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50 years of electing judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Fifty years ago on 21 January, the first judges of the European Court of Human Rights were elected by the Assembly. Under the terms of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Assembly – made up of parliamentarians from all 47 member states – elects each judge from a short-list of three candidates nominated by each High Contracting Party.

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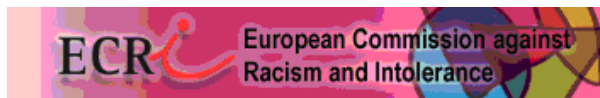
Stop the biggest neo-nazi march in Europe! Come to Dresden on 14 February 2009

On 14 February 2009, right-wing extremists from all over Europe will once again gather for their annual 'mourning march' in Dresden (D) - *UNITED* and the local platform *Geh Denken* calls for your help to stop the largest meeting of the European right-wing extremist movement!

In 2008 a frightening crowd of more than 6000 neo-nazis from Germany and foreign allied brotherhoods were mobilised for the largest gathering of the European right-wing extremist movement. Under the guise of commemorating the victims of the air raids against Dresden 13-15 February 1945, right-wing extremists claim the streets of Dresden to spread defamatory propaganda and gain public acceptance. Beside that, this self-declared 'March of mourning and commemoration' forms the highlight of a several days lasting network meeting of the right-wing extremist movement - where neo-nazis can get organised and receive ideological training.

UNITED calls for international support to make an end to the silent acceptance of this neo-nazi demonstration in the state of Saxony. The regional platform 'GehDenken' (Go and Think/Commemorate) together with UNITED is organising counter-actions in the streets of Dresden on 14 February 2009.

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European Commission against Racism and Intolerance

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) is the Council of Europe's independent human rights monitoring body specialised in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and intolerance.

ECRI is entrusted with the task of combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance in greater

Europe from the perspective of the protection of human rights, in the light of the European Convention on Human Rights, its additional protocols and related case-law

ECRI's objectives are: to review member states' legislation, policies and other measures to combat racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance, and their effectiveness; to propose further action at local, national and European level; to formulate general policy recommendations to member states; to study international legal instruments applicable in the matter with a view to their reinforcement where appropriate.

ECRI's action covers all measures needed to combat violence, discrimination and prejudice against persons or groups of persons on the grounds of their race, colour, language, religion, nationality or national or ethnic origin.

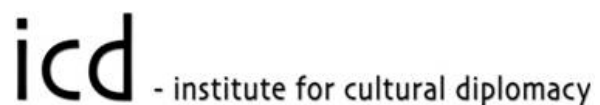
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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Training Trainers for Human Rights Education

What? A call for application to the training course "Training trainers for human rights education with young people"
When? 30 March – 8 April 2009
Where? European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary
Deadline to apply: 9 February 2009

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/Source/News&Calls/2009_TOTHRE_presentation_en.pdf



The ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy (2nd – 6th February 2009)

The ICD offers the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy to allow individuals of all backgrounds to gain an introduction in, or deepen their knowledge of, the field of Cultural Diplomacy. A diverse, interdisciplinary curriculum featuring leading figures from the public sector, private sector and civil society will stimulate discussions of the salient issues in the field of Cultural Diplomacy today.

Further information:
www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_icdacademy_introduction

Cultural Diplomacy in Europe: A Forum for Young Leaders (16 – 20 February 2009)

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