

### EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



#### International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment

Children all over the world, between 6 and 14 years old are invited to submit their paintings. This year the competition will focus on the theme of Climate Change. Winners of the competition will be invited to the World Environment Day Celebrations in Tromsø, Norway on 5 June 2007 and will receive also prizes. The Competition is organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Japan-based Foundation for Global Peace and Environment, Bayer and Nikon Corporation.

Entries should be sent to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) regional offices by **31 December 2006**:

<http://www.unep.org/tunza/paintcomp/Application.asp>

Detailed information about this competition (entry rules, prizes, previous winners, etc) can be found at:

<http://www.unep.org/Tunza/paintcomp>



#### Cantabria+10: III European Photography Contest for Young People

If you are under 30 years old and you are resident of any European country, then you can take part in this contest. The theme of the contest: photos that reflect the way of life of the young people in different parts of Europe. There are 22 awards to be won in 11 categories.

Each participant can submit one digital picture per category. There are 10 general categories (family, environment, art, travel, hobbies, immigration, IT, folklore, my room, symbols) and a special category, Cantabria.

Deadline for submitting the works: **1 November 2006**.

All information regarding the details of the competition is available here:

<http://cantabria-europa.org/cantabria+10/>



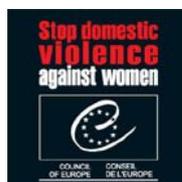
#### Internet game: Become a Member of European Parliament (BeMEP.eu)

Open to people from all over Europe, coming from European Union member states but also from candidate countries, the game is a simulation of the work of the European Parliament. Participants will become Members of the European Parliament and start activities and negotiations with their colleagues. All contestants will be able to participate in virtual trainings (e-learning) on cultural, political, social and economical aspects of the European Union. The game is available in English, French and Polish. To take part in it, you need to submit a registration form and wait for confirmation.

Detailed information about the game can be found at:

<http://www.bemep.eu>

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



#### Domestic Violence Campaign goes online

A website designed by the Human Rights Directorate General to introduce the new Council of Europe Campaign to Stop Domestic Violence against Women has just been launched. The site includes information on the background and objectives of the Campaign with a special focus on intergovernmental activities and links to parliamentary and regional/local dimensions of the Campaign.

[www.coe.int/stopviolence/intergov](http://www.coe.int/stopviolence/intergov)

#### National minorities and education: seminar in Strasbourg

At the seminar on International legal guarantees of protection of national minorities which is being held in Strasbourg on October 18, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General, stressed that "a successful integration of minorities with full respect of their rights guaranteed by relevant Council of Europe instruments represents one of the most important challenges for our societies today".

#### Delegates call for speedier ratification by member states of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

At the end of their two-day awareness raising seminar in Rome on October 19 and 20, delegates called for speedier ratification by member states of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

The seminar which was organised by the Council of Europe and sponsored by the Italian Department of Rights and Equal Opportunities, was attended by over 150 delegates from Italy, Albania, Greece, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey.

The event provided an opportunity for an exchange of views on the main provisions of the Convention as well as national legislation and measures to fight the scourge.

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



#### The 5th Call for Proposal Neighbourhood Programme concern Cross-border co-operation

The 5th Call for Proposals of INTERREG IIIA Priorities North and South has been launched on 2 October with the deadline for project submission on 4 December 2006.

Partner Search and Lead Applicant Seminar for Priority South 5th Call will take place on 24-25 October, in Best Western Naujasis Vilnius Hotel (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Please see more information here:

<http://www.bsrinterreg3a.net/>