

## UNITED NATIONS NEWS



### Global Employment Trends for Youth 2012

The study examines the continuing job crisis affecting young people in many parts of the world. It provides updated statistics on global and regional youth unemployment rates and presents ILO policy recommendations to curb the current trends.

[http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/--dcomm/documents/publication/wcms\\_180976.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/--dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_180976.pdf)

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



### Call for participation in "Facing Facts!": A survey on hate speech and hate crime by "UNITED for Intercultural Action".

"Facing Facts!" is a two years project financed by the EC aiming to standardise criteria for comparable hate crime data collection and to train civil society organizations representing victims to gather, analyse and report in order to advocate on prevention and intervention measures.

The first results of the survey have been gathered in an overview document available. Your input will be crucial in addressing the next steps in the project's development. It will take only 15 minutes to complete. The questionnaire will be available on the Facing Facts! website until June 15th 2012." You can access our survey and more information here:

[http://www.ceji.org/facingfacts/?page\\_id=158](http://www.ceji.org/facingfacts/?page_id=158)



### IJAB brochure on selected international good practice in youth participation at local level

Youth participation has been established on the agenda of institutions at local, regional, national and European levels. It is also a key subject of the EU Youth Strategy and the independent government policy for young people of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ).

In light of this, IJAB - International Youth Service of the Federal Republic of Germany has published a brochure that provides selected good practice in youth participation at local level from Switzerland, Finland, Netherlands, Great

Britain and France. The brochure is available in German and English.

[http://www.ijab.de/uploads/tx\\_ttproducts/datasheet/Youth\\_Participation\\_at\\_local\\_level.pdf](http://www.ijab.de/uploads/tx_ttproducts/datasheet/Youth_Participation_at_local_level.pdf)



### Survey: EU Citizenship and Citizens' Rights

2013 will be the European Year of Citizens. Its aim is to ensure that all Union citizens are aware of the rights available to them in particular in a cross-border context by virtue of their status as European Union citizens. Against this background, the Committee of Regions (CoR) has commissioned the Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services (CSES) to carry out a 'Study on the Role of Local and Regional Authorities in the promotion of EU Citizenship and Citizens' Rights'. The purpose of the study is to investigate the role local and regional authorities can have in implementing and fostering citizens' rights connected to Union citizenship.

The study will be presented at a Forum organised by the CoR on 28 November 2012 in preparation of the Year 2013, and the results will be distributed in several languages. As part of the study, CSES is carrying out a survey. Apart from asking questions about the extent to which EU citizens' rights are being promoted in citizens' municipality or region, the survey also seeks to find examples of good practices that other Local and Regional Authorities might learn from. The survey, available in several languages, will be open until **30 June 2012** on:

<http://www.cses.co.uk/surveys/eu-citizenship-and-citizens-rights/>



### Contemporary Slavery: Understanding the New Face to an Old Evil

On 27 June 2012, Metin Kazak MEP will open a conference in the European Parliament organised in conjunction with UNPO examining the current extent and forms of slavery across the world. Discussing cases from the Haratin in Mauritania to the human trafficking that afflicts Europe, the conference will raise awareness of contemporary slavery and, in bringing together policy makers and experts, posit possible solutions to the mitigation and halting of the practice.

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