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NEW CALLS

- Call for transnational projects around [awareness of fundamental rights and citizenship](#). Priorities are i.e. Protection of rights of the Child, Combating racism, Active participation, training & networking, privacy rights & data protection. D 22-4-09.
- Call to [prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk](#), as part of the Daphne III program. D 22-4-09.
- Call for [Drug prevention and information](#), i.e. in education. D 22-4-09.
- Tempus IV Second Call for Proposals. D 28-4-09.
- Grant for organisations or associations in the field of [youth voluntary work](#), D 30-4-09.
- The [Youth in Action programme](#) contains a multi-annual regular grand scheme. For projects to the Executive Agency 3 deadlines pro year: next one's are 1-6-09 and 1-9-09, submitted to a National Agency on 1-4, 1-6, 1-9, 1-11 ([p.115 of the guide](#)).
- Cedefop CEI Call for Expression of Interest to come to [list of providers for various ICT thematic field jobs](#), as well as a [CEI for specific expertise in the field of VET](#), D26/29-6-09.
- Cedefop [tender to commission a study EQF levels 6 to 8](#). D 8-4-09.

PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS

- [Joint report of the Council and the EC on the implementation of the European & Training 2010 work programme](#). Delivering lifelong learning for knowledge, creativity and innovation, about raising skill levels, lifelong learning strategies & the knowledge triangle.

NEWS

- The Council has agreement on [reduced VAT rates in certain sectors](#) to min. 5%, in stead of the min. of 15%, i.e. for “**books on all physical means of support**”, esp. [by the effort](#) of the Dutch & Swedish side. A proposal of the [EC in favour of green products](#) wasn't with it, and will have a hard way to get it through, as this VAT discussion is more then 10yrs old.
- The [Presidency Conclusions of 19 March Council summit](#) stressed the “vital importance of the **strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training** (p.13), speeding up encouraging partnerships between business, research, education and training and improving the quality of investment in research, knowledge and education”.
- The EU has opened a [Development Artwork Youth Prize: Africa – Human Development](#). Winners 16-18 years from every 27 EU countries receive with their teacher a trip to Africa.
- The EC has opened a [online tool for easy access and details of EU funded projects in the fields of education, culture, youth and citizenship](#). It's called eve, [visit EVE](#).
- A highlight of 35 [best practices around Creativity & Innovation](#). And its [press release](#).

AGENDA

- 26-27th March, Prague: [Ministerial Conference “Forum for Creative Europe”](#), to support culture as a catalyst of creativity.
- 31-2th April, Berlin: [UN Conference on Education for Sustainable Development](#).
- 23-25th April, Sofia: [ECNAIS annual conference about Benchmarks & Values](#).

NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- Cedefop new comprehensive report: [Continuity, consolidation and change. Towards a European era of vocational education and training](#). Summary in [English](#), [others](#).
- The OECD published in 2008 a report about [Improving School leadership](#). About which leadership rules contribute most and how to develop the right skills & allocation for the job. Vol.II includes the Finnish, English, Austrian, Australian & Flemish (Belgian) approach.
- Conclusions of [European Symposium on Improving Early Childhood Education and Care](#).

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