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## The Youth European Network



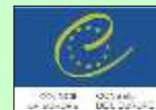
### **Bimonthly newsletter:**

- to spread European opportunities and initiatives,
- to disseminate the respect of human rights and the awareness about the development of Europe's cultural identity and diversity,
- to fight discrimination against minorities, xenophobia, intolerance and racism,
- to help, with youth activities, the democratic stability and social inclusion in Europe,
- develop active European citizenship and civil society by giving impetus to the training of youth leaders and youth workers working within a European dimension;
- to promote European youth activities, such as exchanges, seminars, conferences, debates and training courses,
- to encourage exchange of ideas, proposals, experiences and good practises at international level.

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## 1. Greece takes over the helm of the European Union

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**Growth, employment and promoting social cohesion will be Greece's priorities during its 6-month presidency of the EU, which started on New Year's Day.**

The Greek presidency's top priorities are

- tackling the major problem of youth unemployment
- increasing the availability of credit to small and medium-sized businesses.

Its other aims include improving economic governance in the eurozone and concluding negotiations on the next stage of banking union. The main aim here is to prevent a repeat of the recent financial crisis. Greece also wants to step up EU action on illegal migration and make changes to EU strategy in the fields of maritime affairs and data protection legislation. Another issue on the agenda is reaching agreement on the use of first-generation biofuels and shale gas. An important summit with African countries is scheduled to take place during the Greek presidency, and it is hoped that progress will be made on a new fishing agreement with Morocco.

### **Packed agenda**

Greece takes over the EU presidency at a particularly busy time, as agreements on a wide range of issues are needed before the end of the current European Parliament in April. [Direct elections to Parliament](#) will follow in all 28 countries in May, after which a new Commission will be selected. Over the next 6 months, Greece will chair hundreds of formal and informal meetings, provide a lead for complex negotiations and host 13 ministerial councils in Athens. In recent months Greece has worked closely alongside Lithuania, which held the EU presidency for the second half of 2013. In July 2014 Greece will hand over the presidency baton to Italy, which will welcome the new members of the Parliament and the Commission.

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## 2. EU plans to strengthen healthy eating schemes in schools

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**The EU is proposing to reinforce its healthy eating programmes in schools to help address poor nutrition among children.**

The new scheme will bring together 2 existing programmes – the School Fruit Scheme and the School Milk Scheme – which provide funding for the distribution of fruit and milk in schools and encourage education on healthy eating. Around **30 million children** across the EU benefit from these programmes each year. The new scheme will combine the 2 under the slogan 'Eat Well – Feel Good'. There will be a greater focus on education to help improve children's awareness of how to eat healthily and increase their understanding of issues such as food production and waste. This might include visits to farms, for example.



### **Poor diets**

In most countries, the amount of fruit, vegetables and milk that children are eating and drinking is decreasing. Diets are shifting towards highly processed foods instead. According to the [World Health Organisation](#), **obesity** among European children is on the rise. In 2008, it was estimated that 1 in 4 European children aged between 6 and 9 was overweight or obese; by 2010, that figure had risen to 1 in 3. Against this backdrop, the new scheme will aim to

- address poor nutrition more effectively
- reinforce the education provided by the healthy food programmes, and
- contribute to the fight against obesity.

### **Easier organisation**

Currently, all EU countries participate in the milk scheme, and most take part in the fruit scheme (the UK, Sweden and Finland have chosen not to). Participation in the new scheme will continue to be voluntary, and EU countries will have the flexibility to choose which foods to distribute. The new scheme will have a budget of €230 m, an increase from this year's €197 m, but no higher than the budget already set for the fruit and milk schemes leading up to 2020. It is hoped that combining the

schemes will reduce the administrative and organisational burdens of implementing them for schools and national authorities and make distribution more cost-effective.

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### 3. Getting out the vote for the European elections

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**Elections to a beefed-up European Parliament in May will see voters from all 28 EU countries choose politicians to represent them for the next 5 years.**

Substantial new powers handed to the Parliament in 2009 should make this spring's elections the most engaging since direct elections to the assembly began in 1979. A shift in the EU's balance of power towards the Parliament means that one of the first tasks of newly-elected MEPs will be to vote in the next president of the European Commission. The new system, set out in the [Lisbon Treaty](#), requires the EU's heads of state and government to nominate a candidate based on

the election results. This means the Parliament will also have greater influence on the selection of Commissioners.

#### **Engaging voters**

A related change in May's elections is that this will be the first time that political groups will put forward candidates for the post of Commission president. The centre-left Party of European Socialists (PES) has already selected the German MEP Martin Schulz – the current president of the Parliament – as their official candidate for the post. The centrist Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) will choose next month between the Finnish EU Commissioner Olli Rehn and the former Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt. Meanwhile, around half a dozen candidates – including 4 current and former prime ministers – are in the running to become the centre-right European People's Party's (EPP) choice, with the decision expected in March. The Greens are choosing their candidate, from a shortlist of 4, through an online primary.

#### **Combating voter apathy**

It is hoped the changes will help generate greater interest in the elections and reverse a trend of low voter turnout, which fell to just 43% of the electorate in 2009. A public opinion survey last year found that 62% of those questioned think that having party-affiliated candidates for Commission president as well as holding elections on the same day throughout Europe would increase turnout. The new system means that European voters will, for the first time, have a direct say in appointing the next leader of the Commission, and this should increase the EU's democratic legitimacy.

The proposed Framework does not cover traineeships that form part of university degree or that are mandatory to access a specific profession.

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### 4. New rights mean shoppers can buy with confidence across EU

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**Stronger consumer rights will give shoppers more protection wherever they shop in the EU, particularly online.**

The introduction this month of new consumer rights across all 28 EU countries should make shopping - online or in the high street - safer for Europe's 507m inhabitants. Under the new rules, you have 14 days to return items if you change your mind for any reason after buying online or by phone or mail order. This cooling-off period applies EU-wide. On top of that, traders must refund your money – including delivery costs - within 14 days if you decide to cancel. Traders who want buyers to bear the cost of returning goods if they change their minds have to make this clear beforehand.



#### **More transparency**

Buyers will also enjoy stronger cancellation rights when they complete a purchase following a home visit by a trader or buy items through online auctions. A ban on pre-ticked boxes for online purchases means that when buying a plane ticket, for instance, you won't unintentionally end up buying travel

insurance as well. Until now, consumers wanting to opt out of extra services have often had to un-tick boxes.

### **No hidden costs**

Traders will now have to make clear the total cost of buying a product or service. This means you won't be hit by extra charges or other costs if you weren't told about them before ordering. Surcharges for using credit cards will be capped from now on. This means traders can't charge you more than the actual cost they incur by offering this means of payment. Being kept waiting on an expensive premium rate hotline number will also become a thing of the past, as the new rules ban traders operating hotlines from charging over the basic rate for standard phone calls.

The new set of consumer rights – which replaces 4 directives – was originally agreed in 2011. EU countries then had until December 2013 to implement the Consumer Rights Directive in national law.

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## **5. EU action plan to harvest renewable energy from Europe's seas**

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**The EU is aiming to develop a reliable and secure source of renewable energy by setting up an Ocean Energy Forum.**

The European Commission has unveiled an action plan to help harvest more renewable energy from Europe's seas and oceans. The plan aims to boost this emerging "blue energy" sector - which includes technologies that can capture the energy from waves, tides and temperature variations in the water – by bringing together knowledge and expertise under a new [Ocean Energy Forum](#).

### **Great potential**

The aim is to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and make Europe's energy supplies more secure by creating a stable source of renewable energy in the region. This could be used in conjunction with other renewable sources such as wind and solar power. According to the European Commission, oceans and seas globally have sufficient energy potential to cover our current and projected energy needs. There are significant challenges in harnessing this potential, however, such as high technology costs and complex licensing rules.

### **Many benefits**

The Ocean Energy Forum will aim to address some of these challenges. It is hoped that supporting the blue energy sector could not only provide a secure source of power, but also benefit the environment, create jobs – particularly in coastal areas – and generate economic growth.

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## **6. European app sector set to boom**

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**Nearly 5 million jobs and €63bn could be added to the EU's economy by 2018, says EU study.**

The market for "apps" - application software designed for mobile devices - already employs 1 million developers and 800 000 people in marketing and support posts in the EU. This could rise to nearly 5 million by 2018, according to a recent [report](#). The EU's app economy currently brings in €17.5bn a year. Further consumer spending together with increased advertising and contract work could see annual revenues grow to €63bn within the next 5 years.



### **Tackling the skills shortage**

Despite being a global leader in the development of app games, the EU still lags behind the US in terms of developer training and salaries. To address the problem the EU is partnering with industry and other organisations in the [Grand Coalition for Digital Jobs](#). The goal is to equip more people - particularly the young - with the right IT skills, to help fill the growing number of IT vacancies across the EU. The EU has also launched the [Open Education Europa](#) website allowing students, professionals and education institutions to share free-to-use open educational resources.

### **Technical glitches**

For the EU to reach its potential in the app sector, certain weaknesses need to be resolved. These include poor wireless connectivity, cross-border connection problems and network service constraints in some member countries. EU developers are also concerned by the lack of 4G services and interoperability between US-based platforms like Android, iOS and Facebook. The de facto dependence on such platforms is also reducing revenues.

#### **Help for EU businesses**

With over 500 million EU consumers the potential for businesses and app developers is huge. The EU is working to simplify EU rules on copyright and licensing to help bring ideas to market. To promote ICT and web entrepreneurship in Europe and help companies to flourish, the EU has launched Startup Europe which brings together budding entrepreneurs and market leaders to share ideas and develop new products and services.

#### **Next steps**

The European Parliament is currently discussing plans to deliver a "[Connected Continent](#)". This includes improving high-speed 4G and broadband services, which will be vital for the future of the EU's app sector

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## **7. EU presents awards for online content on Safer Internet Day**

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**On 11 February, the EU is participating in worldwide celebrations of Safer Internet Day 2014 by presenting online awards and launching a youth manifesto and safety website.**

Now in its 11th year, **Safer Internet Day** promotes better use of the internet and digital technologies among children, helping them to learn and play online while protecting them from harmful content - everything from cyberbullying to gambling websites and online scams. This year's slogan is "*Let's create a better internet together*". To mark the day, EU Vice-President Neelie

Kroes will be presenting the **European Awards for Best Online Content for Kids**. The competition encourages the creation of new content - from websites and blogs to videos and games - that helps young people to learn and play safely online. The 12 winners - adults and children from countries including Belgium, the Czech Republic, the UK and Iceland - have been selected from over 1100 entries from across Europe and beyond.

#### **Helping schools**

Safer Internet Day will also see the launch of

- a Europe-wide youth consultation on how to make the internet a better place for young people
- the "**eSafety Label**" website.

The website will help schools create a safer online environment by

- providing advice on issues such as cyberbullying and virus attacks
- enabling schools to create their own action plans
- establishing a forum for teachers to share experiences and for experts to help answer questions.

Through the programme, schools can earn an eSafety Label to display on their website.

#### **Worldwide participation**

Safer Internet Day began as an EU initiative in 2004 but is now celebrated in more than 100 countries, with over 10m people taking part in last year's events. This year, countries from Albania to Venezuela have organised celebrations such as events in schools, radio shows, conferences, games and competitions.

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## **8. Do more to prevent corruption, says EU**

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**Corruption remains a Europe-wide problem and more must be done to prevent it, according to an EU report published this week.**

Corruption - "*the abuse of power for private gain*", including anything from **political corruption** to **bribery of public officials** or **corrupt dealings between private companies** - exists in all European countries, at a cost to the economy of around €120bn a year, the EU's corruption report has found. Such activity also undermines trust in democratic institutions and weakens the accountability of political leadership.

### **Widespread concerns**

Three-quarters of Europeans believe corruption to be widespread in their own country, with more than half believing it to be common among political parties. 1 in 12 say they have experienced or witnessed corruption in the past year, with 4% saying they have been asked or expected to pay a bribe. Citizens are most likely to have experienced corruption when dealing with healthcare services, private companies and police or customs.



### **Tackling corruption**

Various measures to tackle the problem have been implemented in European countries in recent years. These include mechanisms for checking conflicts of interest, establishing ethical rules and improving transparency. These measures vary widely across the EU, however, and the results have been uneven, as they are not always vigorously enforced. More must be done to prevent and punish corrupt practices. Suggestions include improving the effectiveness of the courts when dealing with corruption cases, ensuring protection for whistleblowers and increasing the transparency of public spending decisions - an area particularly vulnerable to corruption, particularly at a local level. The EU also intends to establish a programme for European countries, NGOs and others to share their experience, helping to identify the most effective policies and provide training.

### **Monitoring corruption**

The EU anti-corruption report, set up in 2011, aims to assist all work to combat corruption in Europe, strengthening political commitment and identifying ways the EU might be able to help.

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## **9. EU pushes for progress on data protection reforms**

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**The EU is calling for progress on reforms to modernise Europe's 1995 data protection rules, improving online privacy rights and helping businesses.**

The reforms would apply a single set of rules across the EU, to simplify and standardise the 1995 regulations which have been implemented differently across the bloc. People would be provided with easier access to their own data and the 'right to be forgotten', enabling them to have their information deleted if there are no legitimate grounds for retaining it. National data protection authorities would also be given the power to fine companies that breach the rules, and personal

data gathered for the purposes of law enforcement would be better protected.

### **Addressing concerns**

9 out of 10 Europeans say they are concerned about mobile apps collecting their data without their consent. 7 out of 10 are concerned about how companies might use the information they disclose. Strengthening data protection could help restore some of this trust. Draft legislation was set out by the European Commission in January 2012 but must be approved by the EU's joint lawmaking bodies, the Parliament and EU Council, to become law. It is hoped this could be achieved by the end of the year. The EU is also negotiating measures to restore trust in data flows between the EU and US.

### **Right to data protection**

Personal data includes everything from a person's address to their medical information or posts on social networking sites. EU citizens have the right to personal data protection under the [Charter of Fundamental Rights](#).

### **Benefits for business**

The proposals would reduce administrative costs for businesses, with estimated savings of €2.3bn a year. They would also level the playing field by applying the same rules on data protection to all companies operating in the EU, even if based outside the single market. There will be some exemptions for small businesses to reduce the financial burden.

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## 10. Getting a grip on rising energy prices and costs

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**New EU report on the rising retail energy prices in Europe suggests ways to cut consumer costs and keep EU businesses competitive in the global market.**

Between 2008 and 2012 retail energy prices in Europe rose significantly despite falling wholesale electricity prices and stable wholesale gas prices. Differences between EU countries are also marked, with some consumers paying 2.5 to 4 times more than others. Focusing on gas and electricity, the EU's [report on energy prices and costs](#) analyses why retail prices are rising and suggests how consumers and industry can save energy and money.

### **Cutting consumers' energy costs**

The EU aims to complete the common energy market in 2014 and further develop energy infrastructure. A more liberal and coordinated market should boost investment and competition and improve efficiency in several areas. This should lead to price reductions and a more level playing field within the bloc.

To keep costs down, households and industry should improve [energy efficiency](#) by using more energy-efficient products or other energy-saving practices. Consumers should also take advantage of better tariffs or switch to cheaper suppliers where possible. As rising energy costs hit the poorest households hardest, EU governments should also consider social policy measures to protect vulnerable consumers.

### **Keeping the EU competitive**

The energy price gap between the EU and other major economies is growing. According to the [International Energy Agency](#), this disparity is expected to reduce the EU's share in global exports for energy-intensive goods such as ceramics and aluminium steel. Though the EU still leads in exports of energy-intensive goods, efforts to mitigate higher energy costs through energy efficiency improvements may need to go even further. The EU must continue its efforts with international partners on energy subsidies and export restrictions. Where necessary, it must also help protect certain industrial consumers through fiscal transfers and exemptions and cuts in taxes and levies.

### **Investing in the future**

With energy prices set to rise in the short term, investment is needed now in smart electricity grids and improved technologies to produce, transmit and store energy more effectively. Together with a common energy market, these measures should bring prices down in the long run. With flexible energy systems, responsive consumers, competitive markets and efficient governance, Europe will be better equipped to contain future price rises, pay for investments and minimise cost increases.



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## 11. Children's Peace Prize

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The International Children's Peace Prize is an initiative of Marc Dullaert, Chairman and Founder of the Dutch KidsRights Foundation, and is awarded annually to a child, anywhere in the world, for his or her



dedication to children's rights. The prize is presented annually to an exceptional child, whose courageous or otherwise remarkable actions have made a difference in improving children's rights, which helps children worldwide. The motivation behind the prize is to provide a platform to children to express their ideas and personal involvement in

children's rights. KidsRights feels that children should be recognized, awarded and motivated in their fierce efforts to improve their own situation and that of the children in their environment and even the world. The first Children's Peace Prize was dedicated posthumously to Nkosi Johnson, by Mikhail Gorbachev, for his work to offer a more dignified existence to South African children with hiv and aids. The winner receives the statuette 'Nkosi', which is especially designed for each year's ceremony by Inge Ilink, financial support for his or her education and a worldwide platform to promote his or her ideals and cause to the benefit of children's rights. The Children's Peace prize is accompanied by an award of 100.000 Euro which is invested in projects closely connected to the winner's area of dedication. **Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.** For more information please consult the following [link](#).

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## 12. Student Contest Europe and Youth 2014

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The Regional Institute for European Studies of Friuli Venezia Giulia (IRSE) announces the competition "Europe and Youth 2014". The competition is open to students in Universities and Schools of all levels throughout all the regions of Italy and the European Union.

### UNIVERSITY'S THEME:

1. Act, react, impact.
2. Agri-foodstuffs and waste.
3. Liberty and inequality.
4. Craftsmanship, light industry and innovation.
5. Sharing economy.
6. Voyage en Italie.
7. Dedicata 2014: Tahar Ben Jelloun.



**SPECIAL PRIZES** of 500 Euros for the best paper in each of the seven proposed themes. Other prizes of 300 and 200 Euros.

### HIGH SCHOOL'S THEME

1. False needs
2. From the florin to the euro.
3. Digital divide.
4. Europeancv.

**PRIZES** of 300 and 200 euros, enrolment in formative week-long seminars studying European themes in the summer of 2014, books, DVDs, materials for language learning.

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S THEME

1. 28PLUS.
2. ACT, REACT, IMPACT

**PRIZES** of 300, 200 Euros, books, DVDs, materials for language learning.

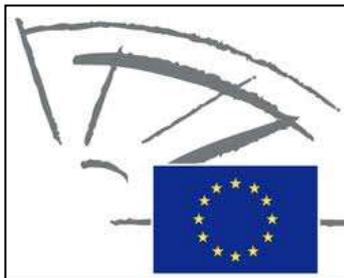
The works can be written in Italian or in another mother-tongue language. Each participant or group of participants can submit a single work only. The works submitted (two copies for written works, single copy for video presentations) must reach the IRSE offices (Via Concordia, 7 - 33170 Pordenone - Italy) before the **deadline** of **22 March 2014**. For more information please consult the following [link](#).

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## 13. Traineeships for university - General Option or Journalism Option

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Traineeships for university graduates are intended to enable trainees to supplement the knowledge which they acquired during their studies and to familiarise themselves with the activities of the European Union and, in particular, the European Parliament. These traineeships cover:



- Robert Schuman scholarships, general option
  - Robert Schuman scholarships, journalism option.
- Applicants for a traineeship for university graduates must:
- be nationals of a Member State of the European Union or an applicant country, without prejudice to the provisions of article 5 paragraph 2 of the Internal rules;
  - be aged 18 or over on their traineeship starting date;
  - have a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the European Union;
  - not have been awarded any other traineeship or have been in paid

employment for more than four consecutive weeks at the expense of the European Union budget.

Applicants for Robert Schuman scholarships, journalism option, must demonstrate professional experience as evidenced either by works published, or by membership of an association of journalists in a Member State of the European Union, or by a qualification in journalism recognised in the Member States of the European Union or in the applicant countries. These traineeships are awarded for a period of **five months** which cannot be extended.

### Traineeship dates and deadlines for receipt of applications

**Application period:** 15 August – 15 October (midnight) - **Traineeship period:** 1 March - 31 July.

**Application period:** 15 March – 15 May (midnight) - **Traineeship period:** 1 October - 28/29 February.

To apply for the traineeship you must fulfil the conditions and complete the online application form. We advise you not to wait until the last day to apply, to prevent the system from becoming overloaded because there are a large number of applications. When applying online, you have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete each page of the application form. Please note that if you leave your application form inactive for 30 minutes, the data you have entered will be lost. We therefore advise you to read carefully the 'Internal rules governing traineeships and study visits in the Secretariat of the European Parliament' and the Frequently Asked Questions before filling in the application form. In order to apply to those Directorates-General that best suit your profile, you can read their description via the information button  on the last page of the application form or visit the website of the Secretariat of the European Parliament. The application cannot be changed online and is completed and submitted in a single operation. After filling in your application please make sure that it is correct and complete before submitting it. You may send only one application for one traineeship option. In case of multiple applications for one option we will keep only the most recent one.

**NB: Any incomplete applications will automatically be rejected.**

Once you have confirmed/sent your online application you will automatically receive a confirmation message to your email address. The message contains a confirmation number that you should quote in all future correspondence concerning the traineeship and the summary of your application in pdf format, a paper version of which will be requested, if we offer you a traineeship. For more information and applications please consult the following [link](#).

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## 14. New training meeting of the project "My future is Europe"

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Within the project "My future is Europe" were held two meetings, one on 03/01/2014 in Nemoli, in the province of Potenza and the other on 18/01/2014 in Potenza. The seminars, which were attended by teachers and students, focused on the most important European programs of the new seven-year 2014-2020 (particularly on "Erasmus +"). During the meeting of the 18th, realised in the context of "school open days", were also shown to the young participants some movies made in activities already undertaken in the past by groups of students in various initiatives funded by the programs "Youth in Action" and "Comenius". In the pictures you can see some moments of the meeting.



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## 15. Second meeting of project "OpenGovEU"

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In the period 9-13 January 2014 was carried out in Turkey, in the city of Kirsehir, the second meeting of the LLP Grundtvig Learning Partnerships titled "Open Government in Europe" (acronym OpenGovEU) of which our Association is the coordinator at European level. During the meeting were shown the progress made during the last period and the official website ([www.opengoveu.eu](http://www.opengoveu.eu)), initiative currently under construction. It was also realized a participatory session made with the OST technique, opened to guests from other local Turkish associations. The hospitality of the Turkish partners was, as always, excellent and all the

activities have reached their goals. Beside some pictures of the meeting.

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## 16. Prague: fourth meeting of the project "E-Game"

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The fourth meeting of the project "E-Game" was held in Prague, Czech Republic, in the period 9-12 January 2014. During the meeting, was presented the current development of the software of electronic game made by our association, whose completion is expected soon. Once completed, it will then be tested by some foreign partners (who will submit appropriate verification for groups of young volunteers) and verified by all the partners of the project. During the meeting it was, as usual, made a promotional video of the activities and also have defined the last step of this exciting European initiative. Beside some pictures of the meeting.



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## 17. MY WAY: working in progress

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In MY WAY initiative, a project co-financed in the framework of the European program "LLP Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation", our technicians have achieved the official website ([www.mywayproject.eu](http://www.mywayproject.eu)), with the technology "Joomla!". The web site was made firstly in English and then it should be translated by the various partners, in all the languages of the

partnership (Austrian, Italian, Polish, Spanish, Maltese and German). In addition, our graphics have completed the development of brochures and defined the official logo of the project. Now it is also started a research on the situation of the drop-out from school to have an idea of the background from which the project will start to find solutions, that at the end of the project will be indicated in the so-called "Compilation MY WAY"

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## 18. Computer Literacy Web: published on our portal the selected participants

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Have just been published on our web site (in Italian and English on the Internet at <http://www.synergy-net.info/default.cfm?obj=40858> at <http://eng.synergy-net.info/default.cfm?obj=1218>) the names of the candidates selected and admitted to the workshop: the same have also been contacted by e-mail to define their effective participation in the project workshop "Computer Literacy Web" approved as part of LLP Grundtvig Workshop (action. 2013-1-EN2-GRU13-52005) during which our computer experts will teach you how to build websites using free software.



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## 19. VOSES: ready the online platform

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It was built and is currently available online the platform of the project VOSES (VOLunteering Solutions for Entrepreneurship Spirit), approved under the programme Leonardo da Vinci - Transfer Of Innovation, which involves the development of a training program focused on the needs of young entrepreneurs helped by voluntary mentoring of retirees over 50, that are experts in the field. The new interactive platform, containing all the information relating to the transferred product, will facilitate the link between the retired entrepreneurs, experts in the labor market, with young entrepreneurs looking for free advice on how

to undertake a project. As the partner countries involved in the project come from different countries (Spain, Italy, Denmark, Portugal, Romania), the final educational products developed by VOSES will be adapted to the diverse local needs ensuring maximum flexibility and consistency.

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## 20. Start internship at our association

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Our association will host from 17/02/2014 till 18/04/2014 two interns: Dr. Onorato Gabriella and Dr. Christian Mariangela (the latter will begin next 12/03/2014) from the training course "Expert in new ways of start value, use and management of local cultural heritage "organized by Forcopim. During the work experience, the trainees will be able to acquire and reinforce the theoretical knowledge and by-doing to achieve operational skills in order to contribute to the functioning of our structure. The trainees will work under the supervision of a company tutor. The duration of the internship will be two months.



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## 21. Youth learning mobility: "A Better Future Begins Today" in Turkey

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From 21/02/2014 till 02/03/2014 will be held in Turkey, in the city of Izmir (very beautiful city and close to the ruins of Ephesus and the house of Mary), the youth learning mobility approved under the Youth in Action 's program titled "A Better future begins today ". Six young people and one leader from our group will participate in the exchange from Italy, Latvia, Poland, Slovakia, Turkey. The topic of the mobility will be education through sport.

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## 22. Soon it will be ready the packages of the project "Lesson on Europe"

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It was completed the printing of the package called "Lesson on Europe", strongly supported by the Region of Basilicata (which has funded as part of the Communication O.P. ESF Basilicata 2007-2013) and of which our Europe Direct centre has developed in recent years the entire production, which includes video, animation, text and graphics. The product developed in



collaboration with the office of dr. Giuseppe Sabia aspires to become a good practice on how to communicate Europe in a so innovative and modern way. The package will include a DVD, a CD-ROM and a book of introduction to the initiative. We will give you more details in the next editions of our newsletter.

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## 23. Our association admitted to new European networks

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Our association has been admitted in recent weeks to new networks in Europe: EURO-NET is now member or associated member in 52 different international networks (4 of them coordinated at transnational level). In future editions we will talk about these European networks and will describe the activities and services,

we can offer thanks to these networks.