



### DATES

#### **16 NOVEMBER** **THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE**

At the initiative of UNESCO, 1995 was declared the United Nations Year for Tolerance, and it saw the launching of a world-wide campaign for tolerance and non-violence. The International Day for Tolerance grew out of the momentum of that Year.

#### **What is Tolerance?**

- 1. acceptance of different views:** the acceptance of the differing views of other people, e.g. in religious or political matters, and fairness toward the people who hold these different views *n*.
- 2. tolerating of somebody or something:** the act of putting up with somebody or something irritating or otherwise unpleasant

### NGO's REVIEW



#### **Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Information System**

The ODIHR's Tolerance and Non-Discrimination information system was created to store and facilitate retrieval of information received from the participating States, as well as from partner organizations. In order to share and promote practical initiatives and to provide information and raise awareness on issues related to tolerance and non-discrimination this website has been made available to the public.

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### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS

#### **International Day of Tolerance: statements by Council of Europe leaders**

On the occasion of the International Day of Tolerance (16 November), Council of Europe leaders underline the need to protect the ideals on which Europe has been built against prejudice and discrimination.

The Organisation is currently running a Campaign "All Different, All Equal" for diversity, human rights and participation.

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



#### **More opportunities for young people with the new YOUTH IN ACTION programme**

On 25th October 2006, the European Parliament adopted the new "Youth in Action" programme.

The European Commissioner Ján Figel' said that "this new programme aims at encouraging young people to work together to acquire new skills through non-formal education activities, for a common project, for the defence of cultures, for a future of prosperity, understanding and peace. It fosters the idea of belonging to the European Union, and promotes social cohesion and intercultural dialogue, both inside and outside Europe."

During 2007 - 2013, funding support will be given to projects under the following five headings:

1. Youth for Europe.
2. European Voluntary Service
3. Youth of the world
4. Youth workers and support systems
5. Support for policy cooperation in the field of youth

The participation is open to a wide range of young people, (between 15 and 28 years and, in some cases, between 13 and 30), from European Union and beyond.

Detailed information about this programme is available at the following page:

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/newprog/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/newprog/index_en.html)

### EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



#### **Young people & European Citizenship – A Council resolution**

Youth was on the agenda of the last meeting of the Education, Youth and Culture Council, which met in Brussels on 13 and 14 November.

At this meeting, the Council adopted a resolution on implementing the common objectives for participation by and information for young people in view of promoting their active European citizenship. By adopting this resolution, Member States have committed to further develop concrete actions to encourage young people's active participation in democratic life.

The resolution supports the idea to set-up a genuine dialogue with young people, structured from the local to the European level around issues of concern to them and to organise the European Youth Week on a regular basis. These are concrete steps towards bringing Europe closer to its young citizens.

The provisional text of the Resolution is available on pages 40 - 45 in the Press Release of the Results of the Council Meeting > Education Youth and Culture, Brussels 13-14 November 2006:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/ueDocs/cms\\_Data/doc/s/pressData/en/educ/91666.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/ueDocs/cms_Data/doc/s/pressData/en/educ/91666.pdf)