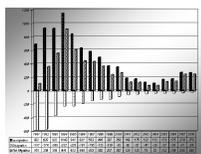## EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS

Stop Discrimination Newsletter- Winter edition

This latest edition focuses on the Fifth Equality Summit, which took place on 14-15 November 2011 in Poznan, Poland and its theme - how equality policy is being implemented at regional and local levels across the EU. The newsletter features an interview with Lina Papamichalopoulou, head of the team working on non-discrimination policies at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice, as well details of the latest activities, publications and other events taking place across the EU to fight discrimination and promote diversity.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/stop_discrimination_newsletter_112011_en.pdf

The economic and financial crisis has changed migration flows

The crisis year 2009 has changed the immigration patterns of the world population, according to the OECD Migration Outlook 2011. While after the fall of the iron curtain most workers migrated from the new EU accession countries in the East to the West, the direction has meanwhile changed. The South is again migrating to the North, as it used to be between 1960 and 1970.
This means specifically that 16 states recorded a decrease of immigration levels of between five and 43 per cent. Only Sweden, the Netherlands, Canada, Australia, Russia and the USA presented positive immigration figures. At the bottom of the list is the Czech Republic with a decrease of more than 40%. With a decrease in immigration of 13%, Germany is midrange.

The publication "Some still more equal than others? Or equal opportunities for all" edited by Serdar M.

Research shows that inequality - in opportunities, wealth or health, for example - is widespread in Europe and that the citizens of richer countries do not necessarily have healthier profiles than those of poorer countries. The citizens of egalitarian countries, on the other hand, have the highest life expectancy.

This book examines many aspects of inequality and opportunity for young people including schooling, employment, social exclusion, labour migration, trafficking, disability, cultural and religious discrimination, youth work. Do not hesitate to download it from the website:
http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/documents/Publications/Others/Some_still_more_equal__web.pdf

New thematic report analyses age discrimination in employment

A new thematic report from the European Network of Legal Experts in the non-discrimination field is now available.
The report considers how the different ways in which the various exception, or potential exceptions, to the principle of equal treatment are phrased in the Directive have influenced national legislation on age discrimination.
The framework of EU law prohibiting age discrimination, as created by Article 19 TFEU and Directive 2000/78/EC on Employment Equality ('the Directive'), is unique in European discrimination law. It provides for a broader range of exceptions to the principle of equal treatment than is permitted in connection with any other protected characteristic. The report is available here:

http://www.migpolgroup.org/public/docs/197.Age_and_Employment_ThematicReport_05.12.11_EN.pdf

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Peacebuilding Peacelearning Program

The National Peace Academy has announced the "official" launch of the National Peacebuilding Peacelearning Certificate Program. The Program is designed for adult learners, peace professionals, community organizers. The program provides both theoretical and practical aspect of peacebuilding and peacelearning. The program currently offers the following courses: Introduction to Peace Education, Considering the Relations of Peace and Governance, Solving Unsolvable Conflicts, Hearing Others and Being Heard, Building Resilience In a Time of Transition, Building Peace in Every Home, Tech Tools and Skills for Emergency Management, Special Course with the Metta Center for Nonviolence.

http://www.nationalpeaceacademy.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=316&Itemid=86