



NEW CALLS

- **eContentplus**, Deadline 12-6-08. Open to [proposals regarding educational content & digital libraries](#) directed towards i.e. projects regarding scientific content.
- Public open tender EAC/03/2008. [Study on the impact of Leonardo da Vinci innovation projects 2000-2006](#), deadline 9/6/08.
- [Scholarships](#) for graduates from European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries and Russia to follow courses in the **EU leading to master degree European Studies**. 6-6-08.
- [Industrialised Countries Instrument Education Cooperation Programme](#) (ICI ECP), Deadline 6/6/08. Objective is to support **international curriculum development projects** that involve short term mobility between the EU and the partner ICI countries.

RECOMMENDATIONS, RESOLUTIONS OR PREP. COMMUNICATIONS

- The **Commission** has presented her plans for a [Europe-wide credit system in vocational education and training, called ECVET](#), to make it easier for citizens to get formal recognition of knowledge, skills and competences gained in other countries. ECVET is build on the success of ECTS, which started in 1989.
- The EU is spreading the EQF news to the public. Member states are encouraged to [implement EQF in 2010](#). By 2012 all new qualifications issued by post secondary school establishments should include a reference to one of the EQF qualifications levels. [FAQ](#).
- The Commission and the Council published a [joint progress report on the Lisbon progress](#) of the European Council and Commission, addressing the progress in Ill strategies and qualifications systems. Insufficient progress is been made in implementation of Ill, basic skills for all, early school leavers, teacher education and training (“because no other in-school aspect influences student performance more than the quality of the teacher”), adult participation in Ill, using the potential of migrants & the attractiveness of VET.

NEWS

- The **ECNAIS Conference** of its **20th Anniversary** about **Governance in education** was a big success. We had a warm welcome in Portugal, where questions, experiences and visions for the future where shared. Common challenges were addressed like building up the attractiveness of the teacher profession, to make visible and increase the value of independent schools and to develop ECNAIS as a network within the European space of education. For [presentations](#) and [summary](#) on www.ecnais.org .
- The [Presidency Conclusions of the Council summit on the Lisbon Strategy](#) on 13-14 March, mentioned in the last ECNAIS newsletter, are published.
- European Commission has announced [2009 as the European year of creativity and innovation](#). No foreseen budget will be allocated, arguing that it can be organised using existing programs, member states are invited to appoint national coordinators.
- The European Commission has launched the [photo initiative “Cultures on my street”](#), open to EU residents, deadline is 30/6/08, in the framework of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. Prizes valued at €15.000 await the winners.
- [Results of Public Consultation about Multilingualism](#) by the Commission.
- [35.000 schools are now involved in eTwinning virtual school partnerships](#).
- The **OECD** has launched [PIAAC, sister of PISA](#) for measuring adults skills & knowledge.

AGENDA

- 14 May, 4-6; 10-9; 5-11, Brussels, [EU debates](#) about citizenship, workplace, multilingualism, media, regarding the **Intercultural Dialogue**. [1 October, Brussels, about Education](#).
- 20-24 Oct, Brussels, International Conference on [Education in Prison](#), [Unesco](#).