



*On behalf of ECNAIS Merry Christmas and an Inspiring 2009!*

#### NEW CALLS

- Tender to acquire the [services of a conference organiser to support Cedefop](#).
- Tender to [design and test a new multi-dimensional university ranking system](#). D27-2-09
- [New version of Citizenship program is available](#), modifications town twinning, citizens projects and support measures.

#### NEWS

- The EC announces their [Strategic plans for European co-operation on education and training](#). Common challenges, such as skills deficits, ageing societies and foreign competition need joint responses, as a result of the earlier published communications.
- [EP voted for ECVET](#), new tools for mobility and quality in vocational education.
- Commission [launches university ranking project](#), first pilot results will be in 2011.
- Commission launches the [New Skills for New \(unknown\) Jobs](#), as part of the new [Renewed Social Agenda](#).
- The **Council** has adopted their conclusions on a [broad based innovation strategy](#).
- The EC [celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec](#) the opening of the **Year of Creativity & Innovation**. You can follow the agenda of this year on <http://www.create2009.europa.eu/>. [Overview of national agency's](#) for their activities and financial support.
- For the first time, major **African and European universities** & higher education experts gathered a conference [to examine links between higher education institutions](#).
- EP approves [more flexible basis for the ETF, European Training Foundation](#) to meet the needs of Commission services and partner countries.
- The [Third European Forum on the Rights of the Child](#) took place in December, looking at questions of children's participation in making of policies which affects them and the issue of violence against children.

#### AGENDA

- 20 Jan, Brussels, [Launch of the Year to highlight the artistic dimension of creativity and innovation](#), by ELIA Arts schools & [Association Europeenne de Conservatoires et Musikhochschulen](#) (AEC) with i.e. Jean Figel.
- 29-31 Jan, Helsinki, [Lifelong Learning as a Right? European Perspectives](#).
- 23 Feb, Thessaloniki: [Teachers & Trainers at the hear of innovation and VET reforms](#).
- 2-3 Mar, Brussels. DG Educ Conference – Exhibition: Creativity & Innovation – Best practices from EU Programmes.
- 20- 24 Apr, Padua: [Intercultural competences for European Project participants](#).
- 12-14 Jun, Witten: **Kreativitats genese!** An [EFFE](#) in-service training (soon on www) for teachers, politicians & scientists. Applications until 14 Jan can be financed by the EU.
- New brochure of the Culture Programme: [“Culture in motion”](#) available.

#### NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- Euridycy: [Levels of Autonomy and Responsibility of Teachers in Europe](#), comparisons of working time and autonomy vis-a-vis curriculum, teaching methods & pupil assessment.
- LLinE VolXIII,2,3&4/08: [Educating with the Brain in Mind, Validation of Competences & prior learning, remote areas & lifelong learning](#).
- Cedefop: [Social dialogue and lifelong learning – supporting industrial changes](#).
- Cedefop: More and more [EU citizens use internet – but educational level](#) differentiates.
- Cedefop: [In the finishing straight: From Copenhagen to Bordeaux](#).