



NEW CALLS

- The EC has opened a open tender, EAC/10/2007 about [Three studies to support School Policy Development](#). Lot 1: Cross curricular key competences and teacher education. Lot 2: Teacher education curricula in the EU. Lot 3: Strategies for supporting schools and teachers in order to foster social inclusion. Deadline 11-6-07, opening of bids on 20/6/07.
- [Call for proposals for projects in 2008](#): Year of **Intercultural Dialogue**. Deadline 31 july. A overview of the [call of ideas by country can be find here](#).
- **Youth in Action**, Call for proposals for [projects encouraging innovation and quality in the youth sector](#). Deadline 30 June 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS or PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS:

- The EU starts in 2007 with the technical research to develop a [framework for the European survey on language competences](#) (see 16 April) The Communication gives a state of the art.
- The EC has published a [Green Paper about the European Research Area](#), ERA. At present there is to much fragmentation. Therefore they want to favour a fifth freedom of Europe: **movement of knowledge**. [Online consultation from 1st of May until 31st August](#).
- The Flamish Minister of Education, who plays an important role in the Bologna agenda, argues in favour of equal opportunities. Especially the welfare state should rebuild the educational system in a way where **equal opportunities synergize with high expectations** and high quality. Equal opportunities on mediocrity aren't equal opportunities.
- The European University Association has held there 4th convention: [Europe's universities beyond 2010: diversity with a common purpose](#). The council of the EUA has adopted the results of convention in the [Lisbon Declaration](#) about Diversity with a Common Purpose, European University beyond 2010 on 13th April, as an input for the conference of EU Min. of Educ. in May. An impression of the international dimension of this conference was: Europe and China are open and committed to cooperation with the rest of the world, whereas the USA has worries about their diminishing competitive position.
- The following new publications in the **Consultation on a European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET)** are published: The European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises ([UEAPME](#)): [position paper on ECVET](#), the [EUROCHAMBRES](#): [position paper on ECVET](#). The Frenche educational trade union, [UNSA Education](#) on 9 Mach [their contribution](#), a [reaction](#) of the Dutch government on 4th April. The European Trade Union Committee for Education ([ETUCE](#)), [position paper](#) on 19 April. General notes are: free character, connection to the users, meet with objection of bureaucracy, and the association with [ECTS](#), the European Credit Transfer System of Higher Education.

AGENDA

- 7-8 May, **EP Commission** of Ed, [agenda](#): Qualifications framework LLL (vote&adoption of draft opinion), EU Strategy on rights of the Child (draft opin.), efficiency & equity in Ed.
- 25-27 June, Dublin. OECD, IAU, HEA: [Higher Education in the 21st Century](#).
- 5 July, Brussels, **Public Hearing** about EC publ.: Adult education, never to late to learn.
- 1-2 December, Brussels, [European Education Policy network](#): advancing the Eur. Educ..

NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- The Italian and French agency's for Da Vinci, ISFOL and Agence Europe Education Formation France has [published](#) a **good background report** about ECVET in name of the thematic group *Transparency of qualifications, Validation of non-formal and informal learning, credit transfer*.