



#### NEW CALLS

- General call for proposals [Life Long Learning program 2009](#). The main deadlines are: Erasmus University Charter, 28/11/08; Comenius Grundtvig: In-service Training, first deadline 16/1/09, further deadlines Comenius Assistantships 30/1/09; the rest follows in February 09. For full details look at the Strategic Priorities document in your language, especially **Comenius multilateral projects** (i.e. 1.2.1 learning motivation, 1.2.2 transversal competences, 1.2.3 training and evaluating mechanism for school management) and **networks** (priority 1.3.2 school management, 1.3.3 entrepreneurship, 1.3.4 digital content).
- Support for [bodies active at European level in the field of youth](#) 2009. D 1/12/08.
- Active civil society in Europe, structural [support for European public policy research organisations and for civil society organisations at European level](#) with a max. of €60.000 pro grant, budget €600.000. D 17/11/08.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS, RESOLUTIONS OR PREP. COMMUNICATIONS

- A first EP [commission](#) has voted in favour of a [European blue card](#) for highly qualified employment of third-countries. The target is to get it fully accepted before 2009. The Council has given their support to this proposal on 25 September.
- The EP [EMPL](#) and [Education c'ee](#) are busy with the [further enrolment of ECVET](#) by 2012, a credit transfer system for vocational education. The overwhelming consensus of stakeholders is that it should be voluntarily, which is followed. The proposal support MS to develop a users guide and tools & to establish a pilot ECVET users group and EU network.

#### NEWS

- The [EIT](#), the European Institute of Innovation and Technology has start their work, half September with Prof. Dr. Martin Schuurmans as Chairman of the Governing Board.
- The EC published a short leaflet [Five Education Benchmarks for Europe](#) of trends 00-06.
- [Public consultation](#) of [EC](#) about **education policies and migration & integration**. D 31/12 /08, in 1<sup>st</sup> link: "Migration & mobility: challenges & opportunities of EU education systems"
- EU-wide [consultation on the future of youth policy](#), to evaluate what cooperation on youth policy has achieved since 2000 and propose fresh objectives for the decade to come.
- EU consultation about [ICT research & innovation agenda for next decade](#), D 7/11/08.
- [Results of the Consultation on Multilingualism](#).
- The official publication of [2009 to be the European Year of Creativity and Innovation](#).
- The newest (half)[yearly magazine on education of the EC](#) is out, focusing on the EIT (E Inst. of Technology), EQF (p.13 & further), the 2010 Agenda (p.17), Multilingualism (p.21) & Erasmus and other programs (p. 24), Culture (p.27), Golden Stars (34), Sport (p.36)
- In Jean Figel Rousseau's lecture, he stressed the [value of skills](#) for EU competitiveness.

#### AGENDA

- 28/10/08 Berlin, Concrete ways to **freedom in Education in Germany**, from [BVNL](#).
- 4-5 November, Nancy, [Europe of higher education](#): reinforcing the space for mobility.
- 13-14/11/08 Nice, [Indicators for international comparisons](#), about its strengths & limits.

#### NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- The OECD published its [Education at a Glance 2008: OECD Indicators](#).
- The EC published **leaflets of European success stories** in the following directions: [Comenius – school education](#), mobility creates opportunities; [Erasmus](#) – Mobility creates opportunities; [Grundtvig](#) –Adult education; [Leonardo da Vinci](#).
- The EC published a **Comenius Handbook for schools** about **school partnerships**.