



### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



#### Summer University for Democracy

The topic of the 4th Summer University for Democracy in 2009 is "Global challenges to democracy".

Over 600 political leaders, civil society activists, journalists and business leaders from 16 European countries met from 6 to 10 July in Strasbourg to discuss the impact of contemporary challenges to democratic values, human rights and the rule of law.

The Summer University is the annual highlight of the Council of Europe's 16 schools of political studies which aim to train the next generation of political, economic, social and cultural leaders in transition countries.



#### Council of Europe photo exhibition on national minorities in Novi Sad, Serbia

The Council of Europe has launched a photo exhibition on national minorities on Liberty Square (Trg Slobode) in the heart of the city of Novi Sad.

Entitled "National Minorities, Breath of Diversity, Breath of Europe", it aims at raising awareness on the diversity of European societies, taking the example of the multi-ethnic region of Vojvodina. It was born out of the desire to speak about the people we refer to under the abstract name of "national minorities". The exhibition will allow visitors to learn about the Roms, Hungarians, Croatians, Bunjevci, Slovaks or Macedonians living in Vojvodina and bring them closer to their everyday lives.

This exhibition was first launched in Strasbourg in 2008 and will continue to be shown in other cities throughout Europe in 2009.

Website of the exhibition: [www.coe.int/MinoritiesExpo](http://www.coe.int/MinoritiesExpo)



#### Youth Peace Camp: Young Leaders from conflict zones meet at the Europa Park

Forty-two young people from conflict and post-conflict regions, including Israel and the territories under Palestinian Authority, Georgia and the Kosovo Serb and Albanian communities, attended a one-week training course at the "Europa Park" in Rust, Germany on 5-12 July.

The programme gives participants an opportunity to deal with inter-community conflict and hatred through face-to-face interaction and a series of practical exercises, building mutual trust, strengthening common understanding and dissipating prejudice and stereotypes.

[www.europapark.de](http://www.europapark.de)

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



#### eYouGuide: Your rights online

This online guide gives practical advice on the "digital rights" consumers have under EU law. The guide addresses consumer issues like the rights towards your broadband provider, shopping on the web, downloading music and protecting your personal data online and on social networking sites.

Also when online, European consumers have a right to:

- clear information about prices and conditions before making a purchase;
  - decide if and how their personal data is treated;
  - delivery sent in 30 days after purchase;
- ... and much more.

Visit the eYouGuide website to find out your "digital rights and obligations":

<http://ec.europa.eu/eyoguide>

### NGO'S REVIEW



[www.eurominority.eu](http://www.eurominority.eu) • Think Europe differently

The website of Stateless Nations and minority peoples in Europe (national, cultural and linguistic minorities, native peoples, ethnic groups, areas with strong identity and autonomist, independentist or separatist tendencies)

[www.eurominority.eu](http://www.eurominority.eu) is the most complete website about European minorities on Internet. It was created by Mikael Bodlore-Penlaez in 1999.

It is the website of the *Organization for the European Minorities*. It aims at the diffusion of information on minorities thanks to a large network of correspondents in Europe! The association is based in Quimper in Brittany, town in which it was created in September 2002.

The website is translated in more than 30 European languages thanks to the goodwills of volunteer translators.

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