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Grants for multi-ethnic municipalities

Strasbourg, 12.09.2014 - The Joint European Union / Council of Europe Regional Project “Promoting Human Rights and Minority Protection in South East Europe” has issued a call for expression of interest for small grants for multi-ethnic municipalities in South East Europe. The main aim is to support communities and municipalities in developing concrete responses to barriers to minority rights implementation at local level, with regular on-site Council of Europe expertise. Thirty-six municipalities will be selected. The joint project is based upon Council of Europe standards, in particular on [the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities \(FCNM\)](#) and the [European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages \(ECRML\)](#). The deadline for applications is 15 September 2014 (24h00 CET). The joint project is based upon Council of Europe standards, in particular on the Framework [\(more...\)](#)



Human rights of Internet users: Council of Europe promotes debate at 2014 Internet Governance Forum

Strasbourg, 1 September 2014 - at the 9th [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\)](#) taking place from 2 to 5 September in Istanbul, the Council of Europe aims to trigger a debate on how to empower Internet users’ to exercise their human rights online. In an [open forum](#) on 3 September, the Council of Europe will address the issue and discuss how to apply its [Guide to human rights for Internet users](#) which was adopted by the 47 member states of the organization on 16 April. The Council of Europe will also organize discussion on a report on ICANN’s procedures and policies in the light of human rights, fundamental freedoms and

democratic values. The report concludes that ICANN’s current rules for creating new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) (which are the suffix at the end of domain names, for example com, info or org) do not fully comply with freedom of expression and privacy standards and contains recommendations on how to address this. [\(more...\)](#)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS

“Hear my voice!” - Making youth participation powerful



“Hear my voice!” - Making youth participation powerful - European Conference, 6–8 October 2014, Brussels

The conference will compile these outcomes into a set of shared recommendations on youth participation to be handed over to stakeholders such as the European Commission, the Council of Europe, members of the European Parliament, the Council of the Regions and others to give youth participation a major boost for the next few years. The event will therefore assume the character of an intensive discussion and working seminar for international experts for youth participation. [\(more...\)](#)

Photo contest: Time to Move?



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