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NEW CALLS

- [Erasmus Mundus](#) (short intro), Call for proposals of implementation of [Action 4](#); Deadline 15/5/08. projects to promote higher education, to improve accessibility etc.
- Culture Program, Strand 1.3: [Special actions of cultural cooperation in and with third countries, for 2008 Brazil](#), directed towards bi-annual cultural exchanges.

NEWS

- [What skills will Europeans need in 2015?](#) The forecast by **Cedefop** covers the period up to 2015, focusing on the transition away from primary and manufacturing sectors towards the service sector, which is not yet complete. Figel: “The world economy is constantly changing, and so the skills that people will need for the job market. [Key findings, report](#).”
- [Alexander Italianer](#), Deputy Secretary General of the EC, in a meeting with a Dutch education association, expects in respect to the **Lisbon strategy after 2010**, attention towards social cohesion and sustainability, as well on the implementation of existing programs and financial instruments, like the SET-plan, Strategic EnergyTechnology Plan. In respect to Education there is more money for research, via KP7, but also with the Structural funds of [REGIO](#), as well as [INFSO](#) and EIT.
- On the **Spring Summit of EU Council**, 13-14 March, the Council remarked that attention is to low regarding the [social dimension of the Lisbon strategy](#), especially the lack of attention to education in the triangle of research, education & innovation. Actions can be expected on flexicurity, illiteracy and early school leaving.
- 2008 is the [International UN Year of Planet Earth](#), with different [IYPE National](#) events.
- 13-3: EP has given green light to [EIT, the European Institute of Technology](#).
- On International Mother Language Day, celebrated on 21 February every year since 2000, the Unesco launched 2008 as [International Year of Languages](#). Message of Director General mr. [Koichiro Matsuura](#).

AGENDA

- 9-12 April, Porto: **ECNAIS Conference: [Governance of Schools in Independent Sector, A Contemporary Approach](#)**. Pre-conference Ind. Ed. in relation to National Minorities.
- 21-27 April, Paris: Global Action Week: [Quality Education to End Exclusion](#).
- 16 May, Brussels: [Exporting Education: Europe’s role in transnational education](#).

NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- [EU Report presentation, \[Citizens perception of EU Regional Policy\]\(#\)](#), with support for more investments in education and VET especially.
- Report of DG Education: [Study on Active Citizenship Education](#), concluding that out of 72 case studies, the success factors are: type of activity, method, participants motivation and democratic involvement of participants (p.31).
- Outcome of Cedefop [seminar about ILA’s, \[Individual Learning Accounts\]\(#\)](#) for VET. With a shortlist of experiments in Europe, Canada and USA. The experiments have successfully operated on small scale, to broaden it, challenges has to be addressed like guidance.
- Unesco’s Director-General article in UN Chronicle on [“\[Ending Poverty through Education – The Challenge of Education for All\]\(#\)”](#).
- New reports: **Impact of Comenius Partnerships on participating schools**. School education of children of occupational travellers in the EU; Analysis of the Effects of Da Vinci Mobility Measures; [Links to Summary & Full report](#).
- The **American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research** had a seminars about the [Independent Education Sector in the Netherlands and Sweden](#), i.e. [Simon Steen, video's](#)