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EFPA Seminar "Europe for Psychology Seminar" **May 05, 2012** **Brussels, Belgium**

EFPA is organising a seminar on 'European Union: Structure, Operation and Funding' on Saturday May 5, 2012 (10.00 – 16.00) at Carrefour Best Western Hotel Brussels.

This seminar is on invitation only and encourages participation by Presidents and Administrators of EFPA's (Associate) Member associations. If you want to be invited please contact Valerie Boni at valerie.boni@efpa.eu. More information on program and speakers soon on EFPA's website and via this EU news sheet.

September 20-21, 2012 **EFPA Expert Conference : PSYCHOLOGY FOR HEALTH** **Contributions to Policy Making** **Brussels, Belgium**

On invitation only

More information soon at www.efpa.eu/PsyforHealthCongress2012

Thanks to the broad scope of psychological research and their close collaboration with other professionals in schools, businesses, communities, and health care institutions, psychologists are in a unique position to contribute to the improvement of physical and mental health in Europe.

The aim of this conference is to highlight findings from psychological research and to demonstrate how psychologists can add to the work of other experts in safeguarding and promoting the health of European citizens. A particular emphasis is put on the role that psychology can play in developing healthy life styles, the early discovery of health risks, and various forms of prevention.

This conference will bring together experts from various areas of psychology, offering different but complementary perspectives on promoting health and reducing illness, with the purpose of sharing insights and experiences with policy makers and formulating policy statements as well as recommendations for future policies at the European and national level.

We expect 250 participants, including key actors from European institutions and EU Member States, the health sector, and NGOs, particularly those involved in the EU's Health Programme.

The conference is part of the "Psychology for Europe" initiative (2011) by which the European Federation of Psychologists Associations aims to raise the visibility and impact of psychology as a broad and potent field of science and professional activity that can bring substantial benefit to Europe, socially and economically.



Areas of expertise that will be covered

1. Health promotion via behaviour change: life style, addiction and health
2. Life-long learning and health: what school psychologists can do
3. Enhancing the prevention and early treatment of mental ill-health: depression and suicide
4. Employment, working conditions and stress: from research to practice
5. Managing serious illness: focus on patients and care-givers
6. Health inequality in times of crisis: alleviating the impact of unemployment and poverty
7. Health improvement through physical activity: lessons from sport psychology
8. Psychological contributions to healthy ageing and longevity

The programme will also provide room to address other health issues, such as the behavioural immune system, medically unexplained symptoms, and social violence.

March 21, 2012 - 12:00 -14:00

A call to action in the field of COPD and launch of the European COPD Coalition.

Hosted by Mrs Glenis Willmott MEP (S&D, UK)

European Parliament, Brussels, Room A3H-1

The launch event will:

- raise awareness of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and its alarming impact on populations and health systems, with key data, prevalence figures and examples of good practice,
- be a chance to debate the future action needed at EU level to reduce the burden of the disease
- be the official launch of the European COPD Coalition (ECC)

The event will bring together health professionals, patient groups, health promotion organisations, European and national public authorities dealing with health, as well as life science firms. There will be speakers from the European Commission, Members of the European Parliament, ECC representatives and patients suffering from COPD. The meeting will be an opportunity to hold a wide-ranging debate with the speakers and participants on the challenges of COPD in Europe today.

Up to 10% of the European population suffers from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) in Europe, most of them do not know they have it and an increasing number die from the disease - yet the condition is generally unknown. COPD is a major chronic, debilitating and costly respiratory disease that, if not addressed properly, will be the 3rd cause of death worldwide by 2030, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). However, until now, COPD has not gained sufficient attention from European policy makers.

Registration at <http://my.epha.org/civicrm/event/info?id=89&reset=1>

For further information, please contact Alison Abrahams at a.abrahams@epha.org

The European COPD Coalition (ECC) is a not for profit association bringing together respiratory organisations representing health professionals and patients groups, and life science firms. We are committed to raising awareness about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (COPD) and its social and economic impacts among European policy makers and stakeholders, seeking ways to reduce the burden of the disease through joint action and advocacy, developing and implementing a comprehensive EU public health policy on COPD and by being a key facilitator of COPD policy initiatives at European level. Our vision is of a Europe free of COPD. See: www.copdcoalition.eu

This event is hosted by Glenis Willmott MEP (S&D, UK) and organised by the European COPD Coalition (ECC) with the support of the European Public Health Alliance.

March 23, 2012

**Seminar: Internationalisation audits, Assessing and Improving Institutional Strategies
Brussels, Belgium**

Registration at <http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=575>

This seminar intends to contribute to the enhancement of quality internationalisation in Europe and beyond. Participants will be in a position to identify their "ideal" tool for quality improvement from amongst the instruments available - or, indeed, to construct their own self-assessment methodology. Leading specialists from the field will be present, as Neil Kemp, of the Institute of Education of the University of London, Rolf Peter of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), and Will Archer of i-graduate. The opening speech will be given by Eva Egron-Polak, the Secretary General of the International Association of Universities (IAU), one of the world's leading experts on internationalization.



Europe's universities have become much more international in the past decades. But the business of internationalising higher education is by no means 'finished'; indeed, much remains to be done. Internationalisation must now improve in quality and it needs to become 'made-to-measure' to serve different institutional aims and objectives. It must also be adapted to the new 'multipolar' higher education world order, in which Western universities and colleges continue to play an important, but not any longer an exclusive role.

In reaction to this need, a wide range of 'internationalisation audits' have been developed in recent years. These instruments are all devoted to the evaluation and the improvement of institutional strategies for internationalisation. The aim of this seminar is to present the most important and relevant of these, and to analyse their respective merits - and possible downsides. Most of the audit tools presented are based on external review, but some are self-evaluation and self-assessment exercises. While some of them have been developed for use across the globe (or an entire continent), others target the institutions of one single country. Some take a comparative approach, i.e. they engage in mutual benchmarking, while others are strictly non-normative and measure institutions exclusively against their self-set aims and aspirations.

April 19-20, 2012

**5th Annual Meeting of the Fundamental Rights Platform
Vienna, Austria**



The annual Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) meeting is one of the flagship events of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). Every year the meeting takes place in network for cooperation with civil society.
<http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/frp2012/>

The 5th FRP meeting aims to:

- encourage a European debate on fundamental rights among different civil society organizations;
- facilitate knowledge and exchange of promising practices among Fundamental Rights Platform participants;
- inform the work of the FRA about challenges and promising initiatives on the ground;
- create opportunities for networking and further cooperation between civil society, the FRA and other actors.

Registration at :

<https://secure.event-rsvp.co.za/FundamentalRightsPlatform2012/en/Registration.aspx?id=bc83b7eb-5cdb-40c2-a753-ac8809cc2635>

Agenda at http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/frp2012/docs/FRP-5th-meeting-programme_EN.pdf

Only organisations which are part of the Fundamental Rights Platform may participate at the meeting. Participation by other guests and observers is by invitation only.

April 26-27, 2012
6 th Fit to Drive
Torre Agbar in Barcelona, Spain

The next Fit to Drive congress which the Association of the TÜV (VdTÜV) organises in cooperation with Editorial Tráfico Vial S.A. – ETRASA, the Catalanian traffic government Servei Català de Trànsit (Generalitat de Catalunya), the Spanish Official Psychologist Association (Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Psicólogos) and the Psychonomy Research Unit of the university of Valencia: Details about the preliminary program, the speakers and organisation can be found at : www.fit-to-drive.com.

As of now you can register online <http://www.fit-to-drive.com/registration/index.php>

May 10, 2012
Symposium The IMPI (Indicators for Mapping and Profiling Internationalisation) initiative and beyond
Brussels, Belgium

Providing an opportunity for higher education institutions and interested parties to see how the IMPI toolbox works in practice and to learn about its added value from a number of institutions that participated in its development.

As the internationalisation ambitions of higher education institutions throughout the world have expanded in recent years so, too, has the need to effectively track and measure the impact of internationalisation efforts at the institutional level. One of the most recent resources developed to this end in the European context is the IMPI toolbox, which has been elaborated in the framework of a soon-to-be-completed project, Indicators for Mapping and Profiling Internationalisation <http://www.impi-project.eu/>.



This assortment of indicators (the toolbox) is meant to provide higher education institutions with insight into their performance in internationalisation as well as ideas on how to improve their performance in this area in the future. The toolbox is geared towards two principal uses - institutional self-assessment and international/inter-institutional benchmarking. The IMPI toolbox was co-developed by six European organisations in the field - CHE Consult, ACA, CampusFrance, Nuffic, Perspektywy and SIU - in cooperation with over 40 European higher education institutions. The three-year effort was co-funded by the European Commission. Info and registration at: <http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=585>

May 3-5, 2012
8th EUE net conference and 3rd Career Conference
Lisbon, Portugal

<http://www.careercon.eu/> contribute to reach the objectives of Europe 2020. Concretely, the Union has set five ambitious objectives - on employment, innovation, education, social inclusion and climate/energy - to be reached by 2020.

Career Centres can give major input to answer the most important questions regarding the modernisation of higher education how to ensure that (new and existing) curricula meet the needs and requirements of the Labour Market and of Academia; what are the key issues preventing the stakeholders to engage in dialogue and cooperation for the design of curriculum; learning outcomes – a possible common language to facilitate dialogue between higher education and business; how to develop co-operation in the field“ what needs to be done on institutional, regional, national or European level; what concrete actions could/should be initiated on European level *source European Commission, DG EAC (Brussels 8.12.2010)

EUE-Net - the European University-Enterprise Network - aims to assemble and to coordinate efforts at European level towards a better collaboration between universities and enterprises, to disseminate cooperation models and to promote best practices of collaboration in Europe. The target groups of the network include graduates, students and learners in European universities, academic and research staff in European higher education institutions, university leadership, university stakeholders but also entrepreneurs, professional staff from enterprises, managers and policy makers



May 29-31, 2012
EuroHealthNet Equity Week
Brussels, Belgium

Including a major open conference on sustainable health systems in times of economic problems, and a seminar on health in all policies will take place from 29 to 31 May 2011. For more information <http://eurohealthnet.eu>

June 7-8, 2012
International conference „The Future of Education“
Florence, Italy

The aim of the Conference is to promote the sharing of good practice and transnational cooperation in the field of the application of innovative education and training strategies, methodologies and solutions. The conference will also be an excellent opportunity for the presentation of previous and current projects and innovative initiatives in the field of education.

For further information about the second edition of the International Conference "The Future of Education", please contact us at the following address: edu_future@pixel-online.net or visit the conference website: http://www.pixel-online.net/edu_future2012/

June 10-12
ACA Annual Conference 2012 Tying it all together. Internationalisation, excellence, funding and the social dimension in higher education
Helsinki, Finland

The ACA 2012 Annual Conference, organised in collaboration with ACA's Finnish member CIMO, brings together a select group of leading thinkers to address, from a multiplicity of perspectives, the synergies between four hotly debated issues in higher education world-wide: internationalisation and mobility, excellence, funding and social inclusion. Info at <http://www.aca-secretariat.be/index.php?id=559>

June 27-30
The International Neuropsychological Society (INS) Midyear-Meeting
Oslo, Norway

The congress is a joint arrangement with the 11th Nordic Meeting in Neuropsychology. Additionally, the Federation of European Neuropsychological Societies will take part in the program. The congress will feature internationally recognized invited speakers, platform lectures, workshops, short oral presentations and poster sessions. One important aim of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for establishing collegial relationships with international professionals from different disciplines, focused on research or clinical service regarding brain and behavioral relationships.



A major focus in the study of brain and behavior has been detection of cognitive and behavioral consequences of neurological and psychiatric disorders. Our conviction is that clinical disciplines, of importance to public health must develop stronger knowledge about recovery of function, intervention and treatment. Therefore, we challenge organizers of

clinically relevant symposia and other contributors to include presentations and discussions that focus on intervention, treatment or recovery.

On this basis, we have chosen The Changing Brain as the main theme of the conference even though the meeting will cover a wide range of topics in neuropsychology, neurology and psychiatry.

For general information or to submit your abstract, please visit www.insoslo2012.no

July 9-13

The 34th Conference of the International School Association (ISPA) Montreal, Canada

The theme of the Conference is Helping the World's Children Realise their Dreams.

If you book before April 15 you will benefit from considerably reduced registration fees.

We encourage practitioners and scholars to submit papers, posters, symposia, or workshops to the Scientific Committee. The deadline for submissions is March 15.

Subtopics of the Conference will be Diversity and Inclusion, Counselling and Testing, Instruction Design and Delivery, Mental Health and Well-Being, School Psychology Perspectives, and Professional and Ethical Issues. On July 9, Pre-Conference Workshops will be held (for details please see the programme of the day). <http://www.ispaconference.info>

November 8-10, 2012

5th European Public Health Conference - call for abstracts Malta

http://www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

The conference will take place in Malta 8-10th November 2012. The overall theme will focus on "All Inclusive Public Health".

The conference aims to offer a means for exchanging information and a platform for debate to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners in the field of public health and health services research.

- 1 Feb to 1 May: online submission of abstracts
- 1 May: online registration opens
- Organisers: The European Public Health Association EUPHA, the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region and the Malta Association of Public Health Medicine MAPHM

PUBLICATIONS

Report on healthy and active ageing

A recently published report on healthy and active ageing commissioned by the German Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) and published by EuroHealthNet is a compendium of programs, good practices and other resources for promoting and sustaining healthy ageing.

<http://www.healthyageing.eu/sites/www.healthyageing.eu/files/resources/Healthy%20and%20Active%20Ageing.pdf>

"The Parliament" an EU politics magazine



Published fortnightly, based upon contributions from members of the EU parliament, NGOs, pressure and interest groups on issues under discussion

within the European institutions. The Parliament published a special feature on active and healthy ageing <http://www.theparliament.com/digimag/issue341> and writes in its edition February 2012 <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/1ebfcbe9#/1ebfcbe9/19> about mental health issues, which is rarely the case.

MEP Nessa Childers has hosted 8th-10th February the international conference on psychotherapy 'Psychotherapy in Europe - Putting the Record Straight' in the European Parliament

Recent WHO Publications

Gender, work and health download at :
http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241501729_eng.pdf

Building Healthy and Equitable Workplaces for Women and Men: A Resource for Employers and Worker Representatives- download at
http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241501736_eng.pdf

Recent Publication of OSHA –EU

How to create economic incentives in occupational safety and health: a practical guide
http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/literature_reviews/guide-economic-incentives



Baseline Report on Sustainable Lifestyles published

Because of the significance of housing, transport, food, health and society, the report focuses on these key domains. It aims to better understand the relationships between lifestyles, the conditions that frame those lifestyles, and the resulting sustainability impacts in Europe today and into the future.

In addition, it identifies promising practices from across Europe that have the potential to be examples of sustainable ways of living of the future. Existing visions, scenarios and roadmaps for more sustainable futures – from policy, research, business and civil society perspectives – are also examined in detail. This final version of the baseline report builds upon an earlier draft version prepared for the launch conference of the SPREAD Sustainable Lifestyles 2050 project, which took place in May 2011. It has been further elaborated and detailed since. The final report is available at http://www.sustainable-lifestyles.eu/fileadmin/images/content/D1.1_Baseline_Report.pdf

CALLS

Youth in Action Program Guide, valid since 1.1.2012 available at
http://ec.europa.eu/youth/documents/programme-guide-2012_en.pdf

EFPA or its member associations could become a promoter within the framework of this program and thus eligible for funding:

Eligible promoters Youth in Action projects are submitted and, if selected, managed by promoters representing the participants.

Are you:
-a non-profit or non-governmental organisation
-a local, regional public body
-an informal group of young people

- a body active at European level in the youth field (ENGO), having member branches in at least 8 Programme Countries
- an international governmental non-profit organisation
- a profit-making organisation organising an event in the area of youth, sport or culture legally established in one of the Programme or Partner Countries?

If so, you can be promoter of a Youth in Action project depending on the Action and sub-Action concerned. For the conditions for participation in specific Actions or sub-Actions, please consult Part B of this Guide. If your project is selected, you become a "beneficiary" of the Programme. A beneficiary is a promoter who will be proposed a grant agreement for the realisation of the project (grant agreements are not proposed to the participants themselves). What is a body active at European level in the youth field? A body active at European level in the youth field is a European Non Governmental Organisation which pursues a goal of general European interest and whose activities are aimed at young people's participation in public life and in society and the development of European cooperation activities in the youth field.

An ENGO must:

- be legally established for at least one year
- be non-profit-making
- be established in one of the Programme Countries, one of the countries of the Western Balkan, in Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation or Ukraine
- operate at European level
- be active in the field of youth (it may be a body whose activities are solely for the benefit of young people or a body with wider aims, some of the activities of which are for the benefit of young people)
- have a structure and activities covering at least eight Programme Countries (it may be a European network representing bodies active in the field of youth)
- run activities in accordance with the principles underlying the Community activity in the youth field
- involve the young people in managing the activities conducted for their benefit.

For the purpose of applications to be submitted under the permanent actions of the Programme Guide, beneficiaries under sub-action 4.1 will be automatically considered as bodies active at European level in the youth field.

There are 3 rounds with deadlines 01/02/2012, 01/06/2012, 01/09/2012 for the following actions: Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges - Action 1.3 - Youth Democracy Projects Thematic Networking - Action 2 - European Voluntary Service (EVS) Action 3.1 - Cooperation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries of the European Union -Action 4.3 - Training and Networking of those active in youth work and youth organisations Action 5.1 - Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy. Program guide and application forms are available at http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/applications_permanent_call_2012_en.php

Funding opportunities 2012 under the EU Europe for citizens program

Measure 2.1: Citizens' projects 01/06/2012

Measure 2.2: Support measures 01/06/2012



The measure "Citizens projects" aims at exploring innovative methodologies and approaches to encourage citizens' active participation at European level and to stimulate the dialogue between European citizens and European institutions. Under this measure a variety of projects of a transnational and cross-sectoral dimension, directly involving citizens will be supported. Priority is given to projects aimed at encouraging local level participation. Eligible: Civil society organisations (CSOs) include among others, trade unions, educational institutions and organisations active in the field of voluntary work and amateur sport (e.g. NGOs, umbrella

organisations, networks, associations and federations, think tanks, universities, religious organisations).

Citizens' projects are expected to:

- Collect the opinion of citizens on some key European challenges for the future;
- Explore new methodologies capable of promoting active interaction and discussion between citizens on matters related to EU policies that affect their daily life;
- Create mechanisms that allow European citizens to develop civic competences, to formulate their views and opinions on the European integration process in the form of recommendations for policy makers at European level;
- Encourage the dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the EU, empowering citizens as regards EU policies and their impact, and ensuring appropriate follow up of citizens' opinions by the EU institutions.

In this regard it is requested that at least 30% of the participants of the project must come from countries other than the country that hosts the project event.

Support Measures aim at supporting the activities which may lead to the establishment of long-lasting partnerships and networks reaching a significant number of different stakeholders promoting active Europe citizenship, thus contributing to provide a better response to the programmes' objectives and maximizing the overall programme impact and effectiveness. Support measures are expected to finance activities implemented by the structures such as platforms and networks targeting to develop and strengthen all programme's actions thus contributing to smooth programme implementation and assuring the large transnational coverage in favor of potential programme's stakeholders by means of the following types of activities: Training sessions enabling the potential Europe for Citizens

Europe for Citizens Programme Information sessions promoting the Europe for Citizens Programme or its specific measure and targeting exchanges of experience and best practices among the current and potential programme's stakeholders; Creating platforms facilitating partner search and networking among current and potential stakeholders.
Detailed info at
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2012/call_action1_12_2012_en.php

Funding under the 2012 Health Programmes deadline 9. March 2012

Grants for Projects <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/projects.html> Interesting actions for psychologists are:

- support to the EU Innovation Partnership on active and healthy ageing
- Local Community including school based initiatives to prevent overweight and obesity among children and adolescents
- Good Practice and working methods to support healthy choices and enhance life skills to prevent alcohol-related
- Benchmark comprehensive cancer care that provides interdisciplinary treatment for patients, and yield examples of best practice in comprehensive cancer care
- Preventing chronic diseases
- Support for European rare diseases information network

Operating grants under health programme <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/grants.html>
Grants for conferences <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/conferences.html>

Erasmus Mundus Call for Proposal:

Actions:

Action 1 : Joint programmes including scholarship

Action 2 : Partnership with third Country higher education institutions

Ref Application: EACEA/42/11 – Deadline 30/04/2012 – Selection open

Action 3: Promotion of European Higher Education

The Erasmus Mundus programme aims to enhance the quality of higher education and promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through mobility and academic cooperation. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in Third Countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

The Erasmus Mundus programme provides support to:

- **higher education institutions** that wish to implement joint programmes at postgraduate level (Action 1) or to set-up inter-institutional cooperation partnerships between universities from Europe and targeted Third-Countries (Action 2);
- **individual students, researchers and university staff** who wish to spend a study / research / teaching period in the context of one of the above mentioned joint programmes or cooperation partnerships (Action 1 and 2);
- **any organisation active in the field of higher education** that wishes to develop projects aimed at enhancing the attractiveness, profile, visibility and image of European higher education worldwide (Action 3).

This Call for Proposals aims to support projects under all three Actions of the programme:

Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes

- Action 1A: Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMC)
- Action 1B: Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJD)

Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Partnerships

- Action 2 – STRAND 1: Partnerships with countries covered by the ENPI, DCI, EDF and IPA instruments (former External Cooperation Window)
- Action 2 – STRAND 2: Partnerships with countries and territories covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI)

Action 3: Promotion of European higher education

- Projects to enhance the Attractiveness of European higher education

Detailed info

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2012/call_eacea_42_11_en.php

2012 Lifelong Learning Programmes

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2012/call_lifelong_learning_2012.php

Transversal Programme: deadline 1 March 2012 12h CET

KA1 (Policy Co-operation and Innovation) KA2 (Languages), KA3 (ICT), KA4 (Dissemination and exploitation of results)

Multilateral Projects, Networks, Accompanying Measures; Reference EAC/27/11, (2011/C 233/06);

Funding opportunities under the EU Daphne III Programme- deadline 29.March 2012 12h CET

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/daphne_call_for_proposals_action_grants_2011_2012_en.htm

The Daphne III programme aims to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence and attain a high level of health protection, well-being and social cohesion. Its specific objective is to contribute to the prevention of, and the fight against all forms of violence occurring in the public or the private domain, including sexual exploitation and trafficking of human beings. It aims to take preventive measures and provide support and protection for victims and groups at risk

Funding opportunities under the EU Fundamental Rights Programme deadline 13th March 2012 12h CET http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/111201_en.htm

The Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme aims to promote the development of a European society based on respect for fundamental rights and rights derived from citizenship of the European Union. The focus of the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme is: the protection of the rights of the child; combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism; the fight against homophobia; active participation in the democratic life of the Union; data protection and privacy rights; training and networking between legal professions and legal practitioners

Funding opportunities under the EU Drug Prevention and Information Programme-DPIP
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/drug/index_en.htm deadline 17.April 2012 12h CET

This Programme provides financial support for projects which aim to exchange and transfer best practice across the EU to improve the quality of prevention and treatment services, to reduce drug-related health damage and to prevent drug use. The target groups of the programme's activities are all those who may be affected by the consequences of drug use, including:

- young people, pregnant women, vulnerable groups and problematic neighbourhoods.
- Other target groups are, inter alia, teachers and educational staff, parents, social workers, local and national authorities, medical and paramedical staff, judicial staff, law enforcement and penitentiary authorities, NGOs, trade unions and religious communities.

Information regarding the upcoming Call for Proposals VP/2012/003

Potential applicants for calls for proposals VP/2012/003 (Information consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings), Budget heading 04.03.03.03 are hereby informed that this call is expected to be published mid/end February 2012, with first deadline at mid/end of April (the exact deadline will be determined by the date of publication). <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en>

Call for scientific articles on inclusion of young people marginalised by early school leaving and unemployment

The Foundation P&V has launched a project gathering recent and relevant scientific knowledge on the inclusion of young people marginalised by early school leaving and unemployment. Deadline for submitting articles is 30th of June 2012. A maximum of 12 articles will be selected and rewarded with a prize of €1,500 each. Authors will present their work in a conference in December 2012. Articles will be included in a widely disseminated publication via the European Network of the Foundations for Social Economy.

More info at <http://www.fondationpv.be/index.php?id=42>

http://www.fondationpv.be/fileadmin/templates/main/pdf/youngPeople/youngPeopleMarginalised_call.pdf

RESEARCH

Inclusion of young people marginalised by early school leaving and unemployment - a call for research

The Foundation P&V has launched a far-reaching project that aims to bring together the most recent and relevant scientific knowledge on the subject. The articles must be submitted by 30 June 2012. A maximum of 12 articles will be selected and rewarded with a prize of €1,500

each. Their authors will present their works in a conference to be organised in December 2012; the articles will form part of a publication disseminated widely in Belgium and Europe via the European Network of the Foundations for Social Economy.

The Foundation P&V is based in Belgium and it undertakes various activities to combat the marginalisation of young people; the launched project should explore expert knowledge, specific experiences and policy schemes that effectively resolve problems resulting from lack of skills and early school leaving. More information at: www.fondationpv.be

MISCELLANEOUS

EU-OSHA's Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2012-2013 'Working together for risk prevention' starts on 18 April 2012 and focuses on the twin concepts of management leadership and worker participation in occupational safety and health. More info and new campaign material at www.healthy-workplaces.eu.

EuroHealthNet has opened a new website on healthy ageing <http://www.healthyageing.eu/>. This website is dedicated to raising awareness of healthy ageing within the context of the EY 2012, especially the important role health promotion plays, in contributing to a healthier, more active EU population for the future. The new website will highlight key factors such as, promoting healthy diets, physical activities, social relations and meaningful activities necessary for ageing healthily throughout a person's life. It will showcase a number of local, regional and national projects dedicated to promoting older peoples health while also identifying a number of EU policy initiatives and instruments that are available to promote healthy ageing.

The European Brain Council calls 2014 to become the European year of the brain. <http://www.europeanbraincouncil.org/projects/eyob/materials.asp> A European Year is a focused theme agreed by the European Institutions to be run throughout the year and throughout the member states.



For a European Year to be launched it must be proposed by the European Commission. A European Council agreement must follow (among the relevant national ministers) and this must be approved by the European Parliament which will vote on the budget. This decision making process takes several years since it requires each institution to commit to doing something concrete. It also requires the corresponding budget to be approved at European and national levels so that activities such as European, national and local-level awareness-raising campaigns and proposals for political initiatives (a new European programme, new legislation, new political objectives etc) can be funded.

This year 2012 is the **European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations** <http://europa.eu/ey2012/>

The European Disability Forum launched the campaign "We want free movement for all" http://www.edf-feph.org/Page_Generale.asp?DocID=13854&thebloc=27027