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INTRODUCTION

The first letter had received a warm welcome. Hereby you receive the next one. Reactions, comments and tips will be appreciated, to obtain a better newflash. Kind regards, M.I. (Marco) Matthijsen, LL.M., m.matthijsen@vbs.nl (Note: Blue letters are hyperlinks.)

NEW REGULATIONS

- The EC has adopted a Common Position, in order to establish an [action program in the field of life long learning](#) (see under latest text). This as follow up after the communication [adult learning: it is never too late to learn](#). Key messages: lifting barriers to participation; ensuring quality, recognition and validation of learning outcomes; investing in the ageing population and migrants; and indicators and benchmarks.

NEW CALLS

- [Support for bodies active at European level in the field of culture](#). There are three different bodies who can obtain: Ambassadors (like a theatre group), Networks and Events. Possible interesting for Ecnais itself (Events?). Deadline 061222. The call is not definitive yet, but will be clear in the next future (adoption of budget for 2007 and culture program).
- [There is also a support for bodies active in field of youth](#). This program is possible interesting for your network. Deadline 061222. (in relation to Ecnais, conditions are: organisation has structural activities specifically for youth, youth is participating and the organisation has at least one person in service).

PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS:

- The EC has published last august a [benchmarking analysis for access and use of ict in education](#) (30mb). Some Inspections of National Ministries like the Netherlands have already adopted now a valuing instrument in this direction in their inspection reports.

INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS OF SCHOOLS:

- Two **Montessori schools** in [Zagreb](#) (Alexander Buchynski) and [Budapest](#) (Eszter Strauss), who are just started, are looking for a schools who are willing to **help** them.
- In the Netherlands a **secondary Montessori school** is searching for other developed Montessori schools who are interested in **internationalising** (contact p.warnders@vbs.nl).

NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- [Pointers to active citizenship in education policies](#). This publication looks at the main components of citizenship education in primary and secondary education in 30 countries. It reviews the aims of the curriculum, recommendations on the active participation of pupils in school life and how citizenship education is addressed in teacher training.
- For schools interested in ideas, projects or programs for [linking school and culture, here is massive inventory](#) in the European countries. Part 1 is pro country, Part 2 on European level, Part 1 is 5mb, so use you're left mouse click, and click save as to get it faster.

EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS

- The [European Elos](#) pilot project has published a revised [European portfolio for pupils](#).

AGENDA

- Nov, 17-19 Effe, the European Forum for Freedom in Education, organises a [Colloquium about Teacher Training – A Challenge for Europe and Every Teacher](#), in Bad Honnef, Germany (look at the linked site in the menu under colloquia).