

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



27 JANUARY Holocaust Remembrance Day

On the morning of 27 January 1945 the Auschwitz-Birkenau camps still held some 7,000 prisoners. Over a million people deported to Auschwitz perished there. It is estimated that six million Jews were exterminated in the death camps.

The Council of Europe was the moving spirit behind the introduction of a Day of Holocaust Remembrance and Prevention of Crimes against Humanity. Education ministers from member states took the decision in October 2002. While Germany and France have chosen 27 January, the day when Auschwitz was liberated, Holocaust Day varies in other countries according to the respective historical experience.

The Council of Europe also helps teachers with their Holocaust Remembrance Day preparations by making available teaching material for raising pupil awareness of those dark times and exploring the topics of genocide and crimes against humanity so as to promote tolerance, and friendship between nations, races and religions.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



Europe joins forces to fight poverty and social exclusion

Almost 80 million Europeans live at risk of poverty, which means they face insecurity, and go without what most people often take for granted. Living in poverty may result in a variety of problems, from not having enough money to spend on food and clothes to suffering poor housing conditions and even homelessness.

Inspired by its founding principle of solidarity, the European Union has joined forces with its Member States to make 2010 the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. The key objectives are to raise public awareness about these issues and renew the political commitment of the EU and its Member States to combat poverty and social exclusion.

More about the year you can find here:

<http://www.2010againstopoverty.eu>



New EU Roma website

The Roma web portal works as a central source to gather and present information on Commission activities and funding supporting Roma inclusion.

It also links to the NGOs and international organisations active in this field. Finally, it provides updated information on the recent major research and studies on Roma inclusion in Europe.

www.ec.europa.eu/roma

UNITED NATIONS NEWS



UN proclaims International Year of Youth in 2010

The United Nations proclaimed in December an International Year of Youth starting on 12 August 2010, in an effort to harness the energy, imagination and initiative of the world's youth in overcoming the challenges facing humankind, from enhancing peace to boosting economic development.

EMYN NEWS

Training Course

“Promotion of Youth Co-operation and Networking in Conflict Prevention and Combating Racism”

Riga, Latvia,
15-21 March 2010

European Minority Youth Network organizes a training course in Riga, Latvia from 15 to 21 March 2010, which will bring together about 30 youth workers and volunteers in order to learn and discuss issues of combating racism, conflict prevention and development of youth co-operation and networking.

The training course is supported by European Youth Foundation, <http://www.eyf.coe.int/fej/>

Deadline for applications **1 February 2010**

Information and application form could be found here:
<http://network.ngo.lv/en/Training-programmes/New-training-course>