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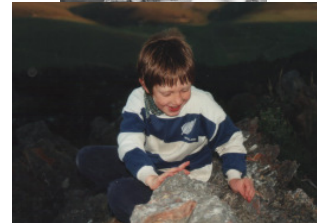
Red Europea de Maestrías en Derechos del Niño
European Network of Masters on Children's Rights

Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

Best wishes for the New Year, we hope you all entered 2005 in a good state of health and full of energy to continue working on the project. With the present third Newsletter we want to give you up-dates on proceedings in the universities. We would also like to kindly invite you to mark the 15th-17th April, 2005 in your calendars for the second workshop of the network in Madrid, Spain. For feedback, criticism and comments as well as any information input please use the e-mail address: crnews@eufund.de.

Thank you for your attention,

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General News:

- Second meeting of the Directive Committee

The second meeting of the directive committee will take place in Berlin, Germany at the Technical University on February 4th and 5th, 2005. For further information (programme, participants) please contact CR Coordination at +49-(0)30-88412-191 or send an e-mail to crnews@eufund.de

- Council of Europe proclaims the year 2005 "European Year of Citizenship through Education".

The Organisation wishes to draw attention to the crucial role education plays in developing active citizenship, democratic culture and social cohesion. The activities aimed at for the "Year" are: linking policy and practice of citizenship and human rights education in formal and non-formal education, at raising awareness and developing networks at all levels. In particular, the development of networks and communities of educators in Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) and Human Rights Education (HRE).

At the launching conference in Sofia, Bulgaria participants agreed that educational activities must take into account the cultural and social diversity of learners, encourage intercultural learning and social inclusion. Another fundamental challenge of education in Europe and for Europe is to equip young people with new competencies for life so that they are ready for living democracy in contexts considerably different from those known in the past.

Concerning one of the main objectives, awareness-raising, a special website on EDC/HRE was created. It will be developed throughout the year. (<http://www.coe.int/EYCE>)

EDC/HRE should be a major element of both formal and non-formal education. Member states are encouraged to implement sustainable reforms to this end at all levels of the education system, beginning with the inclusion and/or development of EDC/HRE in school curricula, with the involvement of NGOs, when appropriate. UNICEF as one international organisation participating in the Sofia Conference proposed to share: 1) a multi-media education kit addressing issues related to child violence; 2) the educational kit Kids Inclusive (available in print and in CD-ROMs) designed to encourage young people's understanding and participation in fighting the worst forms of exclusion and discrimination.

The "Year" is embedded in the **United Nations' Decade for Education for Sustainable Development and that of the World Programme for Human Rights Education** which begins in 2005.

The European Union will continue to give priority to EDC under the EU educational projects.

EU-Funding:

▪ Curriculum Development Projects (CD)

Under the Sokrates Programme, the European Commission awards funding for Curriculum Development Projects (CD). European Universities can receive funding for two types of activities:

- projects for the *joint development of "study programmes"* at intermediate or advanced ("Masters-type") level;
- projects for the *joint development of European "modules"*, including specialised language modules;

The purpose of CD grants is to reinforce the **quality and European dimension of higher education** teaching by combining the expertise and state-of-the-art knowledge of universities from several countries. Particular importance is attached to **cooperation with the professional world** at regional, national and European level.

The grant, which **can never be more than 75 %** of the eligible project budget, may be spent on **staff costs, direct costs (comprising of, for example, travel and subsistence costs as well as equipment expenditure) and overheads.**

European Modules may focus on one or more of the following:

- the history, society, culture, politics or economics of European countries;
- aspects of European integration such as Community Law, European economics or the organisation and history of the European Union;
- comparative aspects or elements relating to the content of a given discipline area in different participating countries;

- the development of specialised language modules relating to the content of a given discipline, which are integrated into the programme of study of that discipline (the language concerned must be one of the official languages of the European Union).

Deadline for applications: March 1st , 2005

If a consensus for an application can be reached by the directive committee, the meeting in February will be constructively used for the preparation of the application form.

- Marie Curie Conferences and Training Courses

The Call for Proposals for Large Conferences and Training Courses under the Marie Curie Programme has been published. Projects should enable junior researchers to benefit from the experience of leading researchers. We will provide you with more detailed information on the call in our next newsletter.

News from the Members/Interested:

- There has been a break-through in Berlin concerning the establishment of a MA course on Children's Rights. A new module on Childhood Development and Children's Rights will be included in the existing MA on intercultural education at the Free University as a parallel focus/specialization to the existing course.
- Dr. Karl Hanson, senior lecturer/researcher at the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB) will be participating in the Oslo Conference on Childhoods, to be held June 29th - July 3rd, 2005: <http://childhoods2005.uio.no>. The suggestion from Karl Hanson is that if some of the network members would also participate in the conference, there might be a possibility to organise a short meeting on the network on one of the days.

To Do's:

For all network members:

Contacts to new EU-Member States:

- Establish contacts to interested individuals and organisations, institutions who could possibly participate in the network (as members, sponsors, affiliated) especially in the new EU- Member states!!!

Funding:

- Find out about national funding programmes (for mobility grants, scholarships, workshops/seminars)

Upcoming Dates:

February 16th, 2005: Deadlines for **Mobility Grants** under 6th RFP (Marie Curie)

Individual-driven Action:

- **Intra-European Fellowships**

Eligible researchers: Experienced Researchers in liason with a host organisation from a Member State or Associated State. Duration of projects: 1-2 years

Excellence Promotion and Recognition:

- **Excellence Grants (Teams)**

Support for the creation and development of European research teams (leading edge or interdisciplinary research activities). Eligible researchers: One team leader, an experienced high-level researcher who develops the project jointly with a host organisation in the EU or

Associated States (HEI/ Industry/ Research). Topics: Anything that is relevant to European achievements and interests or themes that increase the competitiveness of European Research on the world stage. Indicative amounts available for 1 project: 850.00 - 2.000.000 €. Duration: Max. 4 years.

▪ **Chairs**

Chair Holder: Experienced Researcher of any nationality, with outstanding past achievements in international teaching and collaborative research. Chair holder will give lectures and teach research courses to students, as well as supervise research and thesis work. The post should be full-time or comprise a minimum of 70% of a full time position. (divided into: 50% teaching, 50% research). Duration: 3 years. Indicative amount for one chair: between 260.000 and 700.000 €

If anyone is interested in applying for one of the Marie Curie Actions you may contact us at eufund for further information and support! Fon: +49 (0)30-88412-191

February 4th-5th, 2005: Second meeting of the directive committee in Berlin, Germany

March 1st, 2005: Next deadline for Curriculum Development Projects (CD) applications

March 31st, 2005: Next deadline for Erasmus Mundus applications

April 15th-17th, 2005: Second Network Workshop in Madrid, Spain

April 30th, 2005: Next deadline for ALFA applications (EU-exchange programme Europe-Latin America)

May 18th, 2005: Deadline for Marie Curie Conferences and Training Courses applications

June 29th - July 3rd, 2005: Childhoods 2005 Conference in Oslo, Norway.

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