



Ecnais News on Educational Policy in the EU

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INTRODUCTION

On request of the executive Committee of ECNAIS hereby you receive the first monthly newsletter on EU Educational Policy. I have looked for interesting info on educational policy and financing issues on the EU level for ECNAIS participants. I cooperate for this newsletter with Simon Steen. I am open for your reaction and would appreciate your comments and suggestions, to obtain a better newflash. M.I. (Marco) Matthijsen, LL.M., m.matthijsen@vbs.nl (Note: Blue letters are hyperlinks.)

NEW REGULATIONS

- **The European Qualifications Framework: a new way to understand qualifications across Europe.** The European Commission has adopted a proposal on behalf of transparency in educational results. The Framework will apply to all education in 2011 and is directed to the skills, knowledge and competences on 8 levels. Expl. of 8 levels is in annex, p.18 of the linked doc.

NEW CALLS

- **E-Contentplus:** The Europe's Information Society opens a call for proposals to make existing econtent more accessible, to enable multilingual access to (single language) content. Deadline 19 of october. The eContentplus programme will support the development of multi-lingual content for innovative, on-line services across the EU.
- **Training:** The European Centre for the Development of Vocational training asks for organisations who can participate in the program ReferNet: European network of reference and expertise in vocational training. The project will last for 12 month's. Info: www.cedefop.europa.eu/index.asp?section=3&read=1745 deadline 16 October
- **Asia:** The European Commission opens the third round of the AsiaLink program, focused on the cooperation of Institutes in Higher Education in Europe and Asia. Subsidies can dure for 12 to 36 month's related to: human resources development; curriculum development; institutional and systems development. Deadline 19 oktober. Info http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/projects/asia-link/index_en.htm

PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS:

- The Unesco has made a publication public about [governance in education](#), as new cornerstone of the program Education for All, in cooperation with the [IWGE](#), International Working Group on Education. European papers will be searched for, in the aftermath of the European general [white paper on governance](#).

NEW REPORTS

- Communicaton of the EC: **Efficiency and equity in European education and training systems.** Stressing the value and good practices of both perspectives and stressing a danger in the shift from equity to efficiency. Supporting a culture of evaluation, pre-primal education and mutual exchange and peer review will be the follow up.

AGENDA

- 21-23 nov: [EU IST conference 2006](#). Main European conference on Information Society Technology, together with presentation of 7th Framework Progr. for R&D.
- The European Council has decided that 2008 will be the year of intercultural dialogue.
- On the [2007 conference](#) of the ECPR, European Consortium for Political Research in Helsinki, [Kerstin Martens](#), University of Bremen and [Anja Jakobi](#), University of Bielefeld seek to constitute a forum to oversee and develop research on the issue of education policy, especially on the field of governance in education.