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Convention against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children enters into force

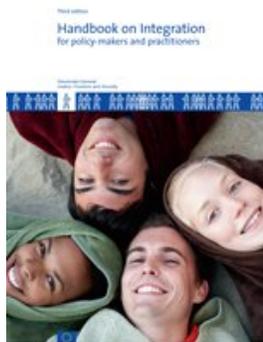
This new Council of Europe convention to combat sexual violence against children is the first international instrument to tackle all forms of sexual violence against children, including abuse perpetrated within the family environment. Apart from sexual abuse, child prostitution and pornography and coercing children into participating in pornographic performances, the convention also deals with grooming and sex tourism.

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The European Integration Forum provides an opportunity for civil society organisations to express their views on migrant integration issues and to discuss with the European institutions challenges and priorities.

<http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/en/policy/legal.cfm>



3rd Integration Handbook at the European Integration Forum

The third edition of the Handbook on Integration for Policy-makers and Practitioners, written by MPG's Jan Niessen and Thomas Huddleston, was distributed in all EU languages at the third European Integration Forum held on June 24-25 in Brussels.

The Handbooks on Integration act as a driver for exchange of information and best practice, and enable the development and promotion of policy initiatives. The three editions of the Handbooks are collaborative products of the European Commission, the National Contact Points on

Integration, and MPG as independent consultant, all of whom can be seen as "editors" of the Handbooks.

The third edition of the Handbook was published in April 2010. The second edition was published in May 2007 and the first edition was published in November 2004.

http://www.migpolgroup.com/public/docs/173%20Integration_Handbook_III_15%2004%2010_EN.pdf



The Report 2009 has been published

It presents the results of the performance of the European Union programme for employment and social solidarity — Progress (2007–13) against the commitments made in the programme's strategic framework and detailed in the annual work plan 2009.

The Report provides further evidence of PROGRESS' added value - a programme which has made an important contribution to improving EU legislation, policy making and policy implementation.

The report highlights some of the most successful actions that have led to significant and lasting effects for the Member States, for example, in terms of policy transfer and mutual learning. It also gives recommendations on actions to enhance the programme's efficiency and effectiveness.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=659&langId=en>



Latest and upcoming events supported by the EU "For Diversity. Against Discrimination" campaign

The "For Diversity. Against Discrimination" campaign works to raise awareness of discrimination on the grounds of racial and ethnic origin, religion or belief, age, sexual orientation and disability. For that purpose, the campaign supports events organised in the EU Member States on the topics of diversity and the fight against discrimination. In April, May and June, the campaign joined events in Austria and Estonia:

- On 24 April 2010, the third Diversity Ball was held in Vienna to inform and raise awareness of the topics of anti-discrimination and diversity among representatives of civil society, social partners as well as business and governments.

- On 22 May 2010 "Party on wheels" took place in Tallinn, Estonia, where people in wheel chairs gave an insight to visitors of their everyday life living with a disability.

Stay informed about the next events at

www.stop-discrimination.info