For them 2020 is a priority together with the re-launching a strong social OMC. After a brief update of the EAPN working groups and the involvement of their members, the meeting calendar was presented to the participants.

The members also discussed the role of the National Networks and the different level of engagement they have in all the countries. EAPN

presented the "end poverty" website of the NGO coalition. Members are reminded to include the coalition logo in their documents, emails, publications, website ... for 2010. They are also strongly encouraged to promote the shared messages wherever possible, alongside their own specific messages and to continually send information for the website.

They also presented the event that they want to organize around the national focus week of the EY2010 in October 2010, reassembling people and creating a human chain around the European Commission against poverty and social exclusion.

NGOs are encouraged to make local activities visible, through the "end of poverty" website. Each organization can take the initiative to make the national focus weeks visible. EAPN aims to have a large format message to transport between countries. The next meeting of the EY2010 NGO contact group will be held on Tuesday May 11th 2010 and it will include a workshop on how NGOs are moving forward the shared message.

CRAG MEETING 25.01.2010

On the 25th of January 2010, EFSC, as one of the 13 organization member of the Child Right Action Group (CRAG), participated to the EU Child Rights Platform.

The Platform is an informal

grouping of NGOs, UN agencies and EU institutions with the primary interest of exchanging information on children's rights initiatives at EU level.

After a brief introduction on the

Child Rights Platform and CRAG, the Term of Reference, the shared information and the link-up, the members introduced the EU priorities on violence, poverty and invisible children.

Each member presented an update of their activities at the EU level on the child right priorities: most important events run in 2009 and the work plan, activities and priorities for 2010.

The participants strengthened the strong commitment of the Swedish presidency on the issue of violence against children and their will

to include the Child Right in the Human Right dialogue.

Concerning the child participation the members noted a more active engagement of the Council of Europe than European Commission.

The following discussions focused on exchanging views on the upcoming EU strategy on the rights

of the child and possible common action by CRAG.

CRAG will select the new permanent member for the forum replacing Euronet. The selection procedure, similar to the one used before for the other members, will be launched in the next months.

MEETING WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, EMPL/E/2

All the EU key networks active in the area of social exclusion and supported within the three-years partnership framework agreement (2008-2010) under PROGRESS by the European Commission had been invited at a meeting organised by the European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Unit for Inclusion social policy Aspect of Migration, Streamlining of Social Policies, on 24th of February 2010 in Brussels.

Antonia Carparelli presented the priority areas and the calendar of the EU2020 strategy, the future perspectives for the Social Open Method of Co-ordination (OMC) as well as, jointly with Michele Calandrino and Stefano Paci, the Commission work programme 2010 in the area of social inclusion. She strengthened the fact that the European Platform against Poverty has to integrate the Method of Co-ordination. Michele Calandrino focused his

intervention on the OMC, the key results and future tendencies of the 2010 work programme on active inclusion, including homelessness and migration. In May 5th and 6th 2010 a Conference will be organised to present the results of the work that has been done and to discuss about active inclusion. The social aspects and impact of migration have not yet been stressed in the Commission papers on the future strategy. Stefano Paci presented the work programme of the Social Protection Committee (SPC) the future tendencies and the possible intervention of the SPC in the collection of data on services..

Interesting discussions turned around the future shaping of the OMC in light of its efficiency as a European policy toolkit, in particular on the national levels regarding which considerable doubts were pronounced by NGO

representatives.

All the EU networks stated the key priorities and scope for cooperation with the other networks. EFSC presented the key events of the narrative programme 2010 under PROGRESS and its planned collaboration with other European networks such as ERIO, EAPN, Caritas Europa or Eurochild.

Marie-Anne Paraskevas introduced the activities for 2010 under the PROGRESS programme, including information on the 2011 – 2013 partnership agreement. The publication of the new call for proposals for the next three-years-framework agreement under Progress (2011-13) on the operating grant for key European networks will probably be made at mid March at latest during the second half of March 2010.

EU STAKEHOLDERS EXPERT GROUP

EFSC had been invited to participate at the Third meeting of the EU stakeholders' expert group organised in Brussels by the European Commission on the 22nd of February 2010.

The media strategy, communications tools and key events organised all along the European Year 2010 against poverty and social exclusion had been presented by the Commission and the participants. Parallel workshops on the main activities of this year took place during the afternoon section.

The EY 2010 campaign will be articulated around a number of thematic milestones, which will translate mostly in specific media activities implemented at EU and national level. The milestones defined by the Commission are the following:

setting the context (January-February) - What is poverty and social exclusion? Poverty and Fundamental rights;

Groups at risk (March-June) – Women; Roma, Ethnic minorities and migrants;

People with a disability; Homeless people; Poverty across generations: children, youth and the elderly;

Solutions (July – October) - Inclusive labour markets; Social protection systems and access to services, including access to health protection; Access to education and culture;

Challenges and Commitments (November – December) - Attitudes towards poverty and social exclusion; Building a fairer society

Members of the EU stakeholders' expert group are given the possibility to give input on topics close to their field of expertise/ interest by providing materials (videos, publications, press releases...) or possible contacts for journalists, contributing to articles.

Following the deadlines given by the Commission, EFSC contributed sending the information on one of the defined group at risk, Roma, Ethnic minorities and migrants.

EFSC presented a summary of the activities planned in relation to the EY2010 at the European level: *the European year 2010 final exhibition* in October 2010 in Luxembourg;

Nobody's children are everyone's children. Voices from the street and for the street; the exploration of the results of a fact sheet on the situation of street children established in 2009 by EFSC's member organizations in countries mostly concerned; regular updates on the European Year 2010 on the EFSC website.

At the national level, EFSC presented the projects submitted by its member organizations, such as the one of Instituto de Apoio a Criança in Portugal focused on child poverty and social exclusion of children and youth. With the aim of reflecting the dimension, causes and consequences of child poverty and giving voice to children's perception, experiences and recommendations, this project want to promote the children's right involving children of different districts of Portugal. It has been presented after the workshop on "*the European Year 2010 for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion: EFSC joint action and projects of EFSC member organizations*" organised by EFSC the 13th of May 2009.

EFSC is open to receive projects of the other member organizations which still want to apply and organise events during the European Year 2010.

News from the EU Institutions and Council of Europe

Conference on mutual learning on social and housing exclusion.

The European Commission will organise a high-level conference on Mutual learning on social and housing exclusion: implementing the active inclusion strategy.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together policy makers, key stakeholders and researchers to discuss the following themes:

- **Homelessness and housing exclusion** - the 2009 thematic focus of the Social Open Method of Coordination in the social inclusion strand

- **Active inclusion** - the implementation of the common principles at EU level

The discussion at the conference will be mainly based on the results of activities supported by the **PROGRESS** programme.

European Commission report on Equality between Women and Men 2010

The European Commission released its annual report on equality between women and men in the European Union at the end of December 2009. The report shows that there is a positive trend towards a more gender-equal society and labour market, yet gender gaps persist, mainly to the disadvantage of women.

In view of the contribution that gender equality can create sustainable growth,

employment, competitiveness and social cohesion, the Commission considers that the gender dimension should be strengthened in all parts of the post-Lisbon strategy.

In the conclusions, the Commission marked that the European Council should urge the Member States to respond without delay to the challenges outlined in this report, in particular the following:

- strengthen the gender dimension in all parts of the EU 2020 strategy, including more efficient use of gender mainstreaming, and specific actions and targets for gender equality within the European Employment Strategy;
- reduce the gender pay gap through specific strategies combining all available instruments, including targets where appropriate;
- ensure that diversity in boards of listed companies fosters a balanced and long term oriented decision-making environment and that women are encouraged to take on the challenge of board membership in listed companies;
- improve reconciliation measures for both men and women, including family related leaves, care services, flexible working arrangements, and encourage equal sharing of private and family responsibilities, to facilitate full-time employment for both women and men;
- intensify efforts to prevent and combat gender-based violence;

- ensure that policies pay attention to women in particularly vulnerable positions for example, women in precarious jobs, older women workers, single parents, disabled women, migrant/ethnic minority and Roma women;

- ensure that the gender perspective is mainstreamed in the responses to the recession at the European and national levels, taking into account the differentiated impact of the crisis on women and men;
- renew the commitment taken by the Member States in the European Pact for Gender Equality and reinforce partnership and synergy between the European institutions, social partners and civil society.

To read the full report, please click here:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0694:FIN:EN:PDF>

2010 European Year for combating poverty and Social exclusion- opening conference

The opening conference took place on 21st of January 2010 in Madrid and brought together key national and European personalities from the 27 EU Member States as well as Iceland and Norway. During the opening session, participants heard speeches from top officials such as Mr. **Trinidad Jiménez García-Herrera**, Minister for Health and Social

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Policy of the Spanish Government, José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission and Mr. José Luis Rodríguez-Zapatero, President of the Spanish Government. Mr. Vladimír Špidla Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities addressed the public with the presentation regarding the major events of the EY2010.

Over 300 participants from Spain and other EU Member States attended the conference and approximately 80 journalists from all over the EU and from the written and audiovisual press were offered the chance to witness and report on two social inclusion projects in Alcorcón and the Multiregional Operational Programme against Discrimination, managed by Caritas España, the Spanish red Cross, the Roma Secretariat Foundation and the ONCE Foundation.

Three roundtables took place with the focus on the following topics:

1. Testimonies of persons experiencing poverty and social exclusion,
2. What the Lisbon Strategy has meant for the target of reducing poverty. Points of view from different Member States and their review of experiences,
3. Challenges in the fight against poverty and social exclusion and future commitments post 2010

For more information visit:

<http://www.2010againstopoverty.eu/news/news/news10.html?langid=en>

European Commission- Social Situation Report

The European Commission published its annual Social Situation Report in February 2010. The Social Situation Report is an annual report by the European Commission that takes a closer look at long-term social trends in the EU in order to provide up-to-date, reliable and comprehensive information on the social situation. This year, it focuses on two key issues in public policy: housing (including ownership status and costs), and the possible effects of the recession including results from the Eurobarometer survey on social climate.

For more information, please visit:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/10/27&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&qu&language=en&langid=en>

2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion- National Focus Weeks

National Focus Weeks have been designated in EU Member States (plus Iceland and Norway) during which the spotlight will be on their country.

February 15 - 21 Ireland,
22 - 28 Austria

March 1 - 7 France,
8 - 14 Slovenia,
15 - 21 Luxembourg,
22 - 28 Hungary

April 5 - 11 Malta,
12 - 18 Czech Republic,
19 - 25 Slovakia

May 3 - 9 Iceland,
17 - 23 Poland,
24 - 30 *European Week*

May - June 31 - 6 Spain

June 21 - 27 Germany

June- July 28 - 4 Bulgaria

July 5 - 11 Romania

Aug -Sept 29 - 5 Norway

September 6 - 12 Estonia,
13 - 19 Lithuania, 20 - 26
Belgium

Sept - Oct 27 - 3 UK

October 4 - 10 Portugal,
11 - 17 *European Week*,
18 - 24 Cyprus, 25 - 31 Sweden

November 1 - 7 Denmark,
8 - 14 Greece, 15 - 21 Italy,
22 - 28 Finland

The ways which NGOs can mark this week includes:

- **Awareness-raising** on poverty and social exclusion issues: challenges and solutions

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social
exclusion**

- Visibility of **local** anti poverty and social inclusion initiatives (open days for example)
- Engaging **local and national media** on the theme of poverty and social exclusion
- Events **involving** people experiencing poverty
- **Joint events** between **national members of European networks**
- Joint events between national and European Members of Parliament
- Engaging with other national stakeholders: trade unions, employers, schools, enterprises;
- Press conferences
- Media interviews

Council of the European Union

The Council of the European Union - EMPLOYMENT and SOCIAL POLICY - took place on 8 March 2010 in Brussels.

The Council agreed on a directive aiming to protect healthcare workers against injuries and infections caused by needles and other sharp instruments. It held an exchange of views on the preparation of the Spring European Council and on the preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit.

The Council adopted the 2009/2010 joint reports on employment, as well as on social protection and social inclusion for 2010.

Ministers were informed by the Commission of its report on equality between women and men for 2010. The conclusions on the eradication of violence against women in the European Union were adopted.

Regarding the employment Ministers held an exchange of views on conclusions on European researchers' mobility and careers adopted by the Competitiveness Council on 2 March 2010 and held a discussion on youth employment policies.

The Council adopted the following acts:

- a decision establishing a EUR 100 million European microfinance facility for employment and social inclusion and another decision on the financing of the new facility;
- a directive extending workers' rights to parental leave from three to four months for each parent;
- the Council's first-reading position on a draft directive aimed at improving the social protection of self-employed workers and of "assisting spouses".

At the end of the sessions, the Press Conference took place

For more info please visit:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/lssa/113230.pdf

Committee of the Regions

The Committee of the Regions requests more funding to help regions and local authorities fight social exclusion.

The Economic and Social Policy Committee of the Committee of the Regions, debated on 25 February, on the ways and means which Europe's regions and cities have at their disposal to deal with the social consequences of the financial crisis.

For more information visit:

<http://www.cor.europa.eu/pages/PressTemplate.aspx?view=detail&id=0359e80a-316b-41b0-919f-d78f3f6ad3f5&langid=en>

Council of Europe- Consultation of young people and children - GETTING STARTED

The Council of Europe has written guidelines to protect children's rights in justice.

It wants to uncover children and young people's views and experiences before finishing and publishing the rules.

The guidelines will cover many different decisions about the law and individual children and young people's lives, such as:

- Who you will live with if your parents are separating or getting divorced
- What happens if you are the victim of a crime

(including abuse against you)

- What happens if you have been arrested by the police or charged with committing a crime
- How can you make complaints about how you are treated

The Council of Europe has launched an Online Questionnaire for children and young people under the age of 17 which can be taken online in

English and French and can additionally be downloaded and returned in Italian, Moldovan, Russian, Serbian, Greek, Lithuanian, Croatian, and Georgian.

For more info please visit:

http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/childjustice/default_en.asp

News from international organizations

13th session of the Human Rights Council 1-26 March 2010

Each year, during its March session, the Human Rights Council dedicates a day to the rights of the child. During the same period the HRC also adopts a Resolution on the Rights the Child.

The annual debate on the rights of the child at the Human Rights Council Session took place on 10th of March 2010.

This year, the debate focused on the sexual violence against children. The aim of this discussion is to raise awareness about the question of sexual violence against children, reaffirm existing standards and commitments, highlight good practices and lessons learnt from work over the years, identify key challenges and anticipate future work. It is hoped the meeting will contribute to the understanding of sexual violence in the daily lives of children and in times of emergencies.

It addressed specifically how it affects both boys and girls, identify the main challenges in addressing sexual violence, and agree upon recommendations for future action.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/13session/>



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12th session of the Human Rights Council

At its 12th session, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a resolution on "Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights."

The Human Rights Council

expressed its concern at the continued reports of intimidation and reprisals against individuals and groups who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights. The resolution invites the Secretary-General to annually submit a report to the Council, containing a compilation and analysis on

alleged reprisals against persons cooperating with UN human rights mechanisms as well as recommendations on how to address the issues of intimidation and reprisals.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/12session/>

Child Rights Advocacy in the EU

2010 EUROPEAN YEAR FOR COMBATING POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION- END POVERTY NOW

The EY 2010 End Poverty Coalition of social NGOs across Europe aim to ensure an active participation of social NGOs in the year and to advocate for a strong political legacy from the year.

The European Federation for Street Children is among 40 other NGOs a member of the Coalition which is being coordinated by the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN).

On January 19th 2010, two days before the official opening of the European Year in Madrid by the European Institutions, the Coalition has held a press conference to present its key

demands for the outcome of EY 2010.

The European Year 2010 comes at a time of severe financial, economic and social crisis. According to the last Eurobarometer survey, 73% of Europeans consider poverty to be a widespread problem in their country while 89% want urgent action by their government to tackle the problem.

According to the Coalition, part of the necessary response to this crisis is the **renewal of a common vision for the type of society we want to create. A commitment** to building a Europe where women and men of all ages can live free of poverty and social exclusion, should be the legacy of the 2010 Year.

During the Press Conference the Coalition took the opportunity to launch its website:

www.endpoverty.eu

To read full press releases and other documents please visit the website:

<http://www.endpoverty.eu/Press-Release-Social-NGOs-present.html>

EAPN calls on EU Leaders to set an ambitious target for poverty reduction in 'Europe 2020 strategy'

On 24 February EAPN sent a letter to President Barroso, following the informal Council held on 11 February and the recent comments made by the Commission that appear to give rise for hope that the fight against poverty and social exclusion could find a

prominent place within the Europe 2020 strategy. In the letter, EAPN recalls that the reduction of at-risk-of-poverty level depends on **narrowing the inequalities' gap.**

So far, growth policies haven't succeeded in reducing poverty and have too often contributed to widening the inequality gap, undermining social cohesion. Pointing out that *'More equal societies are better for*

everyone', EAPN considers that this awareness must inform all the actions under the Europe 2020 strategy including choosing the agreed EU relative poverty indicator when setting the headline target for the reduction of poverty.

To read the full letter visit: http://www.eapn.eu/images/docs/letter_presidentbarroso_re_2010_02_24.pdf

EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Child in the City Conference 2010, 27 October - 29 October 2010, Palazzo dei Congressi Florence, Italy.

The registration for the 5th Child in the City Conference is now open. The conference will further build on the ideas of the former events by addressing the following themes:

- Poverty of children
- Assessment tools
- Participation
- Right to play
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For more information please

visit the website:

<http://www.childinthecity.com/5th-Edition-Child-in-the-City-2010/Conference/Themes-of-the-conference/page/3236/>

The Children, Youth and Development Diploma Course at ICCYS – call for applications The Hague, Netherlands

The application process for the next course for 2010 term (April-

July) is now open. The CYD Course is a ten week programme provided by ICCYS (ISS-ICDI Collaboration in Child and Youth Studies), a joint initiative of the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in the Hague and International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI) in Leiden, The Netherlands. It responds to the increased concern at national and international levels for the protection of children and youth, the promotion of their rights and well-being and their capacity to play an active role in their own and their society's development.



The course is aimed at child and youth care professionals from developing and transitional countries around the world. International Institute of Social Studies, University of Rotterdam
For more info, please visit:

<http://www.iss.nl/iss/specialisation/104>

The World Summit on Media for Children and Youth 2010, 14-18 June 2010, Karlstad Sweden

The World Summit on Media for Children and Youth 2010 will be held in Karlstad, Sweden in June. The conference, which will be attended by delegates from 100 countries, aims to help prepare children and young people for a new media world. The Summit offers opportunities for networking and participating in debates and workshops.

The conference aims to:

- Support teachers and recreation instructors to participate in the world of media and information.
- Give decision-makers access to research findings.
- Provide the media industry with better knowledge of modern research which can be used in developing production and distribution.
- Give decision-makers insight into the media industry and the requirements for producing and distributing high-quality content for children and young people.

- Improve the status and availability of media education.
- Increase children and young people's involvement in, and influence on, media content.
- Help children and young people make demands that will lead to better teaching about, and involvement in, the media.
- Create and develop dialogue between those involved in media production and content creation, media education, media research and policy-making.

For more info, please visit:

www.nordicom.gu.se/clearinghouse.php

UNITED KINGDOM: Summer school on protecting human rights through UN mechanisms, 28 June 2010 to 02 July 2010, University of Nottingham, University Park Campus, Nottingham

The summer school will give participants an insider's understanding of the mechanisms and equips them with the tools to best use the UN system for the protection of human rights. The school devotes sessions to the human rights treaty bodies (the reporting and individual communications procedures), the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review procedure, special procedures (UN human rights special rapporteurs, etc.), and the work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human

Rights and its field presences.
For more info please visit:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/hrlc/summerschool

The European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online (eNACSO), is organizing a conference *Protecting Children Online* which will take place on Thursday 6 May 2010 in Brussels.

The conference will mark the launch of eNACSO's 'agenda for action' - call for action to government's, industry and other relevant stakeholders on creating a safer online environment for children.

The conference will provide a timely platform for children's rights organisations to come together with senior EU policy-makers, industry representatives, and others to discuss some of the most pressing issues on child safety online, including:

- Children and the new breed of location services
 - The EU challenges of protecting children online
- Children and the EU's Digital Agenda

For more information please visit

www.enacso.eu.

PUBLICATIONS

Youth Engaging With the World. Media, Communication and Social Change Editors

The Yearbook 2009 focuses on youth as a generation of actors and citizens who are increasingly exposed to and making use of media/ICT for entertainment and informational purposes, for social networking and mobilization, and for knowledge sharing.

This book seeks to explore theoretical assumptions as well as empirical evidence of media and information literacy in action. But it also gathers examples of how youth in developing countries have used their skills to bring about change.

More info: <http://www.nordicom.gu.se/clearinghouse.php>

Learn Without Fear global campaign report

Plan's new report focuses on 3 major areas: sexual violence, corporal punishment and bullying.

The report shows that children

across the world are sexually and physically abused by adults with a duty to protect them. Violence in schools is too often viewed as acceptable or necessary by education authorities, parents and governments.

The report shows that: COUNCIL OF EUROPE PUBLICATIONS

European Rules for juvenile offenders subject to sanctions or measures

This book deals with the rules that are in force in Europe for juvenile offenders. The first part of the book contains the text of the recommendation and is followed by a commentary which explains in finer detail the rules and the points raised by the text. The final section provides an analysis of the national replies to a questionnaire related to the treatment of juvenile offenders. For more info, please visit: http://book.coe.int/EN/ficheouvrage.php?PAGEID=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2447

EUROPEAN POLICY CENTRE PUBLICATIONS

European Policy Centre latest publications:

Addressing Europe's employment crisis: what policies for recovery and reform:

http://www.epc.eu/TEWN/pdf/162514360_Addressing%20Europe%27s%20employment%20crisis.pdf

The Barroso II Commission and the need to extend Europe 2020

http://www.epc.eu/TEWN/pdf/160668200_The%20Barroso%20II%20Commission%20and%20the%20need%20to%20extend%20Europe%202020.pdf

- Girls as young as 10 are being forced to have sex by their teachers to pass exams, and threatened with poor grades and failure if they refuse.
- Every year, more than 350,000,000 children suffer some type of violence in school. That's equivalent to more than the entire population of the United States.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Daphne III

Prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk

With a budget of €28.990.560 this call for proposals for **action grants** aims to select projects falling under the objectives of the Daphne III programme and the call priorities.

Projects require a **minimum partnership of 2 organisations** from different EU member states and must have duration of **12 or 24 months**.

Grants awarded under the call will range from € 75.000 to € 300.000 for 12-month projects and from € 150.000 to € 600.000 for 24-month projects, which may constitute a maximum of 80% of overall eligible project cost.

Call for proposals JLS/2009-2010/DAP/AG:

The deadline for submission of applications is 30 April 2010, 12:00 CET.

CALL PRIORITIES

Street and peer violence –

Identification of best practices, recommendations, education and campaigns involving young people on the issues of street violence, youth violence and related lifestyle issues such as drug and alcohol abuse and weapon-carrying.

Media violence – Targeted educational programmes and activities designed to increase children, young people and/or women's understanding of the potentially negative impacts of new technologies and to educate them on risks and solutions with the aim to ensure their well being and safety.

Corporal punishment of children – Awareness-raising and educational materials addressing the issue of corporal punishment of children in their homes and/or in institutional or quasi institutional settings throughout Europe.

Capacity building of law enforcement agents and legal practitioners related to intimate partner violence – Training and exchange of experiences with the view of building the capacity of practitioners in the law enforcement, judicial and para-legal fields to assist women victims of intimate partner violence when in contact with the police or judicial system.

Field work at grass-roots level with involvement of children, young people and/or women, in particular programmes that aim to empower them to protect themselves and their peers against violence. Such programmes might specifically include training, counselling, formal and informal support group

mechanisms and innovative ideas for developing a protective environment for children, young people and women.

For more information, please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm

To read the Call for Proposal, visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/doc/ag_call_2010_en.pdf

CULTURE PROGRAM

Strand 1.3: Cooperation Projects with Third countries (lasting up to twenty four months)

This category seeks to support cultural cooperation projects aimed at cultural exchanges between the countries taking part in the Programme and *Third Countries*, which have concluded association or cooperation agreements with the EU, provided that the latter contain cultural clauses. Every year one or more *Third Countries* are selected for that particular year.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The eligible third countries are: Armenia, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Moldova, occupied Palestinian Territory, Tunisia and Ukraine

The action must generate a concrete international cooperation dimension. The cooperation projects involve at least three cultural operators, from at least three countries taking part in the Programme and cultural cooperation with at least one organisation from the selected *Third Country* and involve cultural activities carried out in the selected *Third Country*. Funds of between EUR 50. 000 and a maximum of EUR 200. 000 are available, but the ceiling for support from the European Union is limited to 50% of the total *eligible costs*.

For the Programme Guide, please visit:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/documents/programme_guide_culture_11_2009_en.pdf

DRUG PREVENTION AND INFORMATION

Within the framework of the Drug Prevention and Information Programme the Commission has launched the Call for Proposals - Action Grants 2009-2010.

Call for Proposals JLS/2009-2010/DPIP/AG. The deadline for submission of applications is

28 April 2010 12:00 CET.

It is aimed at supporting specific transnational projects submitted by partnership of organisations active in the field of Drug Prevention and Information. All applications need to be submitted electronically using on-line PRIAMOS system which you can access through electronic registration/applications menu.

General context

This programme builds on the EU's Drugs Strategy and Action plans, the ultimate aim of which is to significantly reduce the social harm and health damage caused by the use of, and trade in, illicit drugs. The general objectives of this programme are:

- to prevent and reduce drug use, dependence and drug related harms;
 - to contribute to the improvement of information on the effects of drug use;
 - to support the implementation of the EU Drugs Strategy.
- The Programme supports projects and activities associated with the following specific objectives:
- To promote transnational actions to:
 - set up multidisciplinary networks that can make a clear and specific contribution to achieving the objectives of this programme;
 - ensure the expansion of the knowledge base, the exchange of information and the identification and dissemination of good practice, e.g. through training,

study visits and staff exchanges;

- raise awareness of the social and health problems caused by drugs use and to encourage an open dialogue with a view to promoting a better understanding of the drug phenomenon; and
- support measures aimed at preventing drug use, including the reduction of drug-related harm and treatment methods, taking into account the latest state of scientific knowledge;

- To involve civil society in the implementation and development of the European Union's Drugs Strategy and Action Plans; and
- To monitor, implement and evaluate the implementation of specific actions under the Drugs Action Plans 2005–2008 and 2009–2012.

The target groups of the programme's activities are all those who may be affected by the consequences of drug use, including: young people, pregnant women, vulnerable groups and problematic neighbourhoods. Other target groups are, inter alia, teachers and educational staff, parents, social workers, local and national authorities, medical and paramedical staff, judicial staff, law enforcement and penitentiary authorities, NGOs, trade unions and religious communities.

For more information please visit:
http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/drugs/funding_drugs_en.htm

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