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EAPN participates in the launch event of the Social Inclusion Regional Group

On 23 February, the Social Inclusion Regional Group will have its launch event of the 2010 established in response to the European Union's initiative to name 2010 the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. Pauline Geoghegan, coordinator of the 2010 Coalition of Social NGOs for the European Year, will present the Coalition and its demands for concrete outcomes of 2010. Find full details on the 2010 Social Inclusion Regional Group initiative by [visiting the SIRG's webpage](#). The event is scheduled to take place on the 23rd February 2010 starting at 9.30 in the European Parliament.

The event will present the thematic priorities of each of the 2010 Social Inclusion Regional Group's working groups and showcase a series of local case studies demonstrating the innovative role that can be played by local and regional actors to combat poverty and social exclusion. *For any questions, please do not hesitate to address the North East England Office in its capacity as chair of the 2010 SIRG's steering group at 2010sirg@northeastengland.eu. To register for this event, please send your contact details to 2010sirg@northeastengland.eu, if you do not benefit from access to the European Parliament we will need details of your passport and date of birth in order to have a badge issued for you in advance.*

EAPN meets with Independent Experts on Social Inclusion

EAPN has been invited by the European Commission to meet with the Independent Experts on Social Inclusion on 26 February, following a **very positive feedback on its [report on the Crisis](#)**, written by EAPN's Social Inclusion Working Group. The Independent Experts on Social Inclusion are appointed by the Commission to support the social OMC. The outcome of this meeting should feed into the Commission's ongoing stocktaking on the impact of social issues. For more information, contact Sian Jones, EAPN's Policy Coordinator (sian.jones@eapn.eu).

Europa website undermines European Commission's commitment to the social OMC and to the fight against poverty

In a letter addressed on 16 March to Director-General of DG Employment Robert Verrue, EAPN expressed its **concerns about recent changes to the Commission's pages of the Europa website** which appear to undermine the visibility of the Commission's **commitment**

to the fight against poverty and to the Social OMC. In its letter, EAPN asked the Director General to take urgent action to restore the specific pages on the Social OMC and the relevant documents related to the fight against poverty and social exclusion, including a high profile for 2010 - the EY for combating poverty and social exclusion. If you wish to read the full letter, please contact team@eapn.eu.

NEWS FROM THE EAPN NATIONAL NETWORKS

All EAPN National Networks' and European organizations' contact details and websites are available on EAPN's website [here](#).

EAPN Belgium

The Belgian Network is organising a meeting where **people experiencing poverty wish to debate with you** on recommendations concerning **health, social security and social inclusion**, on **26 February 2010** at the **Belgian National Bank**. Access [all information](#).

EAPN Belgium (Walloon network)

The *Collectif des femmes* (Women's association) from Louvain-La-Neuve and the *Réseau Wallon de Lutte contre la Pauvreté* (Walloon Anti-Poverty Network) are organising a conference on « *La pauvreté au féminin – Elles, leurs droits, leurs revendications, leurs stratégies,...* » « Women's poverty – They, their rights, their demands, their strategies, ... » on 2 March 2010, in Louvain-La-Neuve. This conference will be a North-South exchange as it will gather speakers from both hemispheres. Access [all information](#) (in French).

EAPN Ireland: Action Needed to Prevent Reversal of Progress on Poverty

“EAPN Ireland call for Jobs Strategy and Plan for Tackling Poverty”. A decade of progress on poverty in Ireland will be reversed without immediate action from the Government, according to Anna Visser, Director of the European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland. Speaking before the launch (05/02/10) of the Irish programme for the 2010 European year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, Ms. Visser called on the Government to ensure a lasting legacy for the 2010 year; including a job strategy, a commitment on no further cuts to the incomes of the poorest in society, and a plan for how the Government will reach its own target of eliminating consistent poverty by 2016. Read [more](#).

This Flash also reminds you that on 19 February, EAPN Ireland hosts a major international conference on the occasion of the 2010 Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, “Building Social Europe: From Crisis to Opportunity in Dublin to progress its **vision for the legacy of the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion**, in the context of the **EU's priorities for the next decade**. Read [more](#).

Tall agenda for Barroso II

When president Barroso's first team took office, the economy was doing well and unemployment was declining. Five years on and following the biggest recession in decades, a whole new set of challenges awaits the 2010-14 European commission. Outlining his priorities in last autumn, the president said his first order of business would be driving economic recovery and getting millions of people who lost their jobs during the slump back to work. Read [more](#).

Skills and jobs experts call for action now

Immediate action is required to solve Europe's skills deficiencies and give Europeans a better chance of labour market success in the future, says an independent expert report published by the European Commission today. The report - *'New Skills for New Jobs: Action Now'* - stresses the need to provide the right incentives for people to upgrade their skills, to better link education, training and work, to develop the right mix of skills, and to better anticipate those skills needed in the future. Read [more](#).

Europeans broadly satisfied with their lives, but survey highlights concerns over the future of the economic and social situation

Europeans are on average broadly satisfied with their personal situation, but less satisfied when it comes to the economy, public services and social policies in their country, according to an opinion survey released 2 February. Read [more](#).

The Eurobarometer on the social climate in the EU also found large differences between countries, with people in the Nordic countries and the Netherlands generally most satisfied with their personal situation. The survey forms part of the European Commission's Social Situation Report, also released today, which examines social trends in Europe, this year focusing on housing. On that page, you will also find key publications: [EU Social Situation Report 2009](#) and the [Special Eurobarometer survey on the social situation](#).

EU informal summit

The informal EU Council meeting held on 11 February in Brussels ended with consensus on the need to achieve greater coordination of the economy in the short, medium and long term and with a political agreement to overhaul Greece's finances. The Council meeting, according to its permanent president, Herman Van Rompuy, had been called by him to discuss a strategy to address the economic crisis. To maintain the European model, structural reforms will be needed and a strategy "that we can follow and monitor", he argued. The goal of what Van Rompuy called "managing economic policy" should be to pursue "fewer objectives, but objectives that can be quantified and monitored and ones which are different for different countries according to the situation of each one". Read [more](#).

Parliament approves new European Commission

The European Parliament elected the new European Commission by 488 votes to 137, with 72 abstentions, in Strasbourg on 9 February. The vote took the form of a single ballot on the whole College of Commissioners, consisting of one Commissioner from each of the 27 EU Member States. The new Commission will stay in office until 31 October 2014. Read [more](#).

Urgent action needed to close the gender pay gap

Daniela Bankier, Head of the European Commission's unit for Equality between Men and Women, called for the gender pay gap to be urgently addressed as it leads to a waste of resources for society and businesses. Her comments were made during a roundtable debate between stakeholders including representatives of the European Parliament and trade unions. Ms Bankier also outlined the complex causes of the gender pay gap and the differences that exist between EU Member States. Read [more](#).

Empowering Europe's youth – Europe's best employment and growth programme

EU cooperation and funding can support cities and regions in their efforts to create the best conditions for young people to find a job and to play an active role in modern society. The need to empower young people so that they can make full use of Europe's many opportunities was at the heart of the political debate at today's plenary session of the Committee of the Regions (CoR). Local and regional politicians from all 27 EU member states discussed concrete measures for a future-oriented European youth policy and adopted three key reports on the subject. Read [more](#).

Commissioner László Andor on the European Parliament's approval of the European Microfinance Facility

Speaking in Strasbourg following the European Parliament voting, Mr László Andor, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion commented: *"I warmly welcome today's vote by the European Parliament which clears the way for the adoption of the new European Microfinance Facility for employment and inclusion. This facility will offer a lifeline to people suffering from the crisis and help create new jobs"*. Read [more](#).

Human trafficking: EP calls for unconditional aid to victims

Victims of human trafficking, especially women and children, should receive protection and "unconditional" assistance, the European Parliament demanded in a resolution adopted on 10 February. The victims should be entitled to free legal aid, the penalties for traffickers should be rethought and ways must be found to discourage demand for services supplied by the victims, say MEPs. According to the EP, victims should receive all possible help from the moment they are identified as such, including access to at least a temporary residence permit, irrespective of their willingness to cooperate in criminal proceedings, and simplified access to the labour market, including the provision of training and other forms of upskilling. Read [more](#).

Eurochild: Europe's children in care – what role for the EU?

- **Eurochild launched first ever survey to compare the situation in 30 European countries on children in alternative care.** Co-hosted by MEPs Corina Cretu and Roberta Angelilli, Eurochild launched on 27 January 2010 in the European Parliament in Brussels its trans-European survey on children in alternative care. It's the first time such a comprehensive survey has been compiled, covering 26 EU Member States. Click here to download the full survey, the programme and speakers list of the EP event.
- In the framework of the European Year 2010 against Poverty and Social Exclusion, Eurochild also launched this week its "**End Child Poverty Now!**" campaign.

AGE calls for an in-depth analysis of the poverty risk among older people in new Member States and calls the Commission to enhance the Europe 2020 social dimension

In a recent study paper issued by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna "*Poverty Risks for Older People*" Asghar Zaidi shows how considerably EU countries differ in terms of poverty risks among older people and provides evidence against the broadly shared opinion that older people in new Member States face low poverty risk levels. The author pledges in favour of the "material deprivation rate", a method to measure the capacity to afford goods and services considered as necessary by most people to have an adequate living standard. Such indicator is a reliable complementary alternative to the commonly used "at-risk-of-poverty rate" which considers as poor people those living with a disposable income below 60% of the national median income.

At the launch of the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, Commission's President Barroso and Spanish Prime Minister Zapatero committed openly to combat the persisting poverty among people aged 65 and over. AGE welcomed these important promises, but regrets the rather disappointing Commission first overview of responses to public consultation on the policy guidelines for Europe 2020 strategy. AGE calls on the Commission to take account of the major conclusion from social NGOs on the "weak, if not absent" social dimension of the strategy proposal, and to eventually ensure that the Europe 2020 strategy is underpinned by a strong social pillar, in order to guarantee that EU citizens concerns, including older people are adequately reflected in the discussion and decisions...

Read more at: <http://www.age-platform.org/EN/spip.php?article895> and <http://www.age-platform.org/EN/spip.php?article883>.

Eurodad: Austria and Luxembourg block progress on EU fight against tax evasion

On the 19th January, the European Union Council discussed savings taxation and other tax governance measures, which are all priorities for the Spanish EU presidency. The presidency has committed to pushing the agenda forward, and many other Member states including France, the UK and Germany are in support this. However, a consensus among the 27 Member states is required, and two Member states- Austria and Luxembourg - are fiercely

opposed to any substantial progress on this issue. [Read more](#) or read a related [blog piece](#) by Martin Hearson from Eurodad member Action Aid UK.

FEANTSA: Housing Rights: Landmark Ruling by the Council of Europe

On 1 February, the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), the Council of Europe body responsible for monitoring the implementation of the European Social Charter, reached the decision that Slovenia is in violation of the Charter with regards to housing rights. In the context of Collective complaint no. 53/2008 (launched by FEANTSA in August 2008), the ECSR considered that downgrading tenants' legal protection is not in line with the international obligations deriving from the Social Charter. This decision provides case-law which will be useful in courts on a local, national and international level and is a step towards a more social Europe. Read [more](#).

European Youth Forum calls the Informal European Council to include a youth dimension in the EU2020 Strategy

When close to 6 million young Europeans are not able to find a job to earn a living, the European Youth Forum calls to the EU and the Member States to provide in the EU2020 Strategy concrete measures to tackle the urgent issue of youth employment and include a renewed European Youth Pact. Read [more](#).

ERGO launches international campaign: 'Typical Roma?'

Roma groups from five European countries started the '*Typical Roma?*' campaign on January 27th in Macedonia, Albania and Bulgaria, with further campaign launches this week in Romania and Moldova. '*Typical Roma?*' (www.typicalroma.eu) is an international campaign, initiated by the European Roma Grassroots Organisation Network (ERGO). The campaign addresses **stigmatization and stereotypes as root causes of social exclusion of Roma**. The campaign raises the awareness for active citizenship of ALL in ONE society and intends to promote a **positive image of Roma**.

ILO 2010 Report on Employment World trends

The number of jobless worldwide reached nearly 212 million in 2009 following an unprecedented increase of 34 million compared to 2007, on the eve of the global crisis, the International Labour Office (ILO) said in its annual [Global Employment Trends](#) report. Read [more](#).

AGE calls on the Employment Committee (EMCO) to find innovative ways to retain older workers in the labour market

Ahead of their meeting on 17-18 February, AGE shared with EMCO members its concerns and recommendations on the draft Joint Employment Report to be adopted by EPSCO on 8-9 March 2010. The inclusiveness of the labour market is set to become even more challenging as the impact of the crisis spills over into the area of employment, placing certain groups of

workers such as young people and those aged 50+ in a particularly vulnerable situation. Read [more](#).

AGE calls for an in-depth analysis of the poverty risk among older people in new Member States and concrete actions to reduce it

In a recent study paper issued by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna [“Poverty Risks for Older People”](#) Asghar Zaidi shows how considerably EU countries differ in terms of poverty risks among older people. Using different methods to measure the risk of poverty, the author also provides evidence against the broadly shared opinion that older people in new Member States face low poverty risk levels. Read [more](#).

AGE questions Commission first overview of responses to Europe 2020 public consultation

Will the Commission ever listen to EU citizens and draw the lessons from its past policy options and the present crisis? In a Staff Working Document published on 2 February, the Commission issued a very synthetic overview of the numerous responses received to the public consultation on Europe 2020 strategy. Although the document reports that *“Stakeholders with a social vocation broadly support the Commission's proposed priorities, but consider its scope too narrow”*, this laconic statement does not pay justice to the issues raised by social NGO in their responses to the consultation. Read [more](#).

SOLIDAR new report on legal framework for social services

A [report](#) on a seminar which discussed the application of community law and the use of public procurement in the field of social services, organised by SOLIDAR together with 7 other European networks of social service providers, has been issued. It is widely regarded as the first report of its kind as it brings together case studies and observations on social services over a wide range of different fields from homelessness to disability. You can read more about the discussions on social services taking place at EU level in the [SOLIDAR briefing paper](#) on the topic.

ENAR press release on “EU 2020” strategy ahead of EU Summit

ENAR issued a press release on 11 February, on the day of an informal EU summit to discuss, among others, the future “EU2020” strategy, calling on EU governments to adopt a strategy that puts the well-being of people, equality, anti-discrimination and social cohesion at its heart. ENAR also expressed concerns about by the European Commission’s erroneous first assessment of the public consultation on the EU 2020 Strategy, which states that “stakeholders with a social vocation broadly support the Commission’s proposed priorities”. Read [more](#).

EU2020 consultation mischaracterises Social Platform's position

The Social Platform reacted strongly to the European Commission’s overview of the responses received to its consultation on the EU2020 Agenda, as the document incorrectly states that social NGOs support the Commission's EU 2020 proposals. Conny Reuter, Social

Platform President, said: "We find that the overview of the responses to the EU2020 consultation totally mischaracterises the position of our sector. It claims that we 'broadly support the Commission's proposed priorities', yet our response to the consultation explicitly said the opposite: that the proposed text represented a step back for social cohesion and social inclusion in Europe." Read [more](#).

ODIHR request for submissions for its 2009 report on hate crimes

The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the OSCE is preparing its 2009 annual report on hate crimes. The report provides an overview of data collected on hate crimes as well as of responses to combat hate crimes. As in past years, ODIHR encourages submission from non-governmental organisations. Information submitted should be, to the greatest possible extent, brief and concise and be sent by 19 March 2009. Read [more](#).

'Never Again' association appeal to remove racist auctions

'Nigdy Wiêcej', the 'Never Again' Organisation, calls on civil society organisations to support their appeal to the Allegro auction e-platform to remove any auctions of racial, xenophobic and neo-fascist character, which are currently in disguise labelled 'collector's'. Weekly, there are 20-40 auctions of this kind in the music section only. For more information, contact: redakcja@nigdywiecej.org.

PUBLICATIONS

EU Social Situation Report 2009

Published annually since 2000, this is a key report analysing social trends. It is divided into two parts, the first being devoted to a special topic which is explored in depth - this year its the impact of the crisis, housing and social exclusion and the second consisting of statistical portraits covering the full range of social policy issues and a data annex. Together with other reports (in particular on employment, social protection and social inclusion, gender equality, industrial relations and demography), it meets the Commission's obligation, enshrined in the Article 143 of the Treaty, to report on a wide range of social policy areas. The report seems to highlight that Europeans are quite happy with their personal situation, but less satisfied with economic and social climate in their country. Nearly 27 000 people were polled across 30 countries – the 27 EU countries and Croatia, Turkey and the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia. The survey was conducted over three weeks in May and June, when Europe was struggling to pull itself out of the deepest recession in decades. Access the report [here](#).

Social Protection Committee Work Programme for 2010 and list of Members

EU social protection systems face a series of significant common challenges – for example, the need to adapt to the changing world of work, new family structures and the dramatic demographic changes of the forthcoming decades.

In response to these challenges, a group of high-level officials has been established in 2000

to serve as a vehicle for cooperative exchange between the European Commission and the Member States about modernising and improving social protection systems: the Social Protection Committee.

The [Opinions](#) and [Reports](#) adopted by the Social Protection Committee are available from the [documents database](#). Read more and access all documents [here](#).

Monthly Labour Market Monitor February 2010

Economic growth has resumed in the EU, although the recovery remains fragile. Nevertheless, it is still too early to have had much impact on employment at this stage, and latest data covering the period up to December 2009/January 2010 indicate that the labour market continues to deteriorate, although at a more moderate pace over recent months. Read [more](#).

Eurocities

Research paper on poverty and social exclusion in urban areas

European cities are drivers of economic development, growth and innovation. Despite their prosperity, they are frequently centres of poverty and social exclusion, with certain urban areas suffering from high levels of unemployment and poverty, low academic achievement, long-term welfare dependency, poor health, poor housing conditions and low quality public facilities. This report was prepared in cooperation with social policy experts from around thirty cities of the EUROCITIES network. Read [more](#).

Social exclusion and inequalities in European Cities: Challenges and Responses

A research paper focusing on poverty and exclusion in cities. These problems often deepest felt in deprived urban neighbourhoods. Based on the input from over 20 cities, the paper explores issues such as unemployment, child poverty and digital exclusion. It also outlines concrete steps that cities are taking to respond to these challenges. It will guide EUROCITIES' awareness-raising debates, activities and events in 2010

European Policy Centre

- **Barnier and the 'vision thing': reinvigorating the Single Market.** Read [more](#) and access the [full publication](#).
- **The Barroso II Commission and the need to extend Europe 2020.** Read [more](#) and access the full [publication](#).
- **Addressing Europe's employment crisis: what policies for recovery and reform?** Read [more](#) and access the [full publication](#).
- **EU 2020: a reappraisal.** Read [more](#) and access the [full publication](#).

ICMC report on managing international migration

Over a period of three months, the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) has consulted leading policy makers and actors within the migration field, bringing them together for informal discussions on the diverse challenges associated with global migration flows and approaches, and to discuss ways to improve international migration management. Its report *"Connecting the dots: a fresh look at managing international migration"* offers a

summary report of these first conversations, including recommendations for next steps. Read [more](#).

New publications of NEF's 'Religion and Democracy in Europe' initiative

The Network of European Foundations has recently released a series of reports in the framework of its initiative on Religion and Democracy in Europe. These reports are: "Religion and Healthcare in the European Union", by Dimitrina Petrova; "Teaching about Religions in European School Systems", by Luce Pépin; "Conflicts over Mosques in Europe", by Stefano Allievi; and "Religion and Prejudice in Europe: New Empirical Findings", by Beate Küpper & Andreas Zick. These reports, drafted by acknowledged experts in different fields, map existing practices and different approaches to specific issues of concern and are designed to interest policy makers, practitioners and civil society. Read [more](#).

MSF report: "Over the Wall: A Tour of Italy's Migrant Centres"

This report is the fruit of a survey carried out by Médecins Sans Frontières-Missione Italia on the social and health conditions, state of the facilities, management, standards of services supplied and respect for rights in the detention centres for immigrants without residence permits (CIE) and the reception Centres for asylum applicants and migrants (CARA and CDA). Read [more](#).

Interesting links

- Website of the Spanish Presidency: www.eu2010.es
- [EC ongoing consultations](#)
- [Engage](#), the Social Platform newsletter, aims to promote the activities of European social NGOs and their fight for a more just and equal Social Europe.

AGENDA

February 2010

19 Feb: [EAPN's international conference on "Building Social Europe - from Crisis to Recovery" in Dublin, Ireland.](#)

22 Feb: Integrating Cities process, fourth conference in the series, "[Towards a shared vision for migrant integration in European cities](#)", taking place on 22 February 2010 in London, UK.

22 Feb: DG Employment European Commission, seminar on the **impact of the current crisis on the preparedness for demographic change**, Brussels. Contact: julius.opdebeke@ec.europa.eu.

23 Feb: Social Inclusion Regional Group, **2010 launch event in response to the European Union's initiative to name 2010 the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion**, European Parliament, Brussels. (see all details in section EAPN news).

24 Feb: European Roma and Travellers Forum is pleased to invite you to participate at the **Fifth Plenary Assembly of the European Roma and Travellers Forum**, Palais de l'Europe,

Room 1, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France. For all information and registration write to (ertf@ertf.org).

24-26 Feb: [European SMES SEMINAR: "Invisible wounds – Migrants Dignity and Vulnerability"](#), Athens.

26 Feb: EAPN Wallonia (RWLP), Conference and debate, *Les pistes de solutions en matière de logement pour familles monoparentales et recomposées*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. Contact : contact@habitat-participation.be.

March 2010

1 March: CECOP working meeting with stakeholders on social enterprises / enterprises of general interest "Social enterprises: what is their future in Europe?", Brussels. Get the programme in English and French writing to cecop@cecop.coop.

2 March: EAPN Wallonia (Belgium) and the *Collectif des Femmes* (Women's association), [Conference on Women's Poverty and North-South exchange](#), Louvain-la-Neuve.

2 March: COFACE: FAMILYPLATFORM Info Day, "[For the wellbeing of families in Europe, today and tomorrow](#)", Brussels.

10-11 March: European Commission [Conference on EU projects in favour of the Roma community](#), Brussels.

11-12 March: [World Diversity Leadership Summit Europe](#), Vienna, Austria.

18-19 March: MINORITYMEDIA and the research centre MIGRINTER [international conference on ethnic minority media](#), Poitiers, France.

18-19 March: EESC Conference "An EU Roadmap for a Sustainable Economic and Social Recovery". Contact: roadmapforrecovery@eesc.europa.eu.

26 March: COFACE seminar "**The role of social protection in the fight against poverty and social exclusion: which safety net for families?**", Brussels. Contact: secretariat@coface-eu.org.

April 2010

21-22 April: EUROCITIES [seminar on tackling health inequalities in cities](#), Ghent, Belgium. To register to the seminar, please fill in the attached registration form and return it to anna.drozd@eurocities.eu and congres.health_eurocities@gent.be.

29 April: AGE [EU Day on solidarity between generations](#).

May 2010

11-16 May: UNITED conference "[Europe All Inclusive? Minorities on the Edge of Society](#)", Budapest, Hungary.

June 2010

16-19 June: Inclusion Europe, [15th World Congress of Inclusion International](#), Berlin.

October 2010

22-23 Oct: Mental Health Europe annual Conference 2010 "**Challenging Poverty - Creating Hope. Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Mental Health Problems**", Brussels. Contact: info@mhe-sme.org.

TENDERS / GRANTS

Calls for proposals

- Find here [all calls](#) concerning the [7th Framework Programme \(FP7\)](#).
- [Youth in Action - Programme \(2007 - 2013\)](#) - Deadline: **from 01 February 2007 up to the end of 2013**. Deadlines vary according to Action. Please contact the European Commission or your National Agency).
- [Youth in Action 2010 Priorities](#) – several deadlines: see [here](#).
- [EURES European Employment Services](#) – Deadline: **22 February 2010**.
- [Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue](#) – Deadlines: **16 March 2010** for actions commencing no earlier than 16 May 2010 and no later than 22 December 2010; **31 August 2010** for actions commencing no earlier than 31 October 2010 and no later than 22 December 2010.
- [Information, Consultation and Participation of representatives of undertakings](#) – **9 April 2010**.
- [Information and training measures for workers' organisations](#) – Deadline: **20 April 2010**.
- [Europe for Citizens Programme - Action 4: Active European Remembrance aiming at preserving the sites and archives associated with deportations as well as the commemorating of victims of Nazism and Stalinism](#) – deadline: **30 April 2010**.
- [Modernised coordination of social security schemes: Transnational actions for cooperation and information](#) – Deadline: **17 May 2010**.
- [Europe for Citizens Programme - Action 1, Measure 2.1: Citizens' projects](#) – Deadline: **01 June 2010**
- [Lifelong Learning Programme - 2010 call](#)

Deadlines

- Comenius, Grundtvig: **In-service Training**: first deadline: 15 January 2010 - further deadlines: 30 April 2010, 15 September 2010
- Comenius **Assistantships**: 29 January 2010
- Leonardo da Vinci: **Mobility** (including the Leonardo Da Vinci mobility certificate); Erasmus: **Intensive Language Courses (EILC)**: 5 February 2010
- **Jean Monnet Programme**: 12 February 2010
- Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: **Partnerships**; Comenius: **Comenius Regio Partnerships**; Grundtvig: **Workshops**: 19 February 2010
- Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: **Multilateral projects, Networks and Accompanying Measures**: 26 February 2010
- Leonardo da Vinci: **Transfer of Innovation multilateral Projects**: 26 February 2010

- Erasmus: **Intensive Programmes (IP), Students mobility for studies and placements** (including the Erasmus consortium placement certificate) and **Staff mobility** (teaching assignments and staff training): 12 March 2010
- Grundtvig: **Assistantships, Senior Volunteering Projects**: 31 March 2010
- **Transversal Programme**: 31 March 2010
- Transversal Programme: **Key activity 1 - Study visits**: first deadline: 31 March 2010 - second deadline: 15 October 2010
- Europe for Citizens Programme: Active Citizens for Europe, Active civil society in Europe and Active European Remembrance

Deadlines

- Action 1 Measure 1.1 Town twinning citizens' meetings: 1 February, 1 April, 1 June, 1 September 2010
- Action 1 Measure 1.2 The thematic networking of twinned towns: 1 February, 1 September 2010
- Action 1 Measure 2.1 Citizens' projects: 1 June 2010
- Action 1 Measure 2.2 Support measures: 1 June 2010
- Action 2 Measure 3 Support for projects initiated by civil society organizations: 15 February 2010
- Action 4 Active European Remembrance: 30 April 2010

Call for tenders

- Study on measures to promote the situation of Roma EU citizens in the EU – Deadline: 18 March 2010.

SHARING INFORMATION

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- promoting policy transfer, learning and support among Member States on EU objectives and priorities; and
- relaying the views of the stakeholders and society at large.

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http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/progress/index_en.html

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