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### NEW CALLS

- Call for Tender: measures for implementing [Action plan of adult learning](#), D 1-8-08.
- Call for Tender: [Study on access of young people to culture](#), D 30-6-08.
- Call [Raising awareness of Lifelong Learning strategies](#), D 31-7-08.
- Measure 2 [Citizens projects and support measures](#), themes: intercultural dialogue, Creativity and Innovation, woman participation, sport for active citizenship, D 1-7-08.
- Call for **proposals for projects supporting information activities for young people** and young workers in [general](#) and on the [2009 European elections](#). D 30-6-08 resp. 15-7-08.

### NEWS

- **2010** is proposed as the European **Year of Combating poverty and social exclusion**.
- The **European Council** has as a result of the year of Intercultural Dialogue adopted [Conclusions on Intercultural competences](#) on the 21 of May. These are related to the key competences: appreciation of intercultural communication in foreign languages, social and civic competences and cultural awareness, appreciation and expression ([pre press release](#)).
- The [European Economic and Social Committee](#), SOC, a Committee of representatives of civil organisations, functioning as independent adviser between the Council, the EC and the EP, prepares at present different opinions: on the **Action program of LLL** for the plenary session of 28-30 May, reporter [An La Nouail Marliere](#); 2009 as **Year of Innovation and Creativity**, plenary session 9-10 July, reporter [Rodriguez Garcia-Caro](#) & **social innovation for inclusion**, plenary session 22 Oct, reporter [Bloch Laine](#). For more [SOC records](#), see.
- The Conference Promoting [Innovation and Creativity – Schools Response to the Challenges of the Future](#) in Brdo pri Kranju in April 2008 was an inspiring success.
- **Switzerland and the EU** are negotiating about **membership of the LLL program**, which should be activated in January 2009. This will not be reached because the EU is putting hard terms about the banking secrecy and mobility of Bulgarian and Rumanian people.
- The EC has published a [working document](#) about the **European Research Area**, with the results of the Public Consultation [green paper](#).

### REGULATIONS, PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS

- EPM Doris Pack has published a [draft report on student mobility](#) about the proposal of EP and Council to establish an **action program** to enhance **quality in higher education**.
- EPM M. Badia I Cutchet published a draft rep. on improving [quality of teacher education](#).
- **Member States** have agreed to work together in the **area of teacher training and to exchange best practice** through the Open Method of Coordination in the Council.

### AGENDA

- 9-13 June, Vadstena, [Transfer of resources across Generations](#) of human capital & being.
- 19-20 June, Amsterdam, [Evidence based Policy Making: best practices connecting](#).
- 7 July, Porto (7-9 in Vienna), [Promoting an Entrepreneurship Culture in Adult Education](#).
- \* 23-27 Aug, Brussels, [Teacher Education: Facing the Intercultural Dialogue \(ATEE\)](#).

### NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- **Euridyce** has published a research about [School autonomy in Europe](#), in 30 European countries over 20 years. Contents i.e. autonomy in financial resource & human resource management, decision making in schools and accountability. Primary and lower secondary.
- The General publication of the EC about [Key Competences for Life Long Learning](#), this is the second aim of the European reference framework project (the other is student mobility, which resulted in the EQF framework of 8 development levels, [FAQ about EQF](#)).
- The [OECD](#) has [presented](#) a broad [report Tertiary Education for the Knowledge Society](#).