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Dear Network Members and Network Interested,

Even though Easter has passed, we have decided to send you an Easter rabbit with belated wishes! In this Newsletter you will find a Lot of information on (mainly EU-) funding programmes, some information on the second EU Forum and of course information on the different courses offered by the members of the ENMCR. For comments and feedback on our newsletter, suggestions for improvement, please write to info@enmcr.net
Sincerely,

Rebecca Budde (Editor)



Easter Greetings!!!

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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.

Please note that the title of the joint European programme will be changed to "European Master in Childhood Studies and Children's Rights".

For further information on the MA in Berlin, please contact: Rebecca Budde: r.budde@fu-berlin.de

Interdisciplinary Master in Children's Rights in French at the Intitute Universitaire Kurt Bösch, Sion, Switzerland

The IKUB has been successfully implementing the Master of Advanced Studies in Children's Rights in English over the past years. The Course will be offered also in the coming academic years as a part-time Madter. More information can be found on: www.iukb.ch/mcr

In addition, this year the institute is launching the new interdisciplinary Master in Children's Rights in French, (abbreviated as MIDE): www.iukb.ch/mide.

Deadline for submission of applications for both courses: 17 May 2008

International Interdisciplinary Course: Children's Rights in a Globalized World: From Principles to Practice

Date: 8 to 19 September 2008, Location: Ghent-Antwerp (Belgium)

Applications to be submitted online before **1 April 2008**. All applicants must upload a CV and explain in the on-line registration form their motivation (how do you think the course will help you in your daily work, what do you expect to gain from the course). All participants should also send two letters of recommendation to the course secretariat (to the attention of Ms. Amssoms).

More information on www.iccr.be or Kathleen.Vlieghe@UGent.be

EURONET call for action: CHILD RIGHTS INDICATORS

Your help is needed to develop indicators for children that can be applied at the EU level.

The Centre for Study of the Child, the Family and the Law (Liverpool University), in collaboration with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in Vienna and with the support of the European Children's Network (EURONET), have been commissioned by the EU Fundamental Rights Agency to develop a series of indicators to monitor the impact of EU Activity on children's rights and welfare.

The consortium is are eager to learn from those with experience of either applying, campaigning for or monitoring children's rights, either through directly working with children and young people, or through their work with statutory or non-governmental organisations. They would be very grateful, therefore, if you could respond to the following survey drawing on your expertise. These responses will then inform the development of some preliminary indicators across a range of key areas of activity in which the EU is currently engaged, including cross-national family breakdown, poverty and social exclusion, and child protection.

Please, fill in the survey by Friday 4th April: <http://www.priority-research.com/childrightssurvey/> . Thank you for your co-operation.

New Mailing List on Children's Rights

The international mailing, which was initiated by EMCR students in Berlin is intended to facilitate ex-

change on relevant conferences, current debates, job offers, interesting links, new publications etc. on a variety of children's rights issues. These include among others education, poverty, health, disability, violence, participation, discrimination, refugee children, child soldiers, child labor, juvenile justice, children without parental care, rights based programming and legal child rights instruments.

Unlike existing more specialised newsletters this group provides an overview over a variety of issues which often are related and it allows for a two way communication. Everyone is invited to join and use this mailing list to share information.

To join go to: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/childrens_rights/

General News External

Towards a EU Strategy on CR (Update)

Second European Forum on the Rights of The Child

Report from CRAG:

As mentioned in the previous CRnews, the 2nd European Forum on the Rights of the Child took place on 4th March 2008 in Brussels. The process that led to the organisation of that Forum did not involve the steering group that was set up in the 1st Forum and the invitation to participate in the event was not transparent. The CRAG raised those concerns at the event. On the following webpage, you can find information concerning the first two meetings of the Forum, including speeches, presentations, pictures, list of participants:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/children/forum/fsj_children_forum_en.htm

Follow-up: Following the Forum, the European Commission contacted CRAG to appoint representatives to participate in the 2nd steering group meeting that will be organised in April. CRAG stressed that an open call for permanent participation of NGO representatives in the Forum should be launched by the EC, to select both representatives in the steering group and in the Forum.

Report by the European Commission:

The second forum on the Rights of the Child has demanded the urgent establishment of a hotline emergency telephone number for missing children (Number: 116000). Also, there were debates about the protection of children from sexual abuse and child poverty in Europe, in particular within the Roma community. Furthermore the EC report mentions that it had called for participation to the forum (which clearly was not the case). The next forum is scheduled for November 2008, as focus theme, the EC has chosen adoption.

Communication on Children in EU External Policies

Following the adoption of the EC Communication "A special Place for Children in EU external action" and its attached documents, the EC organised a stakeholders meeting to present the documents and to discuss the follow-up processes. At this meeting, members of the Child Rights Action Group (CRAG) agreed to set up an NGO group that would specifically follow-up on this Communication and that would be the key contact with the EC on the implementation of that Communication and of its two working documents.

In this regards, the initiators of this NGO group would like to invite stakeholders to be part of such a group. The coordinator of this activities is Kelig Puyet, to whom you can send your expression of interest stating your name, organisation and email address at: kelig.puyet@sos-kd.org.

Help Children with Difficulties

Participation of marginalized young people in social procedures was at the heart of a conference organized by the EC. Experts discussed new funding and supporting measures and possibilities as well as factors for the assessment of their successfulness. According to the EC, 19% of young Europeans (under the age of 30) live below the poverty line and 15.3 % drop out of school. Suicides ranks second after accidents as cause for death for young people in Europe. More information:

<http://europa.eu/scadplus/leg/en/cha/c11200.htm>

Day of General Discussion 2008: Children's right to education in emergencies

Date: 19 September 2008, 10:00-18:00h; Location: Palais Wilson; Geneva, Switzerland

The Committee on the Rights of the Child has decided to devote its next Day of General Discussion (DGD) to **children's right to education in emergencies** - articles 28 and 29 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The purpose of the Days of General Discussion is to foster a deeper understanding of the contents and implications of the Convention in relation to specific articles or topics. After the discussion the Committee adopts recommendations, taking into account the issues raised.

The right to education is set out in articles 28 and 29 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as well as in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and a number of other international instruments. The 2008 Day of General Discussion is intended to provide States and other actors with more comprehensive guidance as to their obligations to promote and protect the right to education. Representatives of Governments, United Nations human rights mechanisms, United Nations bodies and specialised agencies, non-governmental organisations, national human rights institutions, children and experts are welcome to take part. Participants will split into two working groups to discuss the issue :

Working Group 1: Continuation and/or reconstruction of the educational system

Working Group 2: Content and quality of education provided for children in emergency situations

NGO contributions

NGOs and children are invited to submit written contributions on the themes mentioned above to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as soon as possible. The Committee requests that written contributions be limited to a maximum of seven pages. Although documents may be submitted in English, French or Spanish, they will not be translated into the other languages. Oral contributions from NGOs are also welcome during the day itself but should be limited to interventions in the debate rather than formal statements. Guidelines and additional information are available here: http://www.crin.org/docs/guidelines_DGG_08.doc

Deadline for submissions: 27 June 2008

Registration deadline: 15 July 2008

As the meeting is open to the public, written invitations will not be issued by the United Nations or the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child. For security reasons and due to limited space, attendance at the meeting requires advance registration. For this reason, please also note that organisations are strongly encouraged to limit participation in this event to a maximum of three representatives. As this is a public meeting of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, there is neither a registration fee, nor does the Committee send out individual invitations. The United Nations is not able to provide assistance with visa, travel or accommodation arrangements. Participants are responsible for all expenses and arrangements related to their participation in the discussion day.

For registration and to submit written contributions, please contact:

Secretariat, Committee on the Rights of the Child ; Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Email: CRCgeneraldiscussion@ohchr.org

Publications

Social Movements of working children and young people in Latin America- Historical Analysis and political balancing in the past 30 years (in Spanish)

MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES DE NATs EN AMERICA LATINA- Análisis Histórico y Balance Político en los últimos treinta años

The publication by Alejandro Cussiánovich and Donald Méndez Quintana treats two issues: One is analysing the category of social movements taking as point of departure the experiences of organization and action of working children's organizations which in the majority of the countries of the region have existed for more than 20 years (in Peru, the movement looks back at 32 years of existence). The second issue is information which has been gathered by representatives of some associated organizations of Save the Children Sweden.

Published by: IFEJANT. Lima, 2008

Joint NGO written submission to the Human Rights Council

The joint submission includes statements on:

- Building a Human Rights Council that Gives Priority to the Rights of Children
- A Commitment to Mainstreaming the Rights of the Child
- Conceptualising a Resolution on the Rights of the Child
- 'The Way Forward'

For the full submission and further information on the Subgroup for the Human Rights Council, please visit: <http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/publications/NGOCRC/subgroup-CHR.asp>, or contact: Subgroup for the Human Rights Council, Cecile Trochu, co-Convenor, OMCT, Email: ct@omct.org or Jennifer Grant, co-Convenor, Save the Children UK, Email: J.Grant@savethechildren.org.uk

News from CRIN

SOUTH AMERICA: MERCOSUR to decide child rights action plan [event]

MERCOSUR has met in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 25 March to discuss its 2008-09 action plan for its regional child rights initiative [Niñ@sur](#).

MERCOSUR is an economic and political bloc of South American States similar to the European Union. It stands for el Mercado Común del Sur (the Common Market of the South). Niñ@sur aims to promote national efforts in MERCOSUR Member States to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Other issues on the agenda included the launch of an online legal database and a presentation on progress in combating child sexual exploitation and trafficking. Full members of MERCOSUR are: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, Venezuela's full membership is pending; associate members are: Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

For more information, contact:

Secretaría de Derechos Humanos, Victoria Martínez, National Director of assistance to vulnerable people and groups; Tel: (+11) 5167 6676, Email: prensadh@derhuman.jus.gov.ar

Website: <http://www.derhuman.jus.gov.ar/mercosur/ninosur.html>

UK: Children's rights and participation conference [event]

Date: 1 July 2008; **Location:** York, UK

The conference 'Children's Rights and Participation: What Preconditions? What Rights? What Outcomes? What Next?' will be hosted by the Centre for Applied Human Rights and the Social Policy Research Unit at the University of York. The conference will reflect on the following questions:

- Does participation bring meaningful change, and if so for whom?
- How important is child participation? How realistic is it?
- Are there limits to participation (evolving participation, evolving capacity) or clashes between child participation and the participation of others?
- What are the connections between rights and participation?
- Who controls the participation agenda?
- What are the perspectives of children themselves on participatory mechanisms and processes?
- Has participation run its course and, if so, is there a need for a new approach?

For more information, contact: Judith Pink, Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York, Heslington, YO10 5DD, UK; Tel: +44 (0)1904 434398 Email: jkp2@york.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/cahr/index.html>

Communications procedure lobbying pack

A group of organisations recently launched a campaign to establish a Communications/complaints mechanism to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Such a procedure would provide a mechanism that would ensure the availability of legal remedies for children at the international level. Already, more than 300 organisations – human rights institutions, international, regional and national NGOs and others from over ninety countries – have signed a petition urging States to start the process of drafting an Optional Protocol to the Convention. The first step necessary in order to create the

procedure is to establish a drafting Working Group of States, through a resolution at the Human Rights Council. Once drafted, the Optional Protocol would go to the UN General Assembly for adoption. **What can you do :**

1. If you have not as yet signed the petition please consider doing so by going here: <http://www.crin.org/petitions/petition.asp?petID=1007#call> and encourage others to sign as well;
2. You could consider adapting the draft letter below and sending it, together with the attached briefing, to the relevant Minister and officials.
3. You could also consider requesting a meeting to discuss the proposal.
4. Please also keep us informed of any response/reaction to the campaign by emailing us at: info@crin.org

LATIN AMERICA: Child rights in practice [training]

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency has announced an advanced international training programme on "Child Rights in Practice".

The aim of the Programme is to provide participants with an in-depth knowledge of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and how it can be applied in practice. The Programme emphasises national and international contexts using the ideas and experiences of participants.

The first stage of this Programme will take place from 29 September – 17 October 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden; the second stage will be held in Latin America in March 2009.

"Child Rights in Practice" is aimed at professionals from Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru.

The Programme will take a maximum of 25 participants from the public sector and others who work in child rights. Deadline for applications: **18 May 2008**

COURSE: Monitoring children's rights [event]

Date: 17 September - 16 December 2008; Location: Distance learning

This distance learning course is a basic introduction to measuring and monitoring the status of children, including basic health and welfare, education, civil rights and freedoms, and special protection measures. The course will address the full cycle of monitoring, including tool development; methodologies for carrying out monitoring (both organisationally as well as through the involvement of children); and the application of results for improving the promotion and protection of children's human rights. **Deadline: 1 June 2008**

For more information, contact: Human Rights Education Associates; Email: applications@hrea.org
Website: <http://www.hrea.org>

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: Review of child rights Special Rapporteur role [news]

States and NGOs alike called for the renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography at the 7th session of the Human Rights Council.

Turning to the future of the mandate, he said the mandate would now move into a new phase. While noting large progress in the development of new judicial instruments for the protection of children, it was now necessary to develop specific mechanisms and policies to address the root causes of the problem. All States and NGOs that took the floor welcomed the mandate and supported its renewal.

For more information, contact: International Service for Human Rights; Rue de Varembe 1, P.O. Box 16, CH-1211 Geneva; Tel: + 41 22 733 51 23; Fax: + 41 22 733 08 26; Email: gtc@ishr-sidh.ch

Website: www.ishr.ch

News from Eurochild

UNICEF (Germany) Loses Vital Seal of Approval

The German committee of United Nations Children's colleagues Fund (UNICEF) has lost a vital charity seal of approval from a national ratings agency. The German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI), which assesses the probity of charities, has said it will not recommend donations to UNICEF because of the ongoing problems at the charity.

The decision comes just weeks after the committee's chairwoman, Heide Simonis, and chief executive, Dietrich Garlichs, resigned amid a scandal about commissions paid to expensive fundraising consultants and about the secrecy surrounding the payments. The DZI has called for a management shake-up at the Cologne-based committee so that similar mistakes do not occur in the future. Germany's committee is one of 37 around the world which collect donations for aid projects run by UNICEF. The DZI seal of approval is seen as proof that a charity is serious, transparent and uses donations wisely. UNICEF can reapply for the seal next year. But the decision is another blow to the organization which has already seen 5,000 of its 200,000 registered supporters cancel their contributions. For the full article: <http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,536587,00.html>

Job Postings

EMPLOYMENT: International Bureau for Children's Rights- Project Manager

The International Bureau for Children's Rights is currently seeking a Project Manager in the Country Profiles Programme to research, analyse and report on the status of implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in certain countries in the Great Lakes region in Africa.

Please send your application (CV, cover letter and writing sample) to Mr. Luc Ouimet, IBCR Deputy Director by email l.ouimet@ibcr.org or by fax + 1 514 932 9453.

For the full job description and person specification, go to: <http://www.ibcr.org>.

Deadline: 1 April 2008

The European Network of Ombudspersons for Children - Junior Representative (part-time) (ENOC)

The European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) is a not-for-profit association of independent children's rights institutions. Its mandate is to facilitate the promotion and protection of the rights of children, as formulated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Seeking to establish its permanent secretariat in Strasbourg, the ENOC is currently recruiting a part-time junior representative. **Deadline: 15 April 2008**

For full details of the vacancy, visit:

<http://www.ombudsnet.org/enoc/resources/infodetail.asp?id=16594>. For more information, write to Xavier Bonal, President of ENOC. Email: secretariat@sindic.cat And for further information on the network, visit www.ombudsnet.org

Call for expressions of interest EACEA/2007 for the establishment of a list of experts to assist the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in the framework of the management of the Community programmes in the fields of education, audiovisual, culture, youth and citizenship

The Executive Agency Education, Audiovisual and Culture is issuing a call for expressions of interest in order to obtain applications for the establishment of a list of experts. This call is managed by the Agency in conjunction with the European Commission. The experts' duties will be to assist the Agency, or, where applicable, the Commission, in the performance of the tasks mentioned below, with reference to the programme objectives, the priorities and criteria laid down in the calls for proposals, as well as the guides and manuals made available to applicants.

The tasks to be performed include:

1. Evaluating proposals received in response to calls for proposals
2. Evaluating and monitoring projects:
 - o evaluating project reports; evaluating project products and results; project monitoring and site visits; any other tasks relating to the analysis and/or monitoring of programmes and projects
3. Specific studies and analyses relating to fields of activity

The experts chosen within the framework of this call may also be required to assist the Agency's parent Directorates-General (DG EAC, INFSO, AIDCO) within the framework of their activities (gen-

eral coordination of policies and programmes, communications, management of strands for which the Agency is not responsible). Further Information:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/procurement/eacea_2007_experts/index_en.htm

Special Procedures: List of vacancies 2008 and requirements for candidates

View the list of vacancies here: [http://www.crin.org/docs/List_of_vacancies_-_June_2008_final\[1\].pdf](http://www.crin.org/docs/List_of_vacancies_-_June_2008_final[1].pdf)

The secretariat of the Human Rights Council has released a 'note verbale' (an instruction) relating to the approved technical and objective requirements for eligible candidates for special procedures mandate holders, as stipulated in paragraph 41 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007.

See the note verbale here: [http://www.crin.org/docs/Note_to_all-E-18.03.08\[1\].pdf](http://www.crin.org/docs/Note_to_all-E-18.03.08[1].pdf)

Note the deadline for submission of nominations is **11 April 2008**.

Funding

Call for proposals: European Science Foundation - Research Conferences in 2010

ESF Conferences generally last for four or five days and up to 150 participants and invited speakers may attend. Chairs select participants from applications received as a result of publicising the Conferences. A conference fee is charged to participants. A certain number of grants - to cover the conference fee and possibly part of the travel expenses - are available for each event. Application forms are to be submitted via the ESF Research Conferences website.

Deadline for submission of proposals: 15.09.2008

ESF plans on funding up to 4 conferences in the subject area Social Sciences and Humanities

Further Information: <http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/call-for-proposals.html> or contact the ESF Conferences Unit at conferences-proposals@esf.org.

Call for Proposals: 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) http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc74_en.htm

DG Communication grants for initiatives by civil society organizations

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

DG Justice and Home Affairs - Call for Proposals Daphne III Programme

Within the framework of the Daphne III programme, the Commission has launched the following two calls for proposals on the 2007 annual work programme:

- Call for Proposals JLS/DAP/2007-1 Action Grants, intended to co-finance specific transnational projects. The deadline for submission of applications is **22 April 2008**;
- Call for Proposals JLS/DAP/2007-2 Operating Grants, intended to co-finance the functioning of non-governmental organisations. The deadline for submission of applications is 25 March 2008.

To read more about the Daphne Programme (information only available in English):

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

Fundamental Rights and Justice Programme- Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Specific Transnational Projects (Action Grants)

Budget: 5.505.000 (75.000 - 500.000 € per grant); Max. EU allocation: 80 %; Duration: 18 months

Deadline for submission of proposals: 5 May 2008

Call for Proposals: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/doc/ag_call_2007_en.pdf

Priorities:

Protection of the rights of the child: supporting projects on awareness raising campaigns, surveys concerning good practice in Member States and the ways to reproduce them elsewhere, analysis of particular problems and their possible solutions (poverty, street children, non-accompanied minors, etc.).

Active participation in the democratic life of the Union: promoting the development of participatory democracy; supporting civic and voter education and public awareness raising projects; increasing civil society support for electoral processes at all levels of the political system; supporting activities aimed at encouraging and supporting grass-roots initiatives of ordinary citizens for the promotion of their own right to participate to the Union political life;

Combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism: supporting actions aimed at fighting traditional and new stereotypes whose persistence or diffusion are at the roots of racist attitudes, speech, discriminatory action and violent incidents; encouraging initiatives aiming at fostering the divulgation at large of the unsoundness of such stereotypes, as well as those aimed at fostering mutual understanding between majority and minority populations;

Data protection and privacy rights: supporting actions (from NGOs, national authorities, etc.) aiming at informing the public about data protection and safeguarding of security and the promotion of their right through awareness-raising activities will be supported.

Action 4 Erasmus Mundus

Within Action 4 of the programme Erasmus Mundus (cooperation programme with third countries), the EU will fund the following projects:

Awareness- raising on European education systems; Facilitation of access to European Higher Education for third country nationals; Studies for the acknowledgement of qualifications; Creation of links between higher education institutions and research ; Extension of thematic networks to include third country bodies.

Deadline: 15 May 2008

More information: <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/mundus/index.htm>

External Cooperation Window:

The European Commission is funding mobility measures between Higher Education institutions in Europe and the rest of the world in 2008/09. The support is given in the frame of the window for external cooperation of the Erasmus Mundus programme.

The deadline has been extended to: **15 April 2008;**

Further Information: <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/index.htm>

TEMPUS IV

The EU has launched the call for proposals for Tempus IV. Tempus is a programme to promote co-operation between HEI in the EU and its neighbouring states. HEI's research institutes, NGO's and enterprises are eligible to submit proposals. The programme is divided into two categories:

Joint Projects: Modernisation projects for HEI, e.g. transfer of knowledge between HEI in the EU and partner countries

Structural measures: The aim of this category of projects is to further develop and reform the Higher education system in the partner countries.

The **deadline** for submission of proposals is: **28 April 2008**

Further Information: <http://ec.europa.eu/tempus>

Upcoming Dates

- 31 March:** Deadline submission of proposals under LLP/Transversal Programme
- 1 April:** Deadline application for Intl. Interdisciplinary Course on CR in Ghent-Antwerp
- 2 April:** Deadline Submission of proposals HEI cooperation EU-US
- 4 April:** Workshop on the Protection of undocumented children in their basic social rights (organised by PICUM), Brussels
- 9-10 April:** CREDMOS meeting Belgrade
- 15 April:** Deadline External Cooperation Window (EM)
- 22 April:** Deadline Daphne III
- 28 April:** Deadline Tempus IV applications
- 30 April:** Deadline application European Master in Children's Rights at the FU Berlin (www.fu-berlin.de/emcr)
- 5 May:** Deadline Fundamental Rights Programme
- 15 May:** Deadline Action 4 Erasmus Mundus
- 17 May:** Deadline applications for MIDE and EMCR at IUKB
- 28-29 May:** International Conference organised by the ICYRNet "Child and Youth Research in the 21st Century: A Critical Appraisal", Nicosia, Cyprus
- 11-13 June:** "Better Future for Children Today" FICE 2008 Congress – 60 years of international co-operation for children in care, Helsinki, Finland.
- 16-18 June:** ESF- Exploratory Workshop on Children's Participation in Public Decision making (Berlin); info: rbudde@ina-fu.org
- 18 June:** General Assembly ENMCR (Berlin)
- 19 June:** Final project meeting ENMCR-CD (Berlin)
- 30 June - 4 July:** 33rd global conference of the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW), Tours, France.
- 1 July:** Children's rights and participation conference (York, UK)
- 15 September:** Deadline ESF conferences 2010
- 17 September - 16 December:** Course monitoring Children's Rights
- 19 September:** Day of General Discussion (Geneva, committee on the Rights of the Child)
- 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.