



Links, comments, suggestions and info for the next ECNAIS newsletter are welcome. **Please send them directly to me so they can be shared in one newsletter.** Hereby also thanks to the warm reactions on earlier newsletters, that's very motivating.

REGULATIONS/AGREEMENTS

- There are new agreements in favour of **cooperation between higher and VET education** between [Canada and the EU](#), and [USA and the EU](#), on behalf of the period 2008-2013. Budget €18 million resp. €46 over 8 years. Calls for USA are closed, Canada will come.

NEW CALLS

- The deadline for the first round of the **Seventh Research Framework Programme** (2007-2013) is 8 May, Brussels, for research and technological development (FP7). [read more](#) and the [first calls are made public](#). **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).
- Divers calls for [Town Twinning citizens meetings](#) under Action 1 of the "[Europe for Citizens](#)" 2007-2013 to promote active **European Citizenship**.

RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS or PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS:

- The European Parliament has adopted a [resolution about promoting gender equality in education](#) on the 1-2-2007. The resolution aims by example on promoting more woman in decision-making positions, attention for gender in educational content and higher accessibility with the use of ict for woman who will combine parenthood with education.
- The European Parliament and the Council had adopted a recommendation on transnational mobility within the Community for education and training purposes: [European Quality Charter for Mobility](#), on 18 December 2006, as forming a whole with the first Recommendation in this field, 2001/613/EC, which includes biennial reports.
- In the [Minutes](#) (pe384.526, p.4) of the Committee in January the **German Federal Minister of Education** and Research presented their priorities in the field of education as present holders of the Presidency of the Council of the EU.

AGENDA

- The EU EP Committee on Culture and Education does held a [hearing about the role of sport in education](#) on 28 February, 9.00, Brussels. [Agenda](#) (cult(2007)0227_1) for the general meeting 27-2-07. Topics: multilingual work program & action program legal immigration.
- The [European launch](#) of the 2007 Year of Equal Opportunities was in January in Berlin. The [national launches](#) are most of all done in February & March by the [national bodies](#). The European Commission will held a youth week between 3-10 June.
- 10-12 may, Rhodes, [Twinning for tomorrows World](#): **twinning**, youth and social inclusion.
- 17-18 May, Montreal. Shaping a European Education Agenda, [Eur. Educ. Policy Network](#).

NEWS

- The ministers of Education of OECD-countries has held a informal meeting about vocational learning, [identifying issues like mobility and better quality standards](#) for trainers.
- The UNESCO and Germany has signed an agreement to establish the **UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning** as a follow up of an already existing institute in Hamburg. The expertises will remain: literacy, non-formal education and adult education.
- The **European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education** exists 10 year ([anniversary issue](#)) & published [volume 2 of Special Needs Education in Europe](#), provision in Post-Primary Education.
- The EU **European Training Foundation** has published a fat report that pays attention to [skills development for poverty reduction](#), rather than (alone) maths and reading.