

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



Youth Employment: Commission welcomes Council agreement on Youth Guarantee

The numbers of unemployed young people on the EU labour market are unacceptable – 5.7 million in the EU in December i.e. 23.4% of the workforce under 25. The figure for young people aged 15-24 not in employment, education or training is 7.5 million. Young people are the most vulnerable in the European labour market, and increasingly run the risk of being marginalised.

The Recommendation, proposed by the Commission on 5th December 2012 as part of the Youth Employment Package, gives Member States a clear benchmark and precise guidelines for establishing their own Youth Guarantee scheme on the basis of six axes:

- establishing strong partnerships with all stakeholders;
- ensuring early intervention and activation to avoid young people becoming or remaining NEETs (not in employment, education or training);
- taking measures that will enable labour market integration;
- making full use of EU funding to that end;
- assessing and continuously improving the Youth Guarantee and
- implementing the scheme rapidly.

The Commission is ready and willing to make available substantial financial contributions from the European Social Fund and other EU structural funds. At the same time, the Commission confirmed in the [2013 Annual Growth Survey](#) adopted in late 2012 that Youth Guarantee schemes are key measures that should be prioritised within growth-friendly fiscal consolidation. For the Commission, investment in Youth Guarantee schemes is crucial expenditure if the EU wants to preserve its future growth potential.



New Governance Structure for the European Web Site on Integration

The European Commission approved a new governance structure for the [European Web Site on Integration](#) (EWSI). In line with EWSI requirements, Country Coordinators are:

- independent from national, regional or local governments
- qualified and recognised nationally as an authoritative voice on integration issues
- experienced, with a strong track-record of work on integration issues

Check who is the EWSI Coordinator in your country!



The EU Immigration portal now in Spanish

The [EU Immigration Portal](#), providing useful information on migration to and within the EU to migrants, is now available in Spanish. It's a tool with hands-on information for foreign nationals interested in moving to the EU or for migrants who are already in Europe and would like to move from one member country to another. It provides specific information for each category of migrants about migration procedures in all 27 EU member states.



OSCE-ODIHR Hate Crimes Report submission of information - Call for NGOs

The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is now preparing the 2012 annual report on hate crimes. The report provides an overview of data collected on hate crimes, and of responses to hate crimes. It will be launched on 15 November, 2013 the day before International Tolerance Day.

ODIHR encourages submissions from non-governmental organizations and has compiled information to assist NGOs. Information should be sent to tndinfo@odihr.pl no later than 5 April 2013 indicating in the subject line "HCR 2012 (NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION)".

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Anna Lindh Mediterranean Forum 2013 in Marseille

The Anna Lindh Forum will be a unique gathering, bringing together youth leaders and civil society organisations from the 42 Euro-Mediterranean countries, in addition to influential policy-makers and intercultural experts.

Taking place from 4th to 7th April 2013, in Marseille, European capital of culture for 2013, the Forum will be a landmark event for re-launching Dialogue, Citizenship and Cooperation in the Euro-Med region.

Apply today to participate in the event by logging onto the Forum's official website:

<http://www.annalindhforum.org/get-involved>.

The deadline for applicants is Tuesday, **26th February 2013**.

For any further information, please write to info@annalindhforum.org