



Newsletter European Educational Policy

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SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION

NEW CALLS

- The European Commission has opened a [public consultation about “Schools for the 21st Century”](#). Deadline is October the 15th 2007. Respondents can be send their reactions – with a maximum of 4 A4 pages (point 12) – to eac-schools-consult@ec.europa.eu. The EC has highlighted for this purpose [8 challenges for schools](#).

“The foregoing challenges are by no means an exhaustive list of the challenges facing schools and school systems; however, it serves to highlight the significant pressures under which they operate. It seems logical to conclude that the institution of the school cannot remain static if it is to serve as a foundation for lifelong learning and to contribute fully to Member States' social and economic prosperity. Respondents are now invited to respond to some or all of the eight questions presented here by identifying (1) what actions they would favour within their national contexts to ensure that schools deliver the quality of education needed in the 21st century; and (2) to suggest how European cooperation³⁷ could be effective in supporting Member States in the modernisation of their systems.” (EC)

- Call for [independent experts of eContentplus](#) and Safer Internet plus Programma.
- Second call of the [eContentplus programma](#), Deadline 4 October. [Preposals](#) (Wordfile) before 7 September.
- [Call for proposals for the 2008 year of Intercultural dialogue](#), and or the 50th anniversary of the European Parliament. There are [4 themes](#): a television production, a conference (centrally related to one or both of the themes), multiday events (arts, sports, cultural activities, exhibitions), innovative websites and other internet based initiatives. Deadline 1 October. More information on [general tender site of the EP](#) (halfway, [application](#)). The ECNAIS Executive Committee is studying if ECNAIS could apply on this call together with Socires, and/or EFFE, CEEC.

RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS or PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS:

- The European Commission has published a [white paper and action plan to promote sport in society](#) (link = press release). [Full information and background information here](#).

AGENDA

- 11-12 October 2007, Brussels. [ECFIN Annual Research Conference 2007](#).

NEWS

- The Council of Europe has adopted a resolution: [“Creating equal opportunities for all young people – full participation in society”](#), which invites member states and the EC to promote various forms of structured dialogue with young people.
- The DG Education of the EC has published a [research which breaks radically with science teaching](#): ‘the adoption of inquiry based science education’. The report is also mentioned on the EC Research site: [Rocard report on Science Education](#), [download the full version](#).
- The DG Ed published FAQ’s about: [Bologna process](#), [youth policy](#), [white paper on sport](#).
- **Jan de Groof**, is recently named [Unesco ambassador for the right of the child](#) (charge de mission to the Assistent Director-General for Education for the right to education).

NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- The EU has opened a portal on Youtube about European related films, [EUTube](#).