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1 Membership EUNEC

All councils received an invitation to pay the **membership fee** before April the 12th. We would like to ask the councils to pay in time and to send the registration form to the EUNEC secretariat (eunec@vlor.be)

2 EUNEC conference in Lisbon (19-20 June 2006)

The next EUNEC event will be a **conference in Lisbon** on 19 – 20 June 2006. The subject of the conference will be **'Key competences and education for vulnerable groups'**.

Starting from the proposal of the Commission for a **recommendation** of the European parliament and of the Council on **key competences** for lifelong learning (2005/0221 COD), EUNEC wants to analyse the impact of these key competences on education for vulnerable groups.

We already received the confirmation of the participation of **Tapio Saavala** (European Commission), **Maria Herczog** (European Economic and Social Committee) and two Portuguese experts in key competences and curricula.

During the first week of May, all the members of EUNEC will receive the official invitation for this conference. EUNEC will round of the conference with the annual meeting of its **General Assembly**.

3 A State of affairs European education policy

It is not always easy to keep up with all the activities in the European education policy. For that reason, the EUNEC secretariat made a new **State of affairs (March 2006)** of all the running processes in the European education policy. You can find this document on our website (www.eunec.org ? EUNEC documents). The document of 20 pages is a treasury of information on:

1. An evaluation of the Lisbon strategy

- 1.1 'Time to move up a gear', the annual report of the Commission
- 1.2 The Council of the European Union (Education Youth and Culture)
- 1.3 The Spring Council in Brussels
- 1.4 The European Institute of Technology

2. New developments within the programme Education and Training 2010

- 2.1 A compendium of European documents
- 2.2 2006-2007 framework of activities in the context of the Education and Training 2010 work programme: clusters and other main measures

- 2.3 The Education Council (23 February 2006)
- 2.4 „Strengthening Education in Europe“ - Conference of the European Ministers of Education (Vienna, 16 and 17 March 2006)
- 2.5 Conference - The European Qualifications Framework (EQF): From consultation to Recommendation (Budapest 27-28 February 2006)
- 2.6 Higher Education Reform
- 2.7 The European Network on quality assurance in VET.

3. Other education news

4 Priorities and activities of EUNEC member councils

The member councils of EUNEC have a lot of **experience** concerning education and training in their countries. EUNEC will systematically try to exchange this knowledge and expertise between its members. In this newsletter, you will find the priority themes of some EUNEC member councils. In the future, EUNEC will work on a better exchange of this expertise.

QCA (England)

- 14-19 work and development of a new system of diplomas
- Lower secondary curriculum (key stage 3) review
- Developing a framework for achievement (with credit) to replace eventually the national qualifications framework
- A huge internal reorganisation with staffing and budget reductions

Onderwijsraad (The Netherlands)

- Education and training for the future: a revaluation of knowledge and the innovative society
- Bridging the socio-cultural gap in all educational sectors
- Making use of all talents in education and training
- The Netherlands education in European and international perspective

Vlaamse Onderwijsraad (Belgium – Flanders)

- Education and training for pupils with learning difficulties
- The new decree on teacher education
- A national qualifications structure and the relation with the EQF
- Financing education and training

National Curriculum Council (Malta)

- Approving, funding and supporting curricular projects in schools

5 Questions

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