

Youth Partnership News

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Partnership Management Board and Consultation Meeting

In their last meetings (April 2007), the Partnership Management Board and the Partnership Consultation Meeting reviewed the activities in 2007 and discussed on work priorities and actions for 2008.

The Minutes of the Partnership Consultation Meeting are available on-line [http://www.youth-knowledge.net/export/INTEGRATION/Overall_Portal/About/PCM_Report_2007.pdf]

As a reminder: the Partnership Management Board is composed by representatives of the two partners, the Council of Europe and the European Commission, plus the Secretariat.

The Consultation Meeting invites the main stakeholders to discuss the relevance of the Partnership activities, to assist in their implementation and to increase synergies among the various stakeholders.

THE PLANS FOR 2008



For 2008 / 2009 the context of the Partnership activities is set by the Framework Partnership Agreement, its preamble and defined objectives (see Newsletter # 9). The **workplan 2008** should allow for a continuation of earlier priorities in training, research, policy and regional co-operation as well as for new actions to be identified by various seminars which will be held in the course of 2007.

Besides **EuroMed** cooperation, an enlarged regional focus on Eastern Europe and Caucasus and on South-East Europe will play a particular role in all future Partnership activities. Some activities with a link to the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 and the expected White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue of the Council of Europe should also be implemented in the upcoming year.

In **training**, the Partnership will carry on developing Training Courses on European Citizenship in co-operation with the SALTO TC RC and the NAs network. The Partnership will also develop a training of

trainers strategy, whereas in EuroMed cooperation Human Rights Education will be continued.

In **research and youth policy** development, thematic seminars on relevant youth issues, networking activities and further development of the European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy are planned.

A particular attention will be paid to the visibility of the Partnership activities and **publications**, namely the website, the magazine COYOTE, T(raining)-Kits and research books. A specific activity should certainly be organised on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Partnership, which started on 1 November 1998 with a covenant on training activities.

The next meetings of the three thematic Partnership Sectorial Groups, in which stakeholders are invited to discuss needs, priorities and actions, will be held in September 2007. They will be followed by a Partnership Management Board meeting a day after, on 20 September. Following these meetings the workplan will be finalised.



The Partnership Secretariat

The Partnership Secretariat consists of eight employees who are staffed by the Council of Europe and paid by the joint budget of the two partners.



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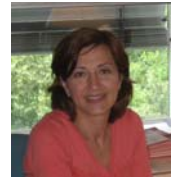


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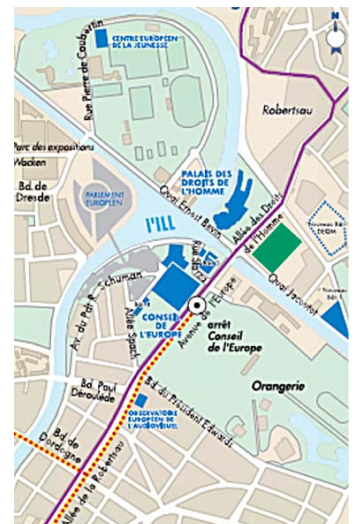
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NEW ADDRESS:

The Partnership Secretariat has moved from the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg to the New Building of the Council of Europe (in green on the map):

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