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Dear network members and network interested,

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I. GENERAL NEWS

1. Culture Programme Infoday in Brussels, 14 Sept. 07

The European Commission organised an “Infoday on Culture funding opportunities 2008” on the 14th of September in Brussels where ENCC took part.

The participants had the opportunity to learn more about the new Agenda for culture in Europe, about aims, structure and the management of the Culture Programme at the EACEA. Furthermore, participants got much useful information about the programme's different contents and addressees as well as its administrative and financial aspects. Practical recommendations related to the preparation and the submission of applications as well as the management of the grants were the highlight of the day. Due to the success of the first Infoday, the event has been repeated on the 5th of October.

The presentations of the Infoday including videos of some sessions are available [here](#).

2. European Cultural Values – Special “Eurobarometer” Survey commissioned by EC, DG EAC

In spring 2007, the survey of people’s views on culture revealed that “two-thirds of Europeans feel that they share elements of a collective culture and nearly nine out of ten Europeans say that culture, cultural exchanges and intercultural dialogue should have an important place in the EU.”

Therefore, Mr Ján Figel’, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth confirms: “Our continent is blessed with extraordinary cultural wealth, and this survey clearly shows that Europeans feel deeply about their culture and cultures. For me, this passion for our culture and cultures confirms the central place that 'culture' has in the European project. For policy makers in the Member States, the message is also clear: more means should be made available to facilitate cultural exchanges on our continent, to promote mutual understanding, tolerance and respect among our peoples. This is all the more important as we approach 2008, the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.”
(For both quotations see press release mentioned below).

Almost In 2007, the European Commission, Directorate General Education and Culture commissioned a quantitative Eurobarometer study to measure public opinion on culture and cultural values within Europe in order to ascertain both opinions and behaviour in this area.

The survey was carried out interviewing 26.755 citizens in the 27 Member States.

Read the [Press Release](#).

Read the full [Report](#).

ENCC Contact Visits to Bulgaria,



Romania



and Slovenia



in August and
September 2007

II. CURRENT ENCC ISSUES

1. Contact Visit to Romania and Bulgaria, Aug/Sept 07

Andreas Kämpf, President of ENCC, got a very useful insight of the situation of cultural centres in Romania and Bulgaria when recently travelling both countries. Main places of interest were Arad and Sibiu, and Sofia and Sliven respectively. Arad's identity for example is profoundly shaped by different important minority groups living in the city for centuries already. Sibiu was actually very busy with many ongoing activities in the framework of being European Capital of Culture. Unlike Romania, Bulgaria has a national network of cultural centres – the Chitalishte Development Foundation. Various local centres of the network have been visited and relationships could be deepened.

2. Contact Visit to Slovenia, 27/28 September 07

Gabi Gerbasits and Ivo Peeters, both members of the ENCC board, went to Ljubljana only a few days ago. They realised a busy programme and met various cultural operators in the lively and artistic Slovenian capital such as the KUD France Prešeren Trnovo, the Kulturno Društvo B-51, NETA, the SCCA-Ljubljana and Asociacija, an Association of Independent Artists and Organisations in the field of culture in Slovenia.

The financial situation of cultural centres in Slovenia seems to be quite positive. The state includes 4 Mio Euros in its annual budget that are foreseen for cultural activities. Appropriate institutes and centres can apply for 3 years project grants.

III. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The European Commission has integrated its various educational and training initiatives under a single umbrella programme so called "Lifelong Learning Programme". It consists of four sub-programmes: Comenius (for schools), Erasmus (for higher education), Leonardo da Vinci (for vocational education and training) and Grundtvig (for adult education). A transversal programme complements these four sub-programmes. Read more about it [here](#).

Regarding the four sectoral programmes, these are the next deadlines for applications:

31.01.2008	Comenius, Grundtvig: Mobility
08.02.2008	Leonardo da Vinci: Mobility
14.03.2008	Erasmus: Mobility
29.02.2008	Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: Multilateral projects, Networks and Accompanying Measures

IV. UPCOMING DATES

- 3-5 Oct 07** 2nd ENCC European Project Fair in Riga/Latvia
Programme and registration form are to be found [here](#).
- 31 Oct 07** **Deadline for Call for Proposals EACEA N° 23/2007 "Support for Cultural Actions – Strand 1.1 Multi-annual Co-operation Projects and Strand 1.2.1 Co-operation Measures"**
For full information, click [here](#).
- 5 Nov 07** **Deadline for Call for Proposals EACEA N° 22/2007 "Support for bodies active at European level in the field of culture – Strand 2"**
For full information, click [here](#).
- 8 Nov 07** **Annual active citizenship Forum "Europe for Citizens Forum 2007 – Together for Intercultural Dialogue" in Brussels**
Registration is to be made [online](#).
- 8-11 Nov 07** **15th EFAH General Assembly and annual conference in Warsaw/Poland**
Programme, registration and further information are available [here](#).