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## Attended events : September – December 2010

### **1 Breaking the cycle of disadvantage. Social inclusion in and through education**

Ghent, Belgian Presidency, 28-29 September 2010

Over 200 policymakers, experts, researchers, education and training providers and representatives of civil society gathered on this conference on social inclusion. The executive committee of EUNEC was invited and participated actively at the following workshops:

Early Childhood Education and Care

Pupils at risk of social exclusion: overcoming school failure and reducing school drop out

Lifelong learning pathways and partnerships to tackle educational disadvantage

Low skilled adult learners

Education for active citizenship

An important message of the conference is that education and training is often regarded as the ideal way to achieve social mobility, and yet educational systems themselves often aggravate social inequality and reinforce the vicious circle of inequality.

The vicious circle of inequality is more prevalent in some countries than others. Greater European cooperation can therefore contribute to breaking the circle.

The Belgian Presidency incorporated the results of the conference in the ministerial debate on equity at the EU Education Council on 19 November 2010.

All presentations, background documents, conclusions and pictures on

[www.education2010.be](http://www.education2010.be).

## **2 Grundtvig Tenth Anniversary Conference on "European Cooperation in Adult learning – Shaping the Future"**

Copenhagen, 23 September 2010

Monique De Ridder (Vlor) attended the event.

Commissioner Vassiliou met Grundtvig beneficiaries and adult education experts during this conference. She stated that Grundtvig is a vital part of the European Commission's strategy for lifelong learning and will contribute to the Youth on the Move initiative and the Europe 2020 goals.

Conference website: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/grundtvig/doc2502\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/grundtvig/doc2502_en.htm)

## **3 Youth on the Move**

Antwerp, Belgian Presidency, 5-6 October 2010

Simone Barthel, EUNEC president, attended the event.

In cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture, the Belgian EU Presidency organized a conference to thoroughly examine the challenges of European and global mobility.

In addition to the results of the Green Paper on promoting the learning mobility of young people, the Europe 2020 flagship initiative "*Youth on the Move*" has been addressed. The workshops dealt with various aspects of mobility such as incentives, financing, types, quality, mobility and employability on the labour market, global mobility, the involvement of personnel in mobility and the implementation

[www.education2010.be](http://www.education2010.be).

## **4 Combating poverty and social exclusion during the economic crisis and beyond: a multi-level governance approach**

Lisbon, Portugal, European Movement International, 15-16 October 2010

Manuel Miguéns, CNE Portugal, attended the event

This conference aimed to bring together civil society actors, local and national European public authorities, discussion European solidarity and cohesion. In the light of the 2020 horizon and in the context of the European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, stakeholders debated on the post-crisis challenges and evaluated the need for a flexible form of governance, able to respond to change.

[http://europeanmovement.eu/index.php?id=6811&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=4104&chash=49857d03c2](http://europeanmovement.eu/index.php?id=6811&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=4104&chash=49857d03c2)

## **5 Third European Stakeholders' Forum**

Brussels, 28-29 October 2010

Simone Barthel, EUNEC president, and Carine De Smet, EUNEC secretariat, attended the event.

Central theme of the Forum, organized by the European Commission, assisted by EUCIS-LLL and the European Youth Forum, was the future of the next generation of EU programmes in the field of education and training, youth and international cooperation in

higher education (from 2014). The discussions of the Forum are embedded in the larger consultation process of the European Commission.

<http://www.eucis-lll.eu/pages/stakeholders-forum-info.html>

## **6 Brighter futures. Building effective partnerships to end child poverty.**

Orebrö, Sweden, Eurochild annual conference, 4-5 November 2010

Manuel Miguéns, CNE Portugal, attended the event and participated at the panel debate on the added value of EU action on child poverty.

Statements and link to the conference website:

[http://www.eurochild.org/fileadmin/Events/2010/11%20AC%20Orebro/Eurochild - Annual Conference - Brighter Futures through effective Partnerships - Concluding Statements - November 2010.pdf](http://www.eurochild.org/fileadmin/Events/2010/11%20AC%20Orebro/Eurochild_-_Annual_Conference_-_Brighter_Futures_through_effective_Partnerships_-_Concluding_Statements_-_November_2010.pdf)

## **7 Leonardo da Vinci Programme – 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Brussels, 9 November 2010

Simone Barthel, EUNEC president, and Carine De Smet, EUNEC secretariat attended the event.

The aim of the conference was to show the results of the Leonardo da Vinci programme during the 15 years of its life. Participants and organisations involved in actions of the programme gave testimonials of their experience. The conference was opened by European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, Ms Androulla Vassiliou.

EUNEC participated at the workshop on 'Dissemination and information: how to use the products/results, how to communicate the programme better'.

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2652\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2652_en.htm)

## **8 Lifelong Learning Infodays 2011**

Brussels, 15 November 2010

Carine De Smet, EUNEC secretariat, attended the event.

The objective of these infodays is to give useful information on the priorities of the 2011 call and what's new to the programme, as well as practical advice on the preparation and submission of proposals, and on the management of grants. The possibility is offered to talk to the key players from the LLL programme and to other participants organising projects.

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/LLP/events/infodays\\_2011/infoday\\_llp\\_2011\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/LLP/events/infodays_2011/infoday_llp_2011_en.php)

## **9 Promoting Active Learning and Ageing of Disadvantaged Seniors**

Public conference, European Parliament, Brussels, 16 November 2010

Mia Douterlungne, EUNEC general secretary, attended the event.

The conference brought together policy makers of the European Commission and Parliament, along with experts in the field of education and ageing, to present some practical approaches and reflect about current trends on mature and older adult education.

The conference was organized by Association VIDA. Intergenerational Valorisation and Active Development

<http://projectpaladin.eu/events/conference>

## **10 Youth Education to Labour market transitions (Les transitions des jeunes: ecole – vie active)**

Brussels, 29-30 November 2010

Simone Barthel, EUNEC president, attended this event, organised under the Belgian Presidency of the EU.

The purpose of this colloquium was, first, to provide an update on and explore in depth current knowledge about the Transitions of youth (with few qualifications) from school to the labour market, particularly in major City-Regions like Brussels, using two grids to analyze transition processes. Second, to explore new approaches to and perspectives on tackling the issue. And, lastly, to discuss and initiate a European Observatory for Transitions that can feed into the decision-making processes of competent public authorities.

<http://www.eutrio.be/youth-education-labour-market-transitions>