

## COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



**Social Networks:  
potential for social  
change – but privacy  
must be protected**

The popular uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt were to a large extent made possible by social networking, primarily on Facebook. Democracy activists posted details of anti-regime gatherings, and word spread from one network to the next with the efficacy of just a few clicks. The resultant mass street protests were perhaps the most compelling example so far of how online connectivity – with its unprecedented reach and immediacy – can translate into real-life, positive social change.

This observation must also, however, give rise to a different human rights question, says the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Thomas Hammarberg.

If information is flowing freely enough over social networks to precipitate revolution, what protections are in place to ensure that our personal data cannot be trawled from those networks and put to altogether different, less salutary purposes?

In particular, this question should be examined in line with the individual's right to privacy, which is an integral element of Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

## EU-CoE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP



**EU-CoE youth  
partnership calendar**

YouthPartnership

The European Union and the Council of Europe youth partnership calendar gives you an overview of events with relevance for youth policy cooperation and knowledge on youth in Europe. It allows for a monthly overview on stakeholders activities (specifically the European Union and the Council of Europe) and aims in this way to ease the planning of activities.

More information and the calendar itself can be found at the following web address:

<http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/calendar.html>

### TOTEM II - Call for applications now open

As part of the SALTO Euro-Med training strategy for the years 2005 and 2006, TOTEM (Training of Trainers in Euro-Med) was organised for the first time in 2006 and was one of the two long-term training courses developed at institutional level within the Euro-Med area. TOTEM II is now about to start and the call for applications has been launched. The deadline to apply is 11 July 2011.

For more information and to access the application form:  
<http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/euromed/tceuromed/tceuromed2011/totem/>  
The deadline to apply is **11 July 2011**.

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



**Public consultation  
on a possible  
successor to  
PROGRESS**

The Commission has undertaken the review of its financial instruments for the next post-2013 multiannual financial framework. The EU programme PROGRESS (2007-2013), for employment and social solidarity, includes anti-discrimination as one of its five priority areas and is subject to a review.

This public consultation targets key stakeholders of the PROGRESS programme, in particular relevant authorities in the participating countries, including public employment services, local and regional authorities, specialised bodies provided for under Union law; social and economic partners; NGOs; higher education institutions and research institutes, experts in evaluation, and the media.

The online consultation is open from **4 April to 27 May**.

Link to public consultation

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=699&langId=en&consultId=6&visib=0&furtherConsult=yes>

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



**Call for Participants:  
International Youth  
Camp "Dialogue 2011"**

The Council of Europe is launching a call for participants for the International Youth Camp "Dialogue 2011", which will be held in Kaluga Region, Russian Federation, July 21-24, 2011. The event will gather 300 young people with the aim of exchanging ideas, experiences, good practices and innovation in the field of intercultural dialogue and interreligious cooperation. The call for participants from the Council of Europe's member states (other than the Russian Federation) is now open! Please find attached the presentation of the event and the call for participants.

Deadline for applications: **15 May 2011**