

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



“Living together”: Council of Europe Eminent Persons' report

On behalf of the Council of Europe Group of Eminent Persons, Javier Solana Madariaga presented the report *“Living Together”: Combining diversity and freedom in 21st-century Europe* to the Committee of Ministers session meeting in Istanbul. Taking stock of the challenges arising from the resurgence of intolerance and discrimination in Europe, the report analyses “the threat” and proposes “the response” for “living together” in open European societies. Referring to the principles of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Group highlights eight specific risks to traditional Council of Europe values: widespread intolerance; growing discrimination (especially against Roma and immigrants); rising support for xenophobic and populist parties; parallel societies; Islamic extremism; loss of democratic freedoms; presence of a population without rights; and potential clash between “religious freedom” and freedom of expression.

The report underlines some of the reasons behind “the threat”: insecurity deriving from the Old Continent's financial crisis and sense of relative decline; distorted perceptions of large-scale immigration; detrimental stereotypes of minorities in the media and public opinion; and a clear leadership deficit in shaping Europe's present and future.

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Flash Eurobarometer on Youth on the Move

More than half of young people in Europe (53%) said they were willing – or would like – to work in another European country. Slightly more expressed a preference for working abroad for a limited time (28%) than for the long term (25%).

Young men (56%) were more willing to work abroad than young women (49%) and the 15-19 age group were more willing to work abroad than 30-35-year-olds (63% vs. 42%). Those with higher qualifications were also more likely to want to live abroad than those with lower secondary level qualifications (55% vs. 33%).

The fact that more than half of young people are willing to move for work is positive news for the European labour market as labour mobility in the EU currently stands at only 3%.

The results of research are available here:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/292&type=HTML>



Public consultation of future funding in the areas of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Equality

The European Commission is consulting on EU funding activities for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Equality. Stakeholders, including other European institutions and agencies can express their views on current funding activities and how they can be improved.

The consultation will be online until **15 June 2011** at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=JusticeFunding>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Training Course “Role of Youth Work in Social Inclusion of Minority Young People”

Venue: Riga, Latvia,

Dates: 26 July – 02 August 2011

Deadline: **1 June 2011**

<http://network.ngo.lv/en/Training-programmes/New-training-course>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Call for proposals "Actions grants 2011"- (addressed to national authorities!)

The European Commission published this call to support national authorities in charge of equality and non-discrimination to:

- develop their national policy to combat discrimination and promote equality beyond legislation;
- identify best practices which could be transferable to other participating countries;
- foster the dissemination of information on EU and national policy and legislation in the anti discrimination field and improve the knowledge of key concepts and develop the necessary tools.

Activities should tackle at least one of the following 5 grounds of discrimination: race and ethnic origin, disability, age, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/progress/call_20110418/call_20110418_en.htm