



European Network of Cultural Centres

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ENCC NEWSLETTER 1/06

Dear network members and network interested,

On the occasion of confirmation for our application 38/05 received on the 7th of August 2006 we are pleased to realize this form of communication –our ENCC Newsletter- for an enlarged interest group.

As of now you will get the Newsletter every two weeks.

Thank you for your attention,
Christina Melis-Munschke

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I. General news:

As most of you already know we have got two new e-mail addresses:

For the ENCC-board: encc-board@soziokultur.de

For all ENCC-members and associated members: encc@soziokultur.de

Therefore please don't use the old one - phoenixgroup@soziokultur.de - anymore!!

II. Current ENCC activities

1. Contact/Study Visit to Poland

With enormous support from Maryna Czaplinska (DK Dorozkarnia / Poland, associated member of ENCC) we are currently preparing Andreas Kämpf's contact visit to Poland. From the 8th until the 14th of September Andreas Kämpf (President of ENCC) will be in Gdansk, Białystok, Warsaw, Wrocław and Krzyżowa. Günter Chodzinski (Director of eufund / Germany) will join him for two days in Warsaw. The report of this study visit will be presented at our board meeting in Helsinki in October.

2. Contact/Study Visit to Czech Republic

Christiane Ziller (Managing director of ENCC, Bundesvereinigung Soziokultureller Zentren / Germany), Antti Manninen (Member of the board of ENCC, Kanneltalo Cultural Centre / Finland) and Veronika Haslinger (responsible for study on cultural centres in Eastern Europe, eufund / Germany) are going to meet new partners and potential members in Prague by the end of next week (14./15. Sept.). Due to difficulties in building up contacts in Slovakia, we canceled our trip to Bratislava.

The report of this contact visit will be presented at our meeting in Helsinki as well.

3. Study on cultural centres in Eastern Europe

This study aims to state the development of sociocultural centres in the CEE countries. The person in charge of this research project is Veronika Haslinger (see above). She will be happy to present you first results in Helsinki. However the final presentation of her investigation will take place in Vienna in November this year.

4. ENCC Partner and Project Fair in Vienna, 3./4. November 2006:

„The role of cultural centres between European integration and cultural diversity“.

The period of intensive preparation for this event has started! In close cooperation with Elisabeth Mayerhofer (IG Kultur / Austria, member of ENCC) and Sabine Wicher (responsible for the implementation of the partner and project fair in Vienna) we will make sure that all technical and hosting demands are fulfilled. We will send you the invitation and programme in the next few days.

III. Upcoming dates

28./29.09.06 “EUROPE FOR CITIZENS” Forum, Brussels: This Forum is organised by the European Commission. It will bring together a diversity of representatives of municipalities (mayors) and of civil society organisations which are taking part or are interested in the Community Action Programme to promote Active European Citizenship. Representatives of the EU Presidency, of the European Parliament, of the Committee of the Regions and of the European Social and Economic Committee are invited as speakers. Other speakers will include key stakeholders as well as field experts from the projects. No registration fee is required, but Travel and Accommodation expenses have to be covered by the participants individually. For further information please visit: http://teamwork.intbase.com/0608_01/

5.10.06 ENCC Board Meeting, Helsinki

5.-8.10.06 14th EFAH Conference and Annual General Assembly, Helsinki: This year's EFAH Conference will seek to investigate and understand the value and importance of intercultural dialogue in the European context. The conference is open to anyone. Registration fees: free for EFAH members, otherwise 100€ before the 15th of September and 120€ after that day. Travel and Accommodation expenses have to be covered by the participants individually. For further information please visit: www.islandsandbridges.com

IV. To do's:

- ***Once again: Please let us know, if you have got some contacts to CEE-countries!***
- ***Don't hesitate to inform us about interested persons, partners or organizations for our newsletter!***