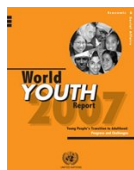


### UNITED NATIONS NEWS



#### United Nations world youth report 2007

The World Youth Report 2007 examines the challenges and opportunities existing for the roughly 1.2 billion young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in the world. Distinct from the 2003 and 2005 editions, it provides a regional overview summarizing the major youth development trends in the fifteen priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth.

The report explores major issues of concern to youth development, including employment, education, health, poverty and violence. At the same time, it highlights youth as a positive force for development and provides recommendations for supporting their essential contributions.

Text of the report available here:

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/wyr07.htm>

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

#### European Day of Integration and Intercultural Tolerance

PACE President Lluís Maria de Puig today invited the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPA CIS) to take part in the launch of a "European Day of Integration and Intercultural Tolerance".

"This is a clear and visible sign of our shared commitment to making this goal a top political priority for Europe", explained the President.

He added that "if the IPA CIS joined this PACE/European Parliament initiative, it would become a symbol of the whole Eurasian continent", providing an "excellent contribution to the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008".

#### Call for candidates for the 2008 North-South Prize

The prize is awarded to two candidates who are outstanding for their commitment to the protection of human rights, the defence of pluralist democracy, partnership and solidarity. Candidature files should be returned before 31 May 2008.

The North-South Prize of the Council of Europe has been awarded annually since 1995 to two public figures who are recognised for their deep commitment, outstanding achievements and/or the hope they have generated in the field of individual rights protection, the defence of pluralist democracy and North-South solidarity and partnership.

More information you can find here:

[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Prix\\_Nord-Sud\\_press\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Prix_Nord-Sud_press_en.asp)

#### European Commission against Racism and Intolerance publishes five new reports

On 29 April, the Council of Europe's independent human rights monitoring body specialised in combating racism, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), released five new reports examining racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance in Liechtenstein, Malta, Moldova, San Marino and Serbia. These new reports form part of a third monitoring cycle of

Council of Europe member states' laws, policies and practices aimed at combating racism.

ECRI's country-specific reports are available at

<http://www.coe.int/ecri>

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#### The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) is a body of the European Union (EU), established through Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 of 15 February 2007. It is based in Vienna and is being built on the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC).

The objective of the Agency is to provide the relevant institutions and authorities of the Community and its Member States with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights.

Tasks of FRA:

- Information and data collection, research and analysis;
- Advice to EU institutions and Member States;
- Co-operation with civil society and awareness-raising.

The Agency works in the following areas:

- racism, xenophobia and related intolerance;
- discrimination;
- compensation of victims;
- the rights of the child, including the protection of children;
- asylum, immigration and integration of migrants;
- visa and border control;
- participation of the EU citizens in the Union's democratic functioning;
- information society and, in particular, respect for private life and protection of personal data;
- access to efficient and independent justice.

<http://www.eumc.europa.eu/>

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



#### Citizenship – Connecting people throughout Europe

Call for proposals EACEA/07/08, Citizen's projects, Action 1, Measure 2.1. Priority themes of the call:

- intercultural dialogue,
- new institutional development: a new momentum for active European citizenship,
- women participation in political life,
- sport for active citizenship and social inclusion,
- the European Year of Creativity and Innovation 2009

**Deadline: 1 July 2008**

More information about the call:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm)