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| **EUNEC at work** |

[**Upcoming: EUNEC conference on early school leaving**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-bjhukjy-l-t/)

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| In the margins of the incoming Lithuanian Presidency of the EU, EUNEC is organizing for its members a conference on reducing early school leaving, one of the headline targets of Education and Training 2020 and of Europe 2020.  The conference will take place in the Seimas, the Lithuanian Parliament, from 18 until 20 November 2013.  The European Commission, DG Education and Culture, has confirmed active participation.  |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**EUNEC at the 'X Encuentro Nacional de Participación Social en la Educación' in Mexico**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-bjhukjy-l-i/)

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| Manuel Miguéns, member of the EUNEC executive committee and secretary general of the CNE, the Portuguese Education Council, participated on behalf of EUNEC at the 'Encuentro Latinoamericano de Participacion Social' in Mexico City on 6-7 June 2013.This conference is an initiative of CONAPASE, the 'Consejo Nacional de Participacion Social en la Educacion' from Mexico.   |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**Enhanced internal networking**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-bjhukjy-l-u/)

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| At the executive committee in Brussels, on 22 May 2013, EUNEC members worked on an overview of themes on their current agenda's. Several members provided the secretariat with documents on recent work.  This information was completed during a tour de table with input from the participating members.The result of this work is a document presenting an overview of all the themes at the agenda, which is available at [www.eunec.eu](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-bjhukjy-l-o/) in the management section of the website.  The aim is to share experiences and to have a broad overview in order to show cross-overs and to enhance cooperation on specific themes. |   | http://i1.createsend1.com/ei/r/41/848/094/csimport/DSC_0016.165136.JPGEUNEC members in Brussels, May 2013 |

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| **European heartbeat**  |

[**Erasmus+**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-bjhukjy-l-b/)

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| The Irish Presidency has brokered agreement on a new programme of approximately 16 billion euro to support initiatives in education, training, youth and sport over the next seven years.  The programme is called Erasmus+ and brings together alle the current EU and international schemes for education, training and youth. Up to 4 million people will benefit from EU grants for education and training opportunities abroad between 2014 and 2020, which is nearly double the number who are currently eligible for these supports.  |   | http://i2.createsend1.com/ei/r/41/848/094/csimport/Erasmus_NEW-664x609.165509.gifChanging focus from sectors to actions |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**Education at a glance 2013**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-bjhukjy-l-n/)

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| EUNEC was present at the European launch of Education at a Glance, OECD Indicators 2013.  This annual edition looks at who participates in education, what is spent on it, how education systems operate, and which results are achieved. The message of this edition is clear: education is the best protection against an economic crisis. |   | http://i3.createsend1.com/ei/r/41/848/094/csimport/education-at-a-glance-2013_eag-2013-en.161346.jpgThe 2013 edition of 'Education at a glance' |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**Presidencies of the EU**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-bjhukjy-l-p/)

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| The report of the Irish Presidency of the EU (January - June 2013) outlines what has been achieved in partnership with the member states, the EU and the stakeholders. The programme of the incoming Presidency of the EU, Lithuania (July - Decmeber 2013) will work towards a 'Credible, Growing and Open Europe'.  A credible Europe, with a stable financial sector and public finance and effective growth oriented economic governance and stronger social dimension.  A growing Europe through greater investment into research and technological development, deeper integration of the internal market as well as better employment opportunities and sustainable social security.  An open Europe able to tackle global challenges effectively, promoting democratic values, contributing to safe neighbourhood, and actively protecting the rights of EU citizens. |

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