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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

We hope that all our readers had a good start into the new year. This first edition of CRnews in 2008 has an extensive section on publications, including two documents deriving from the 3rd World Congress on the Rights of the Child. We have included information on funding possibilities, especially EU funding programmes. Also, recently, many job offers have come out which are posted here. We would like to remind our readers that we always welcome information on child rights that we can include in this information service. At the moment there are more than 500 subscribers from all over the world. For comments and feedback on our newsletter, suggestions for improvement, please write to info@enmcr.net
Sincerely,
Rebecca Budde (Editor)



Children at the 3rd World Congress



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CREDMOS:

The next meeting of the CREDMOS (Child Rights Education Development- Serbia and Moldova) will take place in Belgrade, Serbia on April 8-9. It will serve to elaborate in final steps the new Master study programmes in Children's Rights and to raise awareness on the issue in local public. ENMCR will broadly inform on the European Master in Children's Rights. Further information can be obtained from the overall coordinator Daphne Gross, at: d.gross@fu-berlin.de

News from members, associated members and Networks of which ENMCR is a member

Funding available for MSc and PhD Training at the University of Edinburgh: Social Policy & Childhood Studies

The University of Edinburgh is internationally known for its postgraduate provision in Social Policy and Childhood Studies. We provide intensive research skills training, specialist expertise across a wide range of subjects in teaching and supervision, and a supportive and stimulating postgraduate environment.

We have funding available for excellent students embarking on a MSc+ PhD (normally 4 years full-time) or a PhD programme (normally 3 years fulltime). All funding is for September 2008 entry and may be held on a full or part-time basis.

Awards now available for UK/EU applicants:

- ESRC Quota Awards, for MSc plus PhD in Social Policy and/or Childhood Studies (Applicants who have already completed 1 year of ESRC-recognised research training may apply for a 3 year award)
- ESRC PhD competition places (for up to 3 years)

UK applicants receive fees plus maintenance; EU applicants receive fees.

Deadline for applications for ESRC awards: **21st March 2008.**

Awards now available for UK/EU *or* International Applicants:

- College Studentships (stipend, fees paid (at UK/EU rate), and annual research expenses allowance for 3 years)
- Overseas Research Studentship (fees paid for the difference between International and UK/EU rates, for 3 years)
- College Scholarships (fees at the UK/EU rate and annual research expenses allowance for 3 years)

Deadline for applications for these awards: **28th February 2008.**

- School of Social and Political Studies PhD scholarships (UK/EU fees for 3 years)

Deadline for applications for School awards: **28th March 2008.**

Potential applicants should contact the Postgraduate adviser, Dr Kay Tisdall +44 131 650 3930, k.tisdall@ed.ac.uk; General inquiries can also be sent to gradschool.sps@ed.ac.uk. Further details about the Awards and How to apply can be found at <http://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/>

Workshop on Teenagers' Actions and Interactions Online in Central and Eastern Europe: Potentials and empowerment, risks and victimization

Date: 23 – 25 May 2008; **Location:** Cluj-Napoca ROMANIA, Social Work Department

The idea that the new communication technologies are able to create new social practices and to shape human behaviour has stirred up multiple controversies and radically opposed side takings, especially when it comes to certain social-demographic categories seen as “risk-prone”. Recent tendencies in the evolution of computer mediated technology and web content have led to the rejection of a rigid technological determinism and instead, they have shifted the discourse towards a consideration of various

influences on behaviour and actions, both online and offline.

Our seminar proposes a documented insight into various issues related to teenagers' actions and interactions online in CEE: potentials for skills development, empowerment of the oppressed youth, as well as risks of online oppressive behaviours and victimization effects of the online environment. We are interested in identifying new types of teenagers' online behaviour, gratifications and effects generated by the Internet (Web and CMC), with an emphasis on specific problems and risks. Special attention should be given to the gender perspective and ethnicity in the context of Internet use.

The seminar aims at bringing together a rich diversity of research approaches, quantitative and qualitative, in order to:

1. differentiate typologies and patterns of Internet associated performances among teenagers,
2. develop a prevention model to counterbalance the online oppressive/victimization phenomenon,
3. build a network of researchers and professionals who are willing to research and act for encouraging the useful potentials and empowering effects of online behaviours, to work and consult together in order to stop or at least to prevent online oppressive/ victimization phenomenon.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: We invite proposals for papers that might enable the exploration, description, critiques, comparative aspects in the proposed thematic area, theoretical as well as empirical approaches. Contributions that address more than one theoretical perspective and cover different areas within the social sciences are highly welcomed (sociology, social work, psychology, media and Internet studies).

Deadline for submission of abstracts (800 words): **January 31, 2008.**

Full text papers should be submitted by **April 15, 2008.**

Detailed information about review and submission of full-text papers will be available at the end of February 2008.

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Director research project, CNCSIS-MEC, UBB, Maria Roth-Szamoskozi

Coordinator CMCS CEU, Laura Ranca

EMCR at the FU

In order to be able to include students from outside Europe in The EMCR starting in Autumn 2008, the deadline for application has been pre-poned to April 30. Application forms are available on: www.fu-berlin.de/emcr.

International Conference: Child and Youth Research in the 21st Century: A Critical Appraisal

Date: 28 - 29 May, 2008; **Location:** European University Cyprus; Nicosia, Cyprus

Organized by the *International Childhood and Youth Research Network*, of which ENMCR is a member (www.icyrnet.net) Though child and youth research is fairly new and much more work is needed to assess its impact, a critical look back and into the future can help us appraise its role in the contemporary world. One of the main aims of the conference is to critically explore the intersection between research, policy, and practice by facilitating a dialogue between the different perspectives.

Some of the questions conference participants may wish to reflect on are:

- What are the methodological and ethical challenges of child and youth research and what can we learn from an interdisciplinary dialogue on methodology?
- What is the role of child and youth studies programs in the development of the next generation of researchers?
- How does the politics of research with children and youth shape the research agenda and policy priorities?
- How can research inform and/or change popular understandings of children and youth and how can research knowledge be made more accessible to the public?
- How does child and youth policy at the national level intersect with policy at other levels (e.g., the European or international levels) and what is the role of NGOs and other institutions in policy-

making?

- What can policy makers learn from child and youth researchers and their focus on children's and young people's voices? What can researchers learn from practitioners? What can practitioners learn from policy makers?

The conference organizers welcome proposals from academics/researchers, policy makers, practitioners, as well as others who work on childhood and youth from all parts of the world and from all disciplines. Proposals are welcomed in a variety of formats, ranging from individual papers to networking sessions. Please visit ICYRNet's website for the complete call for papers.

Deadlines: Abstracts (250 words) and panel proposals should be submitted to Christos Chrysanthou at christos@cycollege.ac.cy by **January 31st, 2008**.

Forms for abstract submission are available for download on the website of the International Childhood and Youth Research Network: www.icyrnet.net

General News External

10th Nordic conference for youth research: Bonds and Communities- Young people and their social ties (Call for papers)

Date: 13-15 June 2008; **Location:** Lillehammer, Norway

The biannual NYRIS-conference offers the opportunity for all with an interest in youth research. Social bonds and social networks are important to young people – for their well being, for their development and their future trajectories. In early years, parents and extended families represent the most important social bonds and resources in the life of young people. As they grow out of their childhood and into their identity formation years, social peer networks are of growing importance. At the same time, local as well as globalised communities are contexts for family ties, friendships and other relationships. The 10th Nordic Youth Research Information Symposium wants to highlight young people's social ties – from the closest of dyads to the most distanced of the global, from the nourishing to the destructive.

In high modernity, the fear of social disintegration, breach of tradition and social cohesion is evident in social research in general and youth research in particular. Risk society and events of terror produce complex reactions, reasoning and emotions and challenge community in multicultural neighbourhoods and societies. Each individual depends on social capital in their identity development, building blocks shaped by gendered, ethnic and localized relationships as well as social class and family backgrounds. Young people's mental health, development and well being is related to the quality and nature of their relationships. A holistic approach to young people's lives includes the support, resources and potential which lie in their own social bonds.

NYRIS10 welcomes papers and presentations that can contribute to new insights, empirical evidence and critical thinking on bonds and communities of young people, as well as other topics. Please submit your abstract no later than **February 4th** (250 words). For more information on abstract submission, registration, topics etc see www.nova.no/nyris10 or contact nyris10@nova.no

Dialogestan – Young People for Human Rights

The Berlin Development Education and Information Centre (EPIZ e.V.) is now launching its new human rights education project, "Dialogestan – young people for human rights". The aim of this peer education program is to bring young people, aged 16-22 years, together to learn about human rights and to develop competences to function as multipliers for human rights within their local communities.

Several workshops are going to be held in 2008/ 2009, including an introduction to human rights, an intensive course about a relevant human rights issue such as gender discrimination and a session focusing on presentation and journalism.

Based on a participatory approach, the project offers lots of opportunities to develop ideas about

educational activities for peers and to run own activities for human rights. All workshops will combine human rights education methods and drama.

Our first Workshop will be held in March 2008. There are still places available for young people from Berlin and East Germany. For further information, please contact: Caroline Gebara, Entwicklungspolitisches Bildungs- und Informationszentrum e.V. - EPIZ; gebara@epiz-berlin.de, <http://www.epiz-berlin.de/?MRB>

Global Alliance Against Trafficking Women Congress, Thailand

The International Members Congress of GAATW was held on 5-8 November. The conference brought together organisations working on the issue of trafficking, migration and labour. CHI was invited to present its work on trafficking in the Africa region, with a specific focus on South Africa. Other presentations focused on the activities of the GAATW members, and the strategic implications of the GAATW research report entitled Collateral Damage. For a copy of the Collateral Damage report, as well as other materials of GAATW click here:

http://www.gaatw.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=0&Itemid=179

Publications

UNICEF: State of the World's Children 2008

Unicef has published the State of the World's Children 2008 report. It can be downloaded from CRIN's website at: <http://crin.org/resources/infodetail.asp?id=16228>

Declaration of children and young people at the 3rd World Congress on Children's Rights

The 130 children and young people from more than 20 countries who participated in the 3rd World Congress on the Rights of the Child which took place in Barcelona from 14-19 November 2007 managed to elaborate an astounding declaration with recommendations on the following themes: Poverty, Health, Abuse, Identity, Education and Participation.

Concerning **poverty** the declaration states that the children believe it is avoidable and they offer ideas for solutions on how to abolish poverty. The main issue they raise is to invest governmental funding in education and training, as well as health centres and not in wars. They also highlight the use of poverty as excuse for non-action.

Health: The children and young people acknowledge the fact, that nutrition is an important factor for health. Where children in the Global South suffer from malnutrition, young people in the Global North face health difficulties due to obesity. They demand the right to health for all, especially for those living in remote, rural areas of the world; also, reference is made to the discrimination towards homosexuals, which in the children's view results from ignorance of the illnesses these people suffer from. They demand the introduction of methods to raise awareness about these issues. Emphasis is laid on the mutual development of methods, by actors from the North and the South.

Abuse: The children point to the many children who suffer from abuse and acknowledge the impeding effect thereof for socialising and relating to their environment. Many children do not know they have rights and demand states to include child right education in schools- especially concerning the situation of institutionalized, refugee, migrant children.

Identity: All children and young people are in a stage of formation. In order to be able to form their own individual identity, the children demand active fight against all forms of discrimination and to establish a space for communication between cultures in order to develop a better understanding of all being equal.

Education: Education is the key to non-discrimination and to participation in society. Yet, schools as lead today are often privatized and therefore inaccessible for many children and/or the structure of teaching is adult-centred and undemocratic. Children demand from governments to respect and implement every child's right to education and ask for teachers to be regularly trained to meet the demands of multicultural settings and participatory learning.

Participation: Referring to different models of participation experienced at the world congress, the children demand an environment in which they can fulfil their dreams without pressure. They demand that public institutions hear them and acknowledge that they as well need to be capable of listening. Also, they demand to have child and youth representatives in institutions and be involved in decision making processes and that all action is underpinned by mutual respect. The key to effective participation is related back to education and schooling, where the foundation for participation should be laid. The declaration ends with: "As protagonists of today's and the future world we children and young people raise our voices and emphasise our right to participation, by reminding of passed errors and improving them. We are subjects with own rights and write our own history."

You can listen to the children in Spanish, reading the full text of the declaration

on: <http://www.callejeros.org/audio/declaracion-de-barcelona-ninos-ninas-y-adolescentes-hablan-de-sus-derechos.html>

Webpage Inter-Agency Working Group on Children's Participation (IAWGCP)

The Inter-Agency Working Group on Children's Participation (IAWGCP), a regional group of IGOs and NGOs based in Bangkok, which arose from working together to ensure meaningful and ethical participation of children during the East Asia and Pacific Regional Consultation under the UN Study on Violence Against Children has various materials and publications on children's participation on its website: <http://www.iawgcp.com>. E.g. Minimum Standards and Operations Manual for Consulting with Children (the outcome of the experiences of the Regional Consultation) and a booklet for political and other leaders on why, when and how to involve children in decision-making.

Secretary-General's Report on forced marriage of the girl child

Pursuant to resolution 51/3 of the Commission on the Status of Women, this report gives an overview of the consideration of the issue of forced marriage at the international level, and the evolving approach for addressing it. It provides information on the legal and policy measures of States and the activities undertaken by entities of the United Nations system to address forced marriage of the girl child. The report concludes with recommendations for future action.

Download the report: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=16227>

Juvenile Justice: Diverting child offenders from judicial proceedings

At the 3rd World Congress on Child and Adolescent Rights in Barcelona in November 2007, two papers were given which looked at the issue of diversion of child offenders from judicial proceedings. One by John Parry-Williams reviews the argument for the diversion of offenders particularly taking into account the Committee on the Rights of the Child's, General Comment No.10, April 2007, on 'Children's Rights in Juvenile Justice'.

It also gives international examples from primarily developing countries as to the different approaches being taken and raises questions as to process and monitoring.

The other by Wansley Walters, Director of Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department, Florida, United States, gives a detailed example of what can be done in one multi-ethnic local government area through a combination of interventions including a one-stop centre, graduated assessments, targeting of first time offenders and the under 12 year olds, a prevention strategy that avoids children being arrested and on-going plans to capitalise on the progress made so far.

The results have been speedier results for children and police, a saving of \$46 million in police and court time between 2000-2007 by keeping 10,351 children out of the juvenile court system, a reduction of arrests among under 12 year olds of 50 per cent between 1998-2005 and of juveniles by 30 per cent between 1998 to 2005.

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=16191>

News from CRIN

Petition to establish complaints procedure for CRC

An international call to strengthen the enforcement of the UNCRC by the drafting and adoption of an Optional Protocol to provide a communications procedure. A group of national, regional and international organisations have launched a campaign for an Optional Protocol to the CRC to establish a complaints/communications procedure. This mechanism would strengthen enforcement of the CRC, providing children and their representatives with a channel for pursuing breaches of all the rights guaranteed by the CRC. A complaints or communications procedure allows individuals, groups or their representatives, claiming that their rights have been violated by a State that is a party to a convention or covenant, to bring a communication before the relevant committee, provided that the State has recognised the competence of the committee to receive such complaints.

Sign the petition HERE: <http://www.crin.org/petitions/petition.asp?petID=1007>

For more details see http://www.crin.org/law/CRC_complaints/

News from Eurochild

Update about child rights strategy

The last meeting of the Child Rights Action Group (CRAG - whose chairing was now taken over by Euronet) took place on 14 January. As a reminder: The second Forum on Child Rights which was supposed to take place in the beginning of December was cancelled. Also another steering group meeting to prepare it never took place. CRAG sent a letter to the group of Commissioners for Fundamental Rights in December 2007, "complaining" about the Commission's inaction. CRAG is now waiting for a joint response from them. CRAG will meet with Commissioner Viviane Reding soon to talk about the issue. The European Parliament has adopted its official position about the Commission's Child Rights strategy this week in plenary. Eurochild will make the final version of the report available as soon as it is ready. For your information, DG Freedom, Security and Justice (JLS) has now created a website with information on the child rights strategy:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/children/wai/fsj_children_intro_en.htm

Social Platform Annual Conference 2007

Over 100 European social activists met at the Social Platform annual conference to discuss the EU priorities after 2010, deadline of the so-called Lisbon agenda. With experts and decision-makers they discussed the social and demographic changes facing the European Union in the coming years. Taking stock of today's social reality, they exchanged ideas on a renewed vision for the EU that is shaped by a model of development, based on solidarity, social justice and sustainability. For a full report from the conference: http://cms.horus.be/files/99907/MediaArchive/Events/Annual_conferences/2007-11-26%20Final%20report_annual%20conference.pdf For the conference web site:

http://www.socialplatform.org/page_generale.asp?docid=13780

Consultation - What Code of Conduct for lobbyists in Brussels?

The European Commission (Secretariat General) in December published its much-awaited consultation on a draft code of conduct for 'interest representatives':

http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/consultation_code/index_en.htm The one-page document is meant to be the future Code of Conduct for all 'lobbyists' in Brussels, and an entry requirement for the public register for interest representatives. The register is expected to be launched in Spring 2008. The deadline to answer the consultation is 15 February 2008. This follows up to the European Transparency Initiative in which the European Commission proposed the establishment of a voluntary Code of Conduct and register of interest representatives. The Social Platform reacted to the Green Paper and sent a letter in July 2007 to ask the European Commission to better take into account the specificities of citizens' associations in their upcoming initiatives. For the Social Platform response:

http://cms.horus.be/files/99907/MediaArchive/Policies/Participatory_democracy/2006-09%20Social%20Platform%20Transparency%20response%20FINAL%20EN.pdf

Job Postings

EU: Call for members of the fundamental rights Scientific Committee

The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) is based in Vienna, Austria. The objective of the Agency is to provide the relevant institutions and authorities of the Community and its Member States when implementing Community law with assistance and expertise relating to fundamental rights, in order to support them when they take measures or formulate courses of action within their respective spheres of competence to fully respect fundamental rights. (Article 2 of the Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007).

The FRA is issuing a call for expressions of interest for the position of member of the Scientific Committee. The term of office of the members of the Scientific Committee shall be five years. Interested applicants should consult the FRA's website <http://fra.europa.eu> for further information. Candidates must be nationals of one of the Member States of the European Union.

Deadline: 29 January 2008 at midnight, Vienna time.

Research Associate 'Youth Voice in the work of Creative Partnerships'

Open University; Faculty of Education and Language Studies, Ref: 4305 Based in Milton Keynes Full-time, temporary contract until 28 February 2009

Applications are invited for the position of Research Associate on this research project, 'Youth Voice in the work of Creative Partnerships', funded by Arts Council (England). Creative Partnerships (CP) aims to promote creative learning through building partnerships between schools and the cultural sector. The project will map CP 'voice' initiatives, identifying the critical factors that sustain young people's engagement in them, and will theorise the broader significance of the new emphasis on youth participation in contemporary schooling and society. The successful candidate will work collaboratively with the research team to collect and analyse a range of data from CP schools around England. You will need a Doctorate or a Masters with a significant research component in education, sociology, cultural studies or related discipline; a successful track record of carrying out research in educational or similar settings, and proven experience of qualitative data collection and analysis methods.

For detailed information and how to apply go to www3.open.ac.uk/employment, or call the Recruitment Co-ordinator on 01908 652381 or email FELS-Recruitment@open.ac.uk quoting the reference number. **Closing date: 5 February 2008.**

Office, Accounts and Sponsorship Manager (EFSCW)

The European Foundation for Street Children Worldwide (EFSCW) is a Brussels-based foundation committed on a non-profit basis to the improvement of the rights and situations of marginalised children, in particular street children. EFSCW is currently recruiting for the position of: Office, Accounts and Sponsorship Manager (EFSCW)

Responsibilities/ Tasks: Support the Director in the daily management of the office, the information manager in the maintenance and updating of databases and websites, editing a newsletter and organising meetings; in charge of daily accountancy and budget drafting. Different administrative tasks. Organising fundraising campaigns and carrying on of research to identify potential business sponsors and donors, compiling applications for sponsorship

Qualifications/ Profile: a relevant educational degree and experience in office management; proven experience in accountancy; excellent organisational and communication skills, team-player, flexible and self-organised; commitment to social and human rights issues; interest and/or knowledge of the field of NGOs and/or street children is an advantage; in-depth knowledge of MS office, especially Word, Excel and PowerPoint; fluency in English and in French, German is an asset.

The position will be based in Brussels. Starting period: **February 2008**

Cover letter and CV (in English) should be e-mailed to info@enscw.org

Save the Children Sweden - Regional Representative for South East Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, Thailand)

The Regional Representative's main objective is to manage the Regional Office, including country offices thereby developing and sustaining Save the Children Sweden as a professional effective child rights organisation. To represent Save the Children Sweden in the Unified Presence Countries as well as other activities of the Save the Children Alliance, and towards other players including UN organisations, INGOs, regional networks etc.

Deadline: 30 January 2008

For further information about the position, contact Programme Director Svante Sandberg +46 8 698 6725, svante.sandberg@rb.se or, for information regarding the recruitment process Human Resources Officer Lena Ståhlkvist +46 8 698 9083 lena.stahlkvist@rb.se

To apply, visit: www.rb.se/eng/AboutUs/HowWeWork/ or send your application, clearly marked "Regional Representative, Southeast Asia" at the latest Jan 30, 2008 to: Save the Children Sweden, Lena Ståhlkvist, Human Resource Unit, 107 88 Stockholm, Sweden.

NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child - Child Rights Officer; Administrative Officer (60 per cent) (Geneva, Switzerland)

The NGO Group is an international child rights network bringing together 79 non-governmental organisations to promote, implement and monitor the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child since 1983. It is a leading international network advocating for children's rights within and outside the United Nations. They seek an Administrative Officer to work with the Coordinator to ensure the overall functioning of the Secretariat. This position requires a high sense of responsibility and autonomy, attention to detail, ability to meet deadlines and work according to priorities, fluency in English and French, with excellent interpersonal and coordination skills.

They also seek an experienced Child Rights Officer to enhance effective child rights mainstreaming within the broader UN human rights system. The Child Rights Officer will work closely with the Executive Committee and members of the Secretariat. She/he will assist and report to the Coordinator.

Deadline for both positions: 11 February 2008

Contact details: By email: ngogroup-job@bluewin.ch. By post: NGO Group for the CRC, 1 Rue de Varembé, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland. For more information on the NGO Group visit: www.crin.org/NGOGroupforCRC/

Edem's Children Foundation - ICT Volunteer and Fund Raising Volunteer (Cross River State, Nigeria)

Edem's work focuses on reducing violence against children and young people, reducing the incidence and impact of HIV and AIDS on orphans and vulnerable children, as well as mother-to-child empowerment opportunities. ECF has opened a Mini ICT centre called Women and Children's Rights (WOCRIC) to support the development of women, youth and children and reduce human rights violations through information, communication and technology facilities.

Application deadline: 14 March 2008

Duration of placement: 3 to 6 months. For more information, contact the Programme Director, ECF-WOCRIC, #23 Etinyin Abasi Street, Off Atamunu Street, Calabar South, Cross River State-Nigeria. Email: ecfnd@yahoo.com Phone: +234 8077205323, 803 6181632, 8028158532.

Funding

Calls for proposals

European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals - Deadline: 31 January 2008

Lifelong Learning' Programme, sectoral programme GRUNDTVIG – Deadline: 15 February 2008

Lifelong Learning' Programme, sectoral programme COMENIUS – Deadline: 29 February 2008

Lifelong Learning' Programme, sectoral programme LEONARDO DA VINCI – Deadline: 14 March 2008

Lifelong Learning' Programme, TRANSVERSAL PROGRAMME – Deadline: 31 March 2008

OSI Roma Decade Matching Fund for 2008

Youth in Action - Programme (2007-2013) (Deadline: from 01.02.2007 up to the end of 2013. Deadlines vary according to Action. Please contact the European or your National Agency)

Please note that the European Commission Communication DG awards this year grants for national and regional European initiatives by civil society organisations that provide information on the EU to European citizens, focusing on young people and women as the main target groups organisations in EU countries. For detailed information:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/communication/grants/index_en.htm

COMING SOON! Call for Proposals Daphne III Programme (whose objective is to prevent and combat violence against **children, young people** and women and to protect victims and groups at risk) was going to be published in mid-December, but to date has not come out. It will appear here:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm

Upcoming Dates

29-31 January: Seminar on social inclusion of Roma, organised by: European Roma Information Office (ERIO) & Centro Don Calabria (Italy), Brussels (for more information: office@erionet.org).

31 January: ChildONEurope European Seminar “Towards a Culture of Child Participation”, Istituto degli Innocenti, Florence, Italy (*Eurochild representation: Cyprus Child & Youth Parliament / PCCPWC, in cooperation with EURONET – the European Children's Network*).

8-9 April: CREDMOS meeting Belgrade

30 April: Deadline application European Master in Children's Rights at the FU Berlin (www.fu-berlin.de/emcr)

28-29 May: first international conference organised by the International Childhood and Youth Research Network “Child and Youth Research in the 21st Century: A Critical Appraisal”, Nicosia, Cyprus (deadline for abstracts and panel proposals: 31 January)

11-13 June: “Better Future for Children Today” FICE 2008 Congress – 60 years of international cooperation for children in care, Helsinki, Finland.

16-18 June: ESF- Exploartory Workshop on Children's Participation in Public Decision making (Berlin); info: rbudde@ina-fu.org

30 June - 4 July: 33rd global conference of the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW), Tours, France.

29 September – 1 October: IFCW World Forum 2008 “Early Intervention and Prevention”, Cardiff, Wales, UK (co-hosted by Children in Wales).

2 October: Eurochild Members' Exchange Seminar on “Child and Youth Participation”, Cardiff, Wales, UK.