



## **TRIALOG Information Service (TIS)**

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## 1. TRIALOG News

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### 1.1. Development Education Partnership Fair a success

Information provided by Anita Bister, TRIALOG

In preparation of the expected EC funds of 10m EUR for Development Education (DE) activities in the new EU member states (NMS) and Romania, Bulgaria, TRIALOG in cooperation with CONCORD organised the DE Partnership Fair in Vienna from October 9-11, 2006. Nearly 200 NGOs from all parts of the EU came together to exchange experiences, to find partners for their project ideas and to elaborate concrete project proposals. Around 35 project ideas were discussed and further developed during the event. The project ideas covered various fields such as: development cooperation in school curricula, informal development education targeting youth, sustainable tourism, fair trade, HIV/Aids, volunteering, migration and development etc. By using the open space methodology, enough time for work in working groups and networking was secured. In addition, the programme comprised a podium discussion between representatives from the European Commission, the Belgium government and the Austrian Development Agency and expert presentations on specific topics, e.g. on fundraising and on how to write a successful project application.

Find the documentation of the DE Partnership Fair on the TRIALOG website at:

<http://www.trialog.or.at/main.asp?m=4,24,223>

Apart from the agenda and background of the Fair, you will find there:

- The press release issued after the event: [http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/pressrelease\\_trialog.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/pressrelease_trialog.pdf)
- Link to the photo gallery: <http://trialogsphotos.fotopic.net/c1117547.html>
- All powerpoint presentations: <http://www.trialog.or.at/main.asp?m=4,24,223>

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## 1.2. TRIALOG trainings in preparation of EC Call

Information provided by Petra Kreinecker, TRIALOG

Following the Development Education (DE) Partnership Fair in October, TRIALOG will continue to help NGOs from new member states (NMS) and accession countries (AC) to prepare for the expected EC Call in the field of Development Education which will for the first time foresee 10m EUR extra for actions in NMS/AC.

In order to support NGOs to elaborate their concrete project proposals, TRIALOG will organise 6-8 decentralised 3 day trainings.

The trainings will contain the following issues:

- the explanation of the guidelines
- the elaboration of the concept note
- the elaboration of the project budget
- the elements of the logframe (based upon the results of the DE Partnership Fair)

The trainings will be open mainly for groups of NGOs who participated in the DE Partnership Fair and already started to draft a joint project proposal on a specific topic. In addition, some places will be available for representatives of other organisations who did not participate in the Fair but are also already actively involved in the process of preparing a project proposal for the Call.

The following dates and places are already fixed:

November 6 - 8: Bratislava (in cooperation with the NGDO-platform MVRO and Slovak Aid)

November 27 - 29: Prague (in cooperation with the NGDO-platform FoRS and the Czech MfA)

December 5 - 7: Warsaw (with the GLEN-project-group)

The dates of the other trainings will be known soon. For further information please contact TRIALOG Capacity Building Officer Petra Kreinecker at: [p.kreinecker@trialog.or.at](mailto:p.kreinecker@trialog.or.at). If you did not participate in the DE Partnership Fair but are interested to join one of the decentralised trainings, please apply by getting in contact with Petra or your national NGDO platform and provide her/the platform with detailed information on your project proposal and project partners.

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## 1.3. Next meeting of Working Group Enlargement – where to in 2007?

Information provided by Asya Bocheva, TRIALOG

On 21 and 22 November 2006 CONCORD's Working Group Enlargement (WGE) is going to meet in Brussels to discuss the European Neighbourhood Policy as well as the future of WGE, including organisation structure and thematic objectives. A working plan for 2007 will be elaborated.

The second semester of 2006 has been rich in events of institutional importance for the group. In September, the external evaluation of TRIALOG II was finalised (see article "TRIALOG Evaluation completed"), making some specific recommendations on the structure and the mandate of WGE. In June, the members of WGE took a decision to extend the discussion on the group's future to national platforms during the summer, and thus give them the opportunity to express their specific needs and expectations. As a result, in September a consolidated version of suggestions was established. Last but not least, in October CONCORD presented the recommendations on its institutional architecture in the framework of the Assessment and Adjustment process. All these provide a ripe basis for a fruitful working session.

Thematically, the WGE continues to work on the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP). The ENP Taskforce within the WGE has finalised a policy paper on the implementation of the ENP instrument which has been adopted by the Council and Parliament in October. During the next

meeting the discussion will focus on the neighbourhood policy from the perspective of the EU neighbouring countries themselves – what do they expect from the EU and how do they consider the instrument? Guests from the countries in question (Armenia, Moldova, Palestinian Territories) have been invited to share their point of view.

If you are interested to know who represents your country in WGE and would like to feed into the discussions of the WGE on the national level, please contact your national NGDO platform. For more information on the upcoming WGE meeting please contact TRIALOG Policy Officer Asya Bocheva: [trialog@concordeurope.org](mailto:trialog@concordeurope.org)

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#### **1.4. CONCORD General Assembly: 23 - 24 November 2006**

Source: <http://www.concordeurope.org/extranet/index.cfm>

CONCORD will hold its next General Assembly on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November 2006. The General Assemblies of CONCORD are held twice a year in Brussels. After a year of assessing CONCORD's working processes, it's now time to decide on the proposals for adjustment designed to optimize CONCORD's work. CONCORD needs to be better organised in order to respond more effectively to the needs of its members and to prepare itself for tomorrow's challenges. That is why the two days of this General Assembly will focus on internal reflection and the preparation of 2007. After a presentation of CONCORD's 2006 success stories, the upcoming challenges for the work of NGOs and also the 2007 action plan and budget will be discussed.

Contact your national NGDO platform to get in touch with your platform representative in the CONCORD General Assembly.

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#### **1.5. TRIALOG External Evaluation completed**

Information provided by Anita Bister, TRIALOG

The TRIALOG project has existed since 2000. The second phase of TRIALOG (2003 – September 2006) has recently been evaluated by the external consultant Nikki van der Gaag. The consultant was asked to evaluate the project against its overall objectives and the quantifiable outcomes, as identified in the project proposal accepted by the European Commission. The results reveal that TRIALOG had a big impact on NGOs in New member states (NMS) and Accession countries (AC) and has more than achieved most of the general aims and quantifiable outcomes outlined in the original EU proposal.

The majority of respondents in this evaluation think TRIALOG has helped with raising awareness of development policies in the enlarged EU. While development awareness among the general public is still low, among NGOs in many member states it has been improved by the work of TRIALOG. 97 per cent of respondents to the questionnaire said they had found the work of TRIALOG useful. In this sense, it has acted as a catalyst for many other activities. Respondents also recognized the importance of TRIALOG's support in building National Platforms and in acting as a bridge between NGOs in Old and New Member States. In the report, the evaluator also addresses some difficulties, which for example relate to the decentralization of project activities or relations to the South. The results and recommendations of the evaluation are now a good basis for setting the priorities for the third TRIALOG phase which has started in late September.

Download the summary of the evaluation results at the following link:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/executivesummary\\_evaluation.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/executivesummary_evaluation.pdf)

For more information or if you are interested in the full report please contact: [office@trialog.or.at](mailto:office@trialog.or.at)

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### **1.6. New policy officer in Brussels**

Information provided by Anita Bister, TRIALOG

The successor of Lada Parizkova in the TRIALOG Brussels office is Asya Bocheva from Bulgaria. She started her new job as Policy officer in the beginning of October. Asya studied international relations and administration, political science and international law in Sofia, Paris, the USA and the Netherlands. She has excellent working experience in the field of development cooperation based on her previous jobs with the UNESCO and EuropeAid and speaks several languages (Bulgarian, English and French, passive German and Russian). We welcome Asya in our team. She will be responsible for TRIALOG's policy, lobby and liaison work in Brussels, including being the convener of Working Group Enlargement. Contact Asya at: [trialog@concordeurope.org](mailto:trialog@concordeurope.org)

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### **1.7. Change of the Polish NGDO platform coordinator**

Information provided by Grupa Zagranica

From the beginning of October Grupa Zagranica, the Polish NGDO platform, has a new Executive Secretary. Justyna Janiszewska who worked at that position for the last 3 years is taking new responsibilities in the Education for Democracy Foundation, where her first task will be to coordinate a grant competition for development education projects. Justyna started her work for the Group when it was an informal coalition of 24 NGOs, now Zagranica Group is a separate legal entity - an association of 43 organizations and a member of CONCORD since last year. The Foundation Justyna is joining in is in fact one of the most active NGOs in the Polish national platform, so she will be still present in the Zagranica Group's activities and remains its representative to the Policy WG of CONCORD (Justyna can be now found at: [justyna@edudemo.org.pl](mailto:justyna@edudemo.org.pl)). The new Grupa Zagranica Secretary is Marta Pejda, she's got a few years work experience in cultural institutions and NGOs working in Eastern Europe. Marta also works as an interpreter (Russian/ Belorussian) and spent the previous 4 years in Minsk. A warm welcome to Marta! She can be contacted at: [marta@zagranica.org.pl](mailto:marta@zagranica.org.pl)

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### **1.8. News from FOND, the Romanian NGDO Forum**

Information provided by Valentin Burada, FOND & Petra Kreinecker, TRIALOG

The Romanian NGDO Forum (FOND) has come one step closer to being legally established. In October, the organizations willing to become members of the Platform were invited to take part in the first FOND General Assembly through which the platform and its steering bodies have been established. Ionut Sibian from the Civil Society Development Foundation (FDSC) became president of the platform board. FOND expects to be legally constituted and fully operational by January 2007.

This step comes naturally after a coherent series of activities aiming to increase the Romanian NGOs' capacity to become more involved in development cooperation and humanitarian aid. Since 2005, with the support of TRIALOG, more than 150 Romanian NGOs have directly received information on European development cooperation and humanitarian aid, development education and European NGDO activities. Around 30 NGOs are constantly involved in development cooperation capacity building activities, carried out with the support of TRIALOG, and this number is increasing.

In a recent TRIALOG presentation in early September, NGOs learned about the specific EU funds which will support development education and awareness raising activities in new EU member states. In the context of this expected Call within the EC NGO Co-financing budget line, especially the unclear eligibility status of Romanian NGOs and the impossibility to use non-European funds as private contributions were strongly debated issues. In a platform support meeting after the training, TRIALOG gave advise regarding technical questions related to the planned legalisation of the platform - such as criteria for membership, the planned General Assembly in November, overhead needs for a good platform functioning etc.

The analysis of questionnaires filled in by 30 Romanian NGOs reveals that they represent more than 250,000 direct beneficiaries and around 2,500,000 indirect beneficiaries. The combined budget of the 30 NGOs for the last three years is around 20m EUR. The NGOs have indicated their sectors of highest interest within development cooperation which were: Development Education, Education and professional training, Democracy and Good Governance (including Human Rights and Child Protection) and Health.

This year, the Civil Society Development Foundation has managed to secure funding from USAID/World Learning in order to support the capacity building activities within FOND. Consequently, in the period August 2006 – July 2007, in partnership with TRIALOG and Eurostep, FDSC will implement the project "Partnership for development cooperation and humanitarian aid". Starting with October a series of info-seminars will be held in different regions of Romania, with the aim to cover all the territory of the country. In November a National Workshop will be organized where the strategy, Chart and working bodies of FOND will be adopted. More training for member NGOs will be provided at the beginning of 2007.

At the same time more and more Romanian NGOs benefit from the participation to various development cooperation and development education events at European level, supported by TRIALOG. We hope that this will strengthen the capacity of Romanian NGOs to become involved in the national and European debates and will help FOND grow stronger. For more details about FOND related activities, please contact: [valentin@fdsc.ro](mailto:valentin@fdsc.ro)

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## 2. Events

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### 2.1. November 9-12, 2006: Conf. "Strategic Framework for the EU's Eastern Policy", Bratislava Information provided by Peter Jancarik, Slovak Foreign Policy Association

The Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, n.o. (RC SFPA n.o.) is inviting to participate in the conference "Strategic Framework for the EU's Eastern Policy: In a Search for New Approach". The conference will take place in Bratislava on November 9-12, 2006, and is organised in co-cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, the EU-Russia Centre and the International Visegrad Fund. The conference will aim, first, to examine the existing policy framework for the EU's relations with East European countries; second, to identify the most challenging deficits of current EU policy to Russia and the East European countries; and third, to come up with recommendations to enhance the EU's capabilities in pursuing its foreign policy goals in the region of Eastern Europe.

Find the conference info and the agenda with the names of the speakers at the following links:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/conference\\_info.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/conference_info.doc)

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/conference\\_agenda.doc](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/conference_agenda.doc)

For more information please contact: [sfpa@sfpa.sk](mailto:sfpa@sfpa.sk)

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## **2.2. November 13-14, 2006: Civil Society Seminar on Just and Democratic Governance, Brussels**

Information provided by Agnes Philippart, CONCORD

Several civil society organisations including CONCORD are organising the "Civil Society Seminar on Just and Democratic Governance: a People's perspective" which will take place 13-14 November in Brussels. This is an alternative seminar on governance just before the Development Days of the European Commission (November 15-17).

Find the invitation letter at: <http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/invitationletter.pdf> The event is set to create a space for dialogue, debate and networking amongst civil society actors on the issues of governance in development and to consolidate the position of civil society actors in the official EC's event.

The coordinator of the civil society seminar is Julien Vaissier. Feel free to contact him for further details and registration: [julien.vaissier@actionaid.org](mailto:julien.vaissier@actionaid.org)

About the Development Days of the European Commission: Under the general theme of "Africa on the move" and with a special focus on "Governance", the European Commission is convening for 3 days participants from all backgrounds of the Development world, from the European Union Institutions and Member States to Regional African Organizations and their Member States to the UN and other International Organizations to NGOs and other civil actors. For more information or for registration, if you want to attend the different round-tables of the conference and make your point of view heard, turn to: <http://www.eudevdays.eu>

CONCORD will have a stand at the European Development Days in Brussels. For the CONCORD position on governance which is different from the one of the European Commission, go to: <http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=pdfUK&id=1578>

Read the CONCORD paper on Africa:

<http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=docUK&id=1681>

For more information on the position of CONCORD, contact Agnes Philippart:

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See also the report of the informal EU Member States meeting 'The EU and Africa: Meeting Expectations?' organised by the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) on 26 June 2006: <http://www.ecdpm.org/meetingexpectations>

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## **2.3. November 18-26, 2006: Global Education Week**

Information provided by Miguel Silva, North-South Centre

The Global Education Week encourages pupils and teachers as well as youth groups to explore educational activities for global citizenship. It is a matter of addressing issues of diversity and inequality at the local as well as at the global level with an understanding of the core issues of global citizenship:

- awareness of the wider world and of our own role as a world citizens;
- attitudes of respect for diversity and intercultural communication skills;
- ability to take action to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place;
- responsibility for our own actions.

The Global Education Week encourages young people, head teachers, teachers to implement a global education project in their schools, reflecting on how to address exclusion and inequality and discussing globalisation.

For more information on the Global Education Week 2006, the national contacts and activities, aims etc. go to: [http://www.coe.int/t/e/north-south\\_centre/programmes/3\\_global\\_education/e\\_Global\\_Education\\_Week/1default.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.coe.int/t/e/north-south_centre/programmes/3_global_education/e_Global_Education_Week/1default.asp#TopOfPage)

Read The Global Education Newsletter, a monthly electronic newsletter for Global Education networks, to share global education news, events and experiences, useful thematic links and educational materials, and serving as an informative vehicle for the global education practitioners. The link is: [http://www.coe.int/t/e/north-south\\_centre/programmes/3\\_global\\_education/g\\_GE\\_Newsletter/](http://www.coe.int/t/e/north-south_centre/programmes/3_global_education/g_GE_Newsletter/)

For more information, comments or suggestions please address Miguel Silva: [miguel.silva@coe.int](mailto:miguel.silva@coe.int)

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#### **2.4. November 20-21, 2006: Conference on disability & development cooperation, Brussels**

Information sent by Heike Unterpertinger, Light for the World

The aim of the European Conference on disability and development cooperation is to bring together EU actors, from Government, EU institutions, organizations of persons with disabilities and development NGOs to discuss the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It will examine how the Convention can have a positive effect on promoting inclusive development cooperation policies across the EU and impact to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in developing countries.

For more information on the programme and to register (by November 10) please go to:

<http://www.make-development-inclusive.org/eventsdetail.php?wid=1024&spk=en&nb=1>

This Conference is being organised by CBM (Germany) and Light for the World (Austria), and is part of the project 'Breaking the cycle of poverty and disability in Development Cooperation'.

Visit the project's website: <http://www.make-development-inclusive.org>

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#### **2.5. November 20-21, 2006: Development Education Conference, London**

Information provided by Jennie O'Donovan, [jennie.odonovan@dea.org.uk](mailto:jennie.odonovan@dea.org.uk)

The Development Education Conference "Policy, practice and theory: Challenges for the future" will take place at the Institute of Education, University of London, on November 20-21. This conference aims to bring together policy makers, practitioners and academics to share what needs to be done to raise the status and profile of development education and to show how it contributes to both understanding international development and enabling people to make sense of the world in which they live. The conference is being organised by the Development Education Association (DEA), the umbrella association for greater understanding of global and international development issues within education in England, and the Development Education Research Centre of the Institute of Education of the University of London.

For further details and to register, download the conference flyer at:

<http://www.dea.org.uk/downloads/dea-agm-and-conf-06.pdf>

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### 3. Information on EU and EU Enlargement issues

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#### 3.1. Poland: MFA's development cooperation grants for NGOs

Information provided by Justyna Janiszewska, Grupa Zagranica

In the last week of August the Polish MFA finally announced a list of NGO projects awarded in the call for proposals for projects in developing countries and countries in transition. This year the competition was announced extremely late - in July, due to a very long process of reaching the political consensus on priorities of bilateral aid. There were however much more resources directed to NGO projects - only in the major CfP there was more than PLN 21 million (EUR 5,25 million) available (which is more than all the money given to NGOs in the previous 3 years). Polish NGOs are happy that year by year there is more money for their projects in the state budget, but at the same time are very concerned about the deadlines. There's no possibility for multi-annual projects, so all of them have to be finalized until end of December 2006! This puts under question sustainability and efficiency of projects. The Ministry also gave grants for re-granting for development education in Poland and for preparation and presentation of interactive exhibition on MDGs. In September an official website on Polish foreign aid was started at: <http://www.polskapomoc.gov.pl>.

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#### 3.2. Political agreement on new Development Cooperation Instrument

Source: <http://www.eu2006.fi>

In October, the Council of the EU reached political agreement on the new Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI). This financing instrument will cover the period 2007-2013 with a budget of EUR 17 billion. The DCI will focus on regional as well as thematic programmes, addressing issues such as migration, education and health. These funds come in addition to EUR 22.7 billion agreed specifically for African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries over the 2008-2013 period, bringing the total - not including member states' national contributions - to almost EUR 40 billion in new Community funding. For more information read the press-release at: [http://www.eu2006.fi/news\\_and\\_documents/press\\_releases/vko42/en\\_GB/1161077847515/](http://www.eu2006.fi/news_and_documents/press_releases/vko42/en_GB/1161077847515/)

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#### 3.3. Annual report on EU external help

Source: [http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/index_en.htm)

The Annual Report 2006 on the European Community's Development Policy and the Implementation of External Assistance in 2005 was published in August. The Full version (170 pages) as well as the "Highlights" (20 pages) of the report are available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/reports/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/reports/index_en.htm)

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## 4. Information on activities of European NGDOs

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### 4.1. Coherence Conference in Helsinki: Aid alone is not enough

Information provided by Anna Pollari, Finnish NGDO Platform KEHYS

Aid alone is not enough; also other policies must support the fight against poverty. - Development experts met in Helsinki on 2nd and 3rd of October to find practical solutions to ensure policy coherence for development in the EU and Member State policies. The conference gathered up around 250 experts working with development policy and policy coherence.

The conference participants called on decision-makers to acknowledge the mutual benefits of pursuing development objectives. Political commitment to policy coherence for development should be taken a step further through policy change and concrete action. This requires systematic analyses of policies to identify economic, social and environmental impacts on developing countries. Strong efforts should be made to improve the existing mechanisms to enhance the integration of development objectives into policy making. In addition there is a need to move beyond the traditional development circles in order to broaden the understanding of the links and the interdependency of the various interests and stakeholders.

'There will only be policy coherence for development if the whole society decides to want it. Coherence means that rich countries have to give up on some of their privileges', stated Paul Engel, Director from the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM).

The conference was organized by the Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU, KEHYS, in cooperation with Finnish NGOs, CONCORD and with the support of the European Commission, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Development Policy Committee of Finland. It was the main event of KEHYS' EU presidency campaign "Call for Coherence". The conference gathered up a wide range of participants from national ministries, parliaments, development agencies, NGOs, international organisations and research institutes.

'The current global questions are increasingly complex. Many issues such as security, trade, environment, energy and migration require looking from more than just one or two angles. We need improved cooperation between the various players and coherent action', said the Finnish Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Paula Lehtomaki, who opened the conference on Monday. Minister Lehtomaki also reaffirmed her promise to take the recommendations of the conference forward to the Council of Ministers meeting on 16th and 17th of October in Luxembourg. Out of an initiative by Finland, there was also a joint meeting with EU Trade and Development Ministers for the first time in EU history. (see <http://fi-kehys.oneworld.net/article/view/141080/1/>)

'Policy coherence for development can only be achieved when every stakeholder is involved. The civil society has been very active in keeping the topic on the agenda and this work will continue in the future', said Rilli Lappalainen, the Secretary General of KEHYS, the Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU.

Read more on the Helsinki conference (final recommendations, reports, presentations) at: <http://fi-kehys.oneworld.net/article/view/138234/>

For further information, see <http://www.kehys.fi/eupresidency> or contact: Rilli Lappalainen, [rilli.lappalainen@kehys.fi](mailto:rilli.lappalainen@kehys.fi); Anna Pollari, [anna.pollari@kehys.fi](mailto:anna.pollari@kehys.fi)

#### **4.2. Second Aid Watch Forum: Report from the Romanian participant**

Information provided by Carmen Epure, Civil Society Development Foundation (RO)

More Aid, Better Aid – this seems to be the renewed mission on which major networks and platforms of development NGOs in all 25 EU countries have embarked. And these people prove to be serious: in April 2006 they issued a monitoring report which hit the European headlines, carrying a warning to all European governments. Unless these governments stop hiding behind the official figures which indicate the fulfillment and even exceeding of their targets of aid, only minimal assistance will be provided to development countries. Pulling the governments out of the comfortable official statistics, where they include spending on debt cancellation and on housing for refugees, as well as educating foreign students in their own countries, is definitely one of the first steps these NGOs are taking. They call for clear timetables of commitment for reaching the 2010 aid targets, for changing the rules for determining the content of Official Development Assistance and for timely and consistent provision of aid data to allow better monitoring.

The coalition of NGOs, under the umbrella of "CONCORD", gathered again in Brussels on September 25-26 and does not intend to stop with a first report. The so-called "Aid Watch Forum" is a process where participants are trying to bring a more organized structure in place to the efforts made so far. Thus, one of the main discussions during the last meeting, which brought together about 60 participants from different platforms and NGOs across Europe, was the strategic dimension of the forum. It was the second meeting of the kind (the first one was in April 06), and the focus was again on how the aid can reach the people who need it most. The objective of the participants was to find ways, how to improve the co-ordination of aid, how to make it more stable through improved disbursements and procedures, how to make it more poverty alleviating, how to make it more "pure", free of any conditionality, either political or economical.

Carmen Epure who was representing the recently established platform of NGOs in Romania, was also trying to see how the more experienced NGOs and platforms from old member states were embracing the efforts made by their peers from the new members states, and even "not yet member states", namely Romania and Bulgaria. Carmen noted that it did work like a forum, a place of sharing, debating and making decisions. Even if for the new member states the provision of assistance is new, the same hot issues are going to be followed in the monitoring of aid, despite the data being blurred by the lack of transparency and co-ordination and also bureaucratic government structures.

Coincidentally, the date of the Aid Watch Forum meeting was the date when Romania and Bulgaria were given the "green light" to the European highway. From the 1st of January 2007, Romania and Bulgaria will cease being only recipients, and will become donor states. It is clear that the same monitoring efforts are expected from the young Romanian NGDO platform, which is getting ready to be able to become one of the "aid-watchers" of Europe.

The Bulgarian participant in the Aid Watch Forum, Milka Semova-Gamanova, said after the meeting: "What I take back from the 2nd Aid Watch Forum is the satisfaction that there is a common will and mechanisms are being set in order to achieve effective development aid, or as one of the recent Eurodad report reads – 'aid that saves life and not simply that which saves face'."

Read the related article "Keeping the heat on government aid commitments" in the September CONCORD Flash: <http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=docUK&id=1669>  
Download the Joint European NGO Report (April 2006) "EU aid: Genuine leadership or misleading figures? An independent analysis of European aid figures":  
<http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=pdfUK&id=1410>

See also the CONCORD report: "Official Development Assistance: The truth behind the figures - May 2006" to gain a clearer image of the place of NGOs in European development policy: <http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=pdfUK&id=1460>

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#### **4.3. A successful second World Day in Estonia**

Information sent by Sue Tack, Estonian Development Cooperation Roundtable (AKÜ)

On the 16th of September approximately 10 000 people visited the information stands of the organizations that are active in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian aid in Tammsaare park in Tallinn. The second World Day was the biggest ever event for Estonian public dedicated to problems and challenges faced by developing countries in the current world order and to the Estonian role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The first World Day in Estonia took place in 2005.

The biggest attraction of this year's World Day was the public debate „Why do countries develop differently?“, In the discussion took part Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Urmas Paet, Member of European Parliament Mr. Toomas Savi, Member of Estonian Parliament Foreign Committee Mr. Marko Mihkelson, Fair Trade project manager in Estonia Ms Riina Kuusik and director of the Estonian Rescue board Mr. Mati Raidma. Later on Estonians who had lived in developing countries shared their experiences and impressions about the situation in Nigeria, Belarus, Moldova and others. The discussion tent was also the center for Fair Trade information and the place to get acquainted with Fair Trade products. On a stage several bands performed and created a wonderful atmosphere.

With a special Youth Area, the campaign “All Different –All Equal” was launched with e.g. for the first time presenting a Living Library in Estonia. “At the end we have had 14 visitors and they loaned books 25 times. Our books were happy and we can confirm that this method is very attractive” said Karte Merimäe, who is coordinating the campaign in Estonia.

According to the words of the project manager Marje Pihlak, the main goal was to call for people to think about development cooperation. "This event was definitely a big success on the way of introducing world issues to the wider public in Estonia. The World Day was concentrating on internationally accepted development goals, such as eradicating extreme poverty and hunger. While many problems still remain, we should recognize efforts taken both in the South and the North to reach these goals and continue to give our support," explained Pihlak.

The World Day was covered very well by the media. Upon the request of the organisers, an evening debate program was dedicated to development cooperation and a special newsletter supplement was developed by the AKÜ coordinator that reached more than 80.000 Estonians. On the four days following the event a free film program was organized in the center of Tallinn.

The World Day was organized by the Roundtable for Development Cooperation (AKÜ) in collaboration with the Estonian European Movement and the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For more information, go to the AKÜ website: <http://www.terveilm.net> or contact the World Day Project Manager: [marje@euroopaliikumine.ee](mailto:marje@euroopaliikumine.ee)

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#### **4.4. First World Day in Riga, Latvia**

Information provided by Ilze Millere, LAPAS

For the first time a "World Day" took place in Latvia on 9 September 2006 with the aim to increase public awareness about development issues. The World Day was organized by the Latvian NGDO Platform LAPAS in cooperation with the Service Centre for Development Cooperation KEPA (Finland) and support from the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the World Day the visitors had the possibility to learn about development issues, hear about current and future projects and get involved in the work of local and international NGOs. The Latvian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Artis Pabriks, gave the opening speech, followed by an open lecture and discussion. By taking part in the debate, students improved their insights into development policy and development cooperation issues. Visitors were also introduced to different elements of culture from all over the world – music, dance, films and food.

Fourteen organisations took part in the World Day: 13 Latvian NGOs and NGDOs (GLEN Latvia, Latvia's Association for Family Planning and Sexual Health "Papardes Zieds", European Movement Latvia, Integration for Society, Latvian Gender Equality association, Latvian Civic alliance, Terra di Mezzo Latvia, YMCA Latvia, AIESEC Latvia, Club "The House", Latvian Conservative Youth Union, Latvian Children's forum, Latvian Association of cultural societies in Latvia "Ankol") as well as the Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation.

View photos from the event at: [http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/fotos\\_latvianworldday.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/fotos_latvianworldday.pdf)  
For further information please contact World Day coordinator Ilze Millere from LAPAS: [ilze@lapas.lv](mailto:ilze@lapas.lv)

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#### **4.5. Asia Europe People's Forum**

Information provided by Anna Pollari, Finnish NGDO Platform KEHYS

Around 400 civil society representatives gathered in Helsinki for the Asia Europe People's Forum, (AEPF), held on 3-6 September in advance of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). In this year's AEPF, the focus was on three main issues: Peace & Security, Economic Security & Social Rights and Democracy & Human Rights. The aim of the AEPF is to have an influence on ASEM meetings, making them more transparent and opening access to the civil society. AEPF also deals with issues neglected by ASEM, such as social justice, human rights and democracy. The AEPF was created in 1996 and it has held forums every second year parallel to the ASEM summit, which was established the same year.

The final declaration of AEPF emphasized the lack of democracy in ASEM. According to the declaration, ASEM has concentrated on promoting co-operation between governments and representatives of business instead of paying more attention to human rights. "The challenge ahead of us is to reshape globalisation, which gathers its benefits and downside unequally", said Sirpa Pietikainen, Chair of the AEPF Finnish Organizing Committee at the opening of the forum on 4 September. "The lack of the people's voices – with their experience of globalization, economic policies and politics in everyday life – has contributed greatly to the weaknesses of ASEM. ASEM is an informal working process, so it is only natural that it should include civil society voices."

During the AEPF on 5 September the Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU (KEHYS) organized a meeting for Northern and Southern NGO's planning to have joint applications for EU funding. KEHYS's EU Funding Advisor gave a short presentation about the EU funding possibilities for NGOs. The event also offered a meeting place for those NGO's seeking partnerships from Europe / Asia.

Read more on AEPF at <http://www.aepf.net/> or contact [anna.pollari@kehys.fi](mailto:anna.pollari@kehys.fi)

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#### **4.6. Preparations for Development Education Call in Estonia**

Information provided by Sue Tack, AKÜ

On 28th – 29th of August a Development Education and project development workshop took place in Estonia. Around 25 representatives from different NGOs in Estonia were introduced to development education (DE). The group discussed the situation of DE in Estonia and identified challenges and possibilities for cooperation. The workshop included in depth information on EU financing for the upcoming Development Education call given by Eija Mustonen from the Finnish NGDO platform KEHYS. Within this call, 10m EUR will be foreseen for DE activities in new member states and accession countries (see "Funding Opportunities"). Also some representatives from Finland and Lithuania participated to build partnerships with Estonian NGOs. Participatory methods were used and several concrete ideas were developed in working groups. Some new partnership relations were initiated, new organisations got acquainted with the Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation (AKÜ).

The workshop was jointly organised by the Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation (AKÜ) and the FEST project of the European Movement Estonia (EME). It was also intended for preparing Estonian NGOs to participate in the TRIALOG DE Partnership Fair which took place later in October (see "TRIALOG News"). Some NGOs showed strong interest and attended this recent event in Vienna.

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#### **4.7. YPC: A Romanian Experience with Peace and Development Education**

Information provided by Andra Tanase, PATRIR

Between the 1st and the 11th of August 2006 a mountain cottage resort in Maguri- Racatau, Romania, became the ground for a vibrant international education project. Thirty young people ranging in age from 16 to 28 representing twenty countries from all continents gathered in the mountains of Romania for 10 days to participate in the 'Youth For Positive Change' (YPC) pilot project which, through its methods and themes, aims to set a precedent in the field of peace and development education in Romania. The YPC concept involves the creation of a unique and innovative learning environment for the development and exchange of skills and ideas amongst a diverse group of young people coming together to work for positive change around the world.

The programme combined an intense schedule of training workshops, with sharing experiences on participants' own work, and immersion into the local cultures. The participants took part in a wide range of programs on peace-building (games, journalism, non-violence, TRANSCEND method), human rights, identity and social structures, gender and project management while also working to develop a larger program for YPC 2007. It was an inspirational experience for all and many noted in their evaluations that it was the best time of their entire lives!

This was possible thanks to the host organization: Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) and to the partner organizations: The European Movement in Armenia (Viktor Yengibaryan), The Nepalese Peace Initiative Alliance (Manish Thappa), Peace Child

International (David Woolcombe), Save The Children Norway (Annette Giersten) & Romania, (Max Anghel), TRANSCEND (Kai Brand-Jacobsen), Travel For Peace (Ingunn Vagstein), and the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY - Celina Del Felice & Henry Wasung).

View photos from the event at: [http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/fotos\\_ypc\\_romania.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/fotos_ypc_romania.pdf)

For further information please contact: Andra Tanase (PATRIR, in liaison with the Romanian NGDO platform) at [andra@transcend.org](mailto:andra@transcend.org) or Jay Starr (project coordinator) at [jaystarr@gmail.com](mailto:jaystarr@gmail.com)

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#### **4.8. Eurizons – hitchhiking and campaigning to promote the MDGs**

Information provided by Johannes Krause, ASA-Programme/GLEN

With the support of TRIALOG, the Global Education Network of Young Europeans (GLEN) carried out Eurizons – the European Tour for Global Responsibility, a campaign focusing on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The tour took place from August 22 till September 8 and started in Riga (Latvia). It crossed 8 countries with stops in Kaunas (Lithuania), Krakow (Poland), Olomouc (Czech Republic), Bratislava (Slovakia), Sopron (Hungary), Muenchen (Germany), in order to arrive in Strasbourg (France). A group of 50 trained young campaigners from 11 countries carried out the campaign. They travelled the whole way of over 2.500 km by hitchhiking and promoted the MDGs on their way.

In each of the 8 cities where the tour stopped, an MDG event took place under the motto: „6 Billion People, 1 World, 8 Goals – Your Action Matters!“ The hitch-hikers together with local NGOs organised presentations and discussions, showed movies and theatre plays, organised games with children and concerts, and carried out street actions in order to attract the attention of the public and enter into discussion with them. The Eurizons tour and the public events often attracted high media attention on both regional and national level.

The Eurizons tour ended in Strasbourg with a meeting at the European Parliament which was attended by 20 MEPs and the hitchhikers who handed over an Open Letter. Both Eurizons campaigners and MEPs took over concrete commitments to contribute to the achievement of the MDGs. Agreements for future co-operation were made.

Read the Eurizons Open Letter to all the Members of the European Parliament:

<http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/eurizonsopenletter.pdf>

Download the Eurizons project report:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/eurizons\\_projectreport.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/eurizons_projectreport.pdf)

View photos from the Eurizons tour:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/fotos\\_eurizons.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/fotos_eurizons.pdf)

Eurizons campaigners are planning further activities in 2007. For more information see

<http://www.eurizons.net> or contact Johannes Krause, ASA-Programm/InWEnt:

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Eurizons is a project of GLEN (<http://www.glen-europe.org>), a network of organisations in 2 old and 9 new EU member states that qualifies young Europeans for work in development co-operation and global education.

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#### **4.9. GLEN training seminar for MDG campaigning**

Information provided by Johannes Krause, ASA-Programme/GLEN

Since 2004 the Global Education Network of Young Europeans, GLEN, organises three month work and study stays in developing countries for selected young Europeans who are interested in gaining a first hand experience and qualifications for work in development co-operation and global education. By 2006 organisations from 2 old member states and 9 new member states became part of GLEN, most of them NGOs who are members of the national NGDO platforms. TRIALOG supports the activities of GLEN since their beginning in 2004.

Besides the internships in developing countries, GLEN also carries out training seminars for multipliers in global education in Europe and conducts its own awareness raising activities (e.g. Eurizons, see separate article). In June 2006, a GLEN training seminar took place in Kostelecke Horky, Czech Republic, hosted by the Czech GLEN partner INEX-SDA and financially supported by TRIALOG.

The 4 days seminar was attended by 40 participants from 8 countries and led by an international team of trainers. It focussed on competences needed for awareness raising campaigns focussing on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The MDGs were widely discussed and strategies to put them into simple messages and relating them to the lives of people in Europe were elaborated. Furthermore practical workshops in campaigning methodology such as street action, theatre, communication skills and media work were provided.

The exchange between the participants from different countries and different fields of development related activism was crucial for the success of the seminar. This training once more showed the enrichment and creative potential that lies in bringing together young people from different European countries for common learning processes, common engagement in the development debate in Europe and common action in global education.

Read the seminar report at:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/glen\\_seminar\\_mdgcampaigning.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/glen_seminar_mdgcampaigning.pdf)

For further information please see <http://www.glen-europe.org> or contact Johannes Krause, ASA-Programm/InWEnt: [johannes.krause@inwent.org](mailto:johannes.krause@inwent.org)

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#### **4.10. SRHR NGOs join hands to advance the ICPD Agenda in the enlarged EU**

Information provided by Marie-Ange Kalenga, [makalenga@eurongos.org](mailto:makalenga@eurongos.org)

Over a hundred participants from across Europe and beyond gathered for the 2006 EuroNGOs Conference and Membership Meeting, which was held in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 8-9 June. Under the title 'Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Internationally: What Role for the Enlarged EU?', the event focused on the challenges and benefits of EU leadership in advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) internationally in the context of enlargement, and the specific need to increase the capacity of civil society in the new Member States to engage in the EU policy debate.

Looking at the changes brought by the 2004 enlargement of the EU, this year's conference provided a very special opportunity to bring together policy makers, parliamentarians, NGO representatives and donors, who share a common will for – or have knowledge of and responsibilities in working on – integrating SRHR concerns into efforts to end poverty and meet global development goals. In particular, the conference aimed to engage civil society from the new Members States in the European development policy arena, so they are better informed

about development challenges in general and about the particular need for the full implementation of the ICPD agenda (International Conference on Population and Development) at international level. - The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs) seek to translate the commitments of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) into international cooperative programmes in the field of sexual and reproductive health in low-income countries.

Participants discussed the challenges facing the SRHR agenda in the context of the enlarged EU, including the new Member States' weak Official Development Assistance tradition, the lack of public and political support for development aid, a focus on domestic policies – which are often less progressive in the new Member States than the EU15 regarding the SRHR agenda –, a focus on neighbouring regions and issues such as governance, and the lack of capacity to engage in the development policy arena.

The conference confirmed the central role Europe has to play to advance SRHR concerns internationally. In this context, EU civil society is well placed to become an increasingly important player to address the challenges posed by fundamentalist groups that oppose the ICPD agenda and to ensure continued EU support for SRHR. It was believed that EuroNGOs has an enormous value in providing spaces to connect, cross-fertilize and catalyze collaboration and skills sharing among diverse organisations working for SRHR in Europe and beyond.

For more information turn to the EuroNGOs website: <http://www.eurongos.org>

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## 5. Sources of information

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### 5.1. The Millennium Development Goals report 2006

Source: oeza aktuell Oktober 2006

The Millennium Development Goals report 2006 produced by the UN (2006) is available for download. The report considers progress made by the international community towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's). The authors assert that there are significant challenges ahead if the MDG's are to be met by 2015, however they note that certain goals are within reach. Download the report from:

<http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2006/MDGReport2006.pdf#search=%22The%20Millennium%20Development%20Goals%20report%202006%22>

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### 5.2. Latest CONCORD Publications

Source: <http://www.concordeurope.org/>

There are a number of recent publications of CONCORD, the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development, which are available for download:

- CONCORD 2005 Survey (Summary) (September 2006): Insights into the objectives, structures, funding and capacities of CONCORD's wide membership:

<http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=pdfUK&id=1645>

- CONCORD's latest 'EU Monitoring' newsletter that monitors the latest news and events from the EU Institutions, and lists all of the latest calls for proposals for development NGOs:

[http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/eu\\_monitoring\\_3nov2006.pdf](http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/eu_monitoring_3nov2006.pdf)

- CONCORD Flash which reports the latest news from the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development: <http://www.concordeurope.org/view.cfm?idref=PUB37&tab1=publications>
  - CONCORD Working Groups newsletter (covering January - July 2006): <http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=pdfUK&id=1610>
  - CONCORD Annual Report 2005: <http://www.concordeurope.org/download.cfm?media=pdfUK&id=1474>
- For more information on CONCORD, please go to: <http://www.concordeurope.org/>

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### 5.3. Fair Trade Advocacy Newsletter - October 2006

Information provided by Anja Osterhaus, osterhaus@fairtrade-advocacy.org

Find the newsletter, elaborated by the Fair Trade Advocacy Office in Brussels, a joint initiative of IFAT (International Fair Trade Association), FLO (Fair Trade Labeling Organizations International), NEWS! (Network of European Worldshops) and EFTA (European Fair Trade Association), at the following link: <http://www.trialog.or.at/docs/fairtradeadvocacynewsletter.pdf>

This edition covers issues such as:

- New EU trade policy: at the service of European business
- Members of the European Parliament against exploitative child labour
- European Parliament supports Fair Trade
- New guide on fair procurement
- Soon to be published: Business Unusual – Successes and Challenges of Fair Trade

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### 5.4. WIDE News N. 9 - October 2006

Information sent by Katariina Lensu, WIDE

In this issue:

- Mandelson trades away gender justice and sustainable development - New EC communication: Global Europe: Competing in the world
- Stand up against poverty – GCAP action at the European Parliament
- EU trade Sustainability Impact Assessments: A critical view
- A gender review of the Economic Partnership Agreements
- EP adopts resolution on perspective of women in international trade
- Corporate power over EU trade policy: Good for business, bad for the world
- Call for European Feminist Forum affinity groups - new deadline
- New resources, Events etc.

Find the WIDE newsletter at the following link:

[http://www.eurosur.org/wide/Newsletter/2006\\_News\\_9.pdf](http://www.eurosur.org/wide/Newsletter/2006_News_9.pdf)

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### 5.5. KARAT News - September 2006

Information sent by Joanna Szabunko, KARAT Coalition

KARAT is a regional coalition of organizations and individuals that works to ensure gender equality in the CEE/CIS countries, monitors the implementation of international agreements and lobbies for the needs and concerns of women in the region at all levels of decision-making fora. Read the latest KARAT News at: [http://www.karat.org/news1/last\\_news.html](http://www.karat.org/news1/last_news.html)

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## 6. Funding Opportunities / Awards

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### 6.1. EC Calls for Proposals for NGO co-financing expected for November

Information provided by Anita Bister, TRIALOG

It is expected that the European Commission (EC) will soon publish the Calls for proposals within the NGO co-financing budget line for actions to raise public awareness of development issues in Europe (ED) and for actions in developing countries (PVD). For the first time, the EC will allocate 10m EUR especially for development education and awareness raising activities in the new EU member states and Bulgaria/Romania (within the ED call). Check out the EC website on which the Calls will be published: <http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl>

On this website you can get information on all recently published and open EC Calls for Proposals. Select "other" from the drop-down menu at the top of the left hand frame, select the status by clicking on "open", select the project type by clicking on "grants", select "all" to search in all regions and countries. Submit your query by clicking on the 'Submit Query' button at the bottom of the left-hand frame. The query results will be displayed in the right hand frame. Click on the documents for more information on each call, the regions concerned, on objectives, priorities, size of grants, guidelines etc.

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### 6.2. Time to start preparing pilot projects for the next RPP call

Information provided by Josefa Molitor, RPP

The next Call for proposals of the Regional Partnership Programme (RPP) will be open between February and April 2007 (launch: February 14; deadline: April 11). The Advance Notice of the 2007 call incl. the main conditions is already published on the RPP website in order to allow organisations to start preparing their applications early.

The lead agency must be an NGO established and registered in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia or Slovenia. A co-operation with an Austrian partner NGO is again a requirement for the application. Organisations are advised to start looking for cooperation partners now. The experience of the previous RPP calls showed that the search for cooperation partners was often started too late. The long preparation period for the next call shall now allow organisations to build real partnership where the proposal can be prepared together and responsibilities and roles can be shared according to the potentials of each partner organisation.

In the coming months, the RPP Office will offer support in finding (Austrian) project partners: NGOs from CZ, H, SK and SLO are invited to send short project abstracts to the RPP office. These abstracts will be published on the website under 'search for cooperation'. Austrian NGOs are invited to also send short 'offers for cooperation' to the RPP office. These offers will be published on the website from beginning of November onwards. To encourage more NGOs to participate in the Call and to improve the quality of the project applications, a capacity building day on proposal writing will be organised in February 2007.

Find more information on the RPP and the upcoming call at <http://www.regionalpartnership.at> or email to: [officeRPP@eu-platform.at](mailto:officeRPP@eu-platform.at)

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### **6.3. Presidency Fund: Third Call will be published on November 21**

Source: <http://www.presidencyfund.org/>

The Third Call for Proposals of the Presidency Fund will be opened on 21 November 2006. The Preliminary Application Form will have to be submitted to the Fund Secretariat by 21 January 2007, the main phase deadline will be 21 February 2007. For more information on how to make submissions to the Presidency Fund and to download the Preliminary Application Form which will be available from November 21 onwards, please go to: <http://www.presidencyfund.org/>

The Presidency Fund was created in 2005 to promote the engagement of NGOs and other civil society actors from the 10 New Member States in the European Union's Development Policy Debates. NGOs based in one of the ten member state countries that entered the European Union on 1 May 2004 are eligible to apply to the Fund.

Within the second Call for Proposals (which was closed in August 2006), 6 NGOs have been provisionally selected to receive aid from the Presidency Fund. The full results and details of the implementing organisations and their project summaries will be available shortly on the above mentioned website of the Fund.

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### **6.4. World Aware Education Award 2006 – Call for Applications**

Information provided by Miguel Silva, North-South Centre

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in partnership with Irish Aid, is happy to announce the launch of the World Aware Education Awards (WAEA). The World Aware Education Award seeks to recognise and encourage projects which promote the sustainable integration of global education in formal and non-formal educational practices; display excellence in networking, partnership and coordination for increased and improved global education; bring together different actors and institutions (non governmental development organisations, civil society organisations, ministries, local and regional authorities, educational institutions, etc.).

While a broad range of global education themes will be considered, sustainable development issues and themes related to increasing critical public awareness of the Millennium Development Goals are particularly encouraged.

Awards consist of a prize of 1500 EUR. Three projects will be selected. The application form has to be submitted before December 10th 2006 to Miguel Silva: [miguel.silva@coe.int](mailto:miguel.silva@coe.int)  
For more information (on eligible projects, themes etc.) and the Application form go to the North-South Centre website: [http://www.coe.int/T/E/North-South\\_Centre/](http://www.coe.int/T/E/North-South_Centre/)

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