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### NEW CALLS

- [Call for proposals](#) in the field of the **Lifelong Learning Program** 2007-2013. Targets are about the Comenius program (for teachers and schools, Deadline 30-3-07), Erasmus (higher education, D 28-2-07), Leonardo da Vinci (mobility of vocational training, D 30-3-07) and Grundtvig (adult education, 30-3-07). Finally, a Jean Monnet programme focuses on European integration and support operating grants for certain key institutions and associations active, most higher education (D 15-3-07). [For more information](#) on priorities.
- The **Seventh Research Framework Programme** is launched (2007-2013), for research and technological development (FP7). [read more](#) and the [first calls are made public today](#). The FP7 is i.e. directed towards cooperation, ideas, people, capacities.
- Call FP7, **Cooperation in Socioeconomic Sciences and Humanities** . [First call SSH-2007-1](#). D 10-5-07 & 29-11-07. No direct education targets (8.3.3; 8.6.2; 8.8).
- To [see some grants](#), in this case in the field of VET.
- European Research Council is installed to promote fundamental research on the highest level. All science fields are relevant, except nuclear subjects (Euratom). Individual researchers, promoted 2-8 years ago, can get a grant to **set up their own research group**. From 100.000 to 400.000 for a period of max. 5 years. The ERC pays 100 percent of the direct costs, and additional 20% for the overhead. <http://erc.europa.eu>

### PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS:

- The EC is planning a **public consultation to clarify** those issues in the field of school education policy that could **usefully be addressed at EU level**. The EUNEC (see under) was already invited in this respect in a informal meeting on 11 September 2006.
- On behalf of the EC, PWC (PriceWaterhouseCoopers) has done a research on mobility in VET. In November the **European Network of (national) Educational Councils** (EUNEC) has participated in a discussion about this research. The EUNEC experiences this as a important step in their history, to be involved in an early stage of policy making. You can find the report and the EUNEC statements on the MoVE-iT study on [www.eunec.org](http://www.eunec.org)
- The presentation of the strategic planning, as a result of the Management Committee in Copenhagen, nov. '06, is now accessible on <http://www.ecnais.dk/documents.htm>.
- The EC Committee on Culture and Education had a [public hearing about the performances of the EU educational systems](#), excellences and failures.

### AGENDA

- **2007** is the **European Year of Equal Opportunities**, lots of priorities in programs and grants will direct towards this theme. Most of the members have action programs with financial possibilities, which will welcome good ideas for equal opportunities.
- **2008** will be the year of [intercultural dialogue](#). A special program of 10 million will support European activities (80%) and national activities with strong European dimension (50%).
- From 2009 onwards there will be two **European Capitals of Culture**. 2007 will be **Luxembourg and Sibiu**, 2008 Liverpool and Stavanger, in 2009 Linz and Vilnius, and Essen, Pecs and Istanbul in 2010.

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