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WELCOME

Dear European Colleagues,

This is the first newsletter (nr 0!) about European programmes, edited by the Italian Association of People with Down Syndrome (AIPD) on behalf of the European Down Syndrome Association.

The newsletter will be sent on monthly base to all the organisations for Down syndrome of EDSA.

It will be focused on the last relevant calls for proposals of the EU Commission and you will find links to the main web sites.

AIPD has already promoted 14 projects, funded by the EU commission, with EDSA member organisations, as partners.

Such projects have dealt with a number of topics, like:

- i. Love, sex and feelings
- ii. Job inclusion
- iii. Citizenship
- iv. Exercise of political rights
- v. Tourism
- vi. Independent living

Two of them have been totally or partially addressed to care givers, professionals or relatives and dealt with European project design training.

We hope that the initiative will be appreciated and useful for all EDSA members.

Enjoy your reading and good luck for your work!

The AIPD Staff

NEWS FROM EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES

ERASMUS +

Erasmus+ will replace seven existing programmes with one. It brings together the existing Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius and Grundtvig), Youth in Action and five international cooperation programmes (Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Alfa, Edulink and the programme for cooperation with industrialised countries). It also includes sport.

One call for proposal has been published with relevant deadlines. Application forms will be available in January.

Call for proposal:

http://new.eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2013.362.01.0062.01.ENG

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

A new **Europe for Citizens** programme will replace the current programme (which has financed “Think different, think Europe!” project). The focus will be on strengthening remembrance and enhancing capacity for civic participation at EU level. The negotiation for the adoption of the COUNCIL REGULATION establishing the future programme "Europe for Citizens" has reached its final phase. It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/about-the-europe-for-citizens-programme/future-programme-2014-2020/index_en.htm

CREATIVE EUROPE

The new **Creative Europe** programme will replace the MEDIA, MEDIA Mundus and Culture programmes. Find out more about Creative Europe from the European Commission’s [Culture website](#) and from the [MEDIA website](#) http://ec.europa.eu/culture/media/creative-europe/index_en.htm

Why Creative Europe?

Europe needs to invest more in its cultural and creative sectors because they significantly contribute to economic growth, employment, innovation and social cohesion. Creative Europe will safeguard and promote cultural and linguistic diversity and strengthen the competitiveness of the cultural and creative sectors.

Creative Europe:

- Helps the cultural and creative sectors to seize the opportunities of the 'digital age' and globalisation
- Enables the sectors to reach their potential so that they can contribute to the Europe 2020 goals for sustainable growth, jobs and social cohesion.
- Opens up new international opportunities, markets and audiences Builds on the success of the MEDIA and Culture programmes.

Next steps:

The programme will start in January 2014. The first calls under the new programme are already published at the following webpage.

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/creative-europe/calls/index_en.htm

RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP

The Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme aims to promote the development of a European society based on respect for fundamental rights and rights derived from citizenship of the European Union.

Objectives and tools.

The focus of the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship programme is:

- the protection of the rights of the child;
- combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism;
- the fight against homophobia;
- active participation in the democratic life of the Union;
- data protection and privacy rights;
- training and networking between legal professions and legal practitioners.

Access to the programme shall be open to private or public organisations and institutions (national, regional or local authorities, university departments and research centres) working in one of the fields covered by the objectives.

Call for proposal, dead line: 13 march 2014:

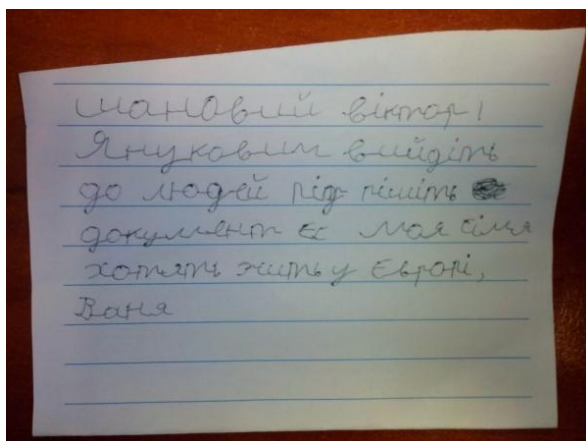
http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/just_2013_frc_ag_en.htm

NEWS FROM THE PROJECTS PROMOTED BY AIPD WITH EDSA MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE PARTNERSHIP

THINK DIFFERENT: THINK EUROPE ! (EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME)

What follows is a text of an e-mail coming from the Ukrainian Down Association, showing the “impact” of the project.

<http://gazeta.ua/articles/life/hlopec-iz-sindromom-dauna-napisav-list-do-yanukovicha-z-prohannyam-vijti-na-majd/530780>



“You can open the link and you'll see Ivan and a scan of his letter to the President.

*It said: **Dear Victor Yanukovich come out to the people sign the EU document my family want to live in Europe, Vania.***

It was his spontaneous act. He wrote it, came out of his room and read out loud to his family this demand.

We're so proud of him! He really got the meaning of being a citizen and having his political rights”.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE (LLP – GRUNDTVIG)

Concerning this project please open the following link to the project web site and search for Focus Group report. <http://invllp.eu/inv/> (Then , click on “DELIVERABLES”)

SMART TOURISM (LLP GRUNDTVIG)



The Smart tourism delegation in Brussels.

They presented the city guidebooks at the conference for the International Day of people with disabilities (3rd December 2013).

The first city guidebooks are now available on-line!!!

These are the links for the city guides written by people with Ds during the projects.

ROME

Available in:

Italian <http://www.aipd.it/userfiles/file/Smart-Tourism-Roma-guida-it.pdf>

English <http://www.aipd.it/userfiles/file/Smart-Tourism-Rome-guide-en.pdf>

LISBON

Portuguese http://www.appt21.org.pt/wp-content/uploads/lisboa_smart_tourism_guia_pt.pdf

English http://www.appt21.org.pt/wp-content/uploads/lisbon_smart_tourism_guide_en.pdf

DUBLIN

English <http://downsyndrome.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Dublino-en-landscape-120413-web.pdf>

ALL'ESTERO PER LAVORARE –WORKING ABROAD (LLP – LEONARDO DA VINCI MOBILITY PROJECT)

It's the seventh year of AIPD participating in Leonardo Mobility Projects.

Also this year, ten people with Down syndrome, coming from AIPD's local branches, have performed a three - weeks - internship in Barcelona(ES), at the In & Out Hostel. The Leonardo da Vinci programme has given people with Down syndrome the opportunity to enrich their own CV performing their internship abroad.



Working at In&Out Hostel

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