

COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



Racial discrimination, unacceptable violation of human rights

"Racial discrimination is one of the scourges of our contemporary societies and must be combated resolutely and relentlessly", said Micheline Calmy-Rey, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The European human rights bodies also call for decisive action against racism and xenophobia, especially with regard to the Internet.



Council of Europe steps up its action to combat sexual violence against children

San Marino's ratification of the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse comes on the eve of the opening of the Council of Europe's annual conference on cybercrime, which will focus in particular on the measures to be taken to combat more effectively the sexual abuse and exploitation of children via the Internet.

The Council of Europe helps protect societies worldwide from the threat of cybercrime through the Convention on Cybercrime and its Protocol on Xenophobia and Racism, the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) and the Project on Cybercrime.

More about cybercrime you can find here:

http://www.coe.int/t/DGHL/cooperation/economiccrime/cybercrime/default_en.asp

COMPETITIONS



2010 International Essay Contest for Young People – Call for essays!

The Goi Peace Foundation and UNESCO organize an international essay contest for young people from all over the world. Participants will express themselves on the

theme: "My Role in Creating a Peaceful World". What is your vision of a peaceful and harmonious world? What can you and the young people of the world do to realize that vision?

Essays must be received by **30 June 2010**.

More information you can find here:

http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13023&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html



Fundamental Rights Video Competition 2010

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights invites you to participate in the International Video Competition 2010.

Topics: EU Fundamental Rights - What are your fundamental rights? Do you know how to protect your fundamental rights?

Awards: The 3 winners will each win a 5 day trip for 2 people to Vienna, from 6 May to 10 May 2010, with transportation and accommodation included.

Participants: Students and non-students alike, between 18 and 30 years of age, from all EU countries.

Deadline for submission: 18 April 2010

More information about the competition:

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/news&events/video-competition/video-competition_en.htm

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



www.stop-discrimination.info

Call for proposals
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A new call for supporting national activities aiming at the identification of good practices in combating discrimination and promoting equality has recently been published at the non-discrimination webpage

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=423&langId=en&callId=249&furtherCalls=yes>

The deadline for submitting proposals is **19 May 2010**.

This call, published under Progress programme, is addressed to national authorities who can implement projects themselves or mandate an organisation to carry out activities.