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## BREAKING NEWS.....

**The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** is responsible for the management of certain parts of the EU's funding programmes in the fields of education, culture, audiovisual, sport, citizenship and volunteering.

EACEA has a new website: smarter and easier.

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/>

The screenshot shows the EACEA homepage in a browser window. The address bar displays 'eacea.ec.europa.eu/index\_en.php'. The header features the European Commission logo and the EACEA name. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'European Commission' and 'EACEA' links. The main content area includes several program tiles: 'Erasmus+' (with a photo of students), 'Creative Europe' (with a photo of a woman), 'Europe for Citizens' (with a photo of a crowd), and 'EU Aid Volunteers' (with a photo of people at a table). There is also a 'What's this site for' section with a description of the agency's role and a 'More about the agency' link. At the bottom, there are links for 'Information on Education Systems and Policies in Europe' (Eurydice) and 'Programmes 2007-2013'.

## NEWS FROM EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES

### NEXT DEAD LINES!

#### ERASMUS +

##### Mobility, Key Action 1

17 March 2014 at 12 AM (Brussels time)

##### All three actions

30 April 2014 at 12 am (Brussels time)

1 October 2014 2014 at 12 AM (Brussels time)

##### Sports – Not-for-profit European sports events

- 14 March, at 12pm (midday Brussels time) for projects starting as of 1 June of the same year;
- 15 May, at 12pm (midday Brussels time) for projects starting as of 1 January of the following year

## EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

##### Action 1 European remembrance

01/03/2014 12:00 (CET/CEST)

##### Action 2 Democratic engagement and civic participation

Network of towns 01/03/2014 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Town twinning 01/03/2014 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Civil society projects 01/03/2014 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Network of towns 01/09/2014 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Town twinning 01/09/2014 12:00 (CET/CEST)

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

### THE ESSENTIAL IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE

In the past days two training meetings have taken place in Budapest and Barcelona among members and not (actually members) of the European Down Syndrome Association: Down Alapítvány (HU), Fundació Catalana Síndrome de Down (ES) and AIPD (I) .

The testing of the tools designed and developed within the project and the training of the participating professionals is about to start and will last until September of this year.

This project, funded in the framework of the LLP – Grundtvig programme (adult education), is focused on the professionals who work with /take care of people with severe intellectual disabilities, defined as people “who need treatment and permanent support in their daily life and do not possess the basic competencies necessary to manage autonomously their personal relationships”.

Visit the project’s web site to get more information:

<http://invllp.eu/inv/>

## NEWS FROM EDSA

### WDSD 2014 20<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH IN BRUSSELS

The organization of the event is going forward.

Members are currently sending their accommodation forms, the deadline to confirm participation is the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

Concerning institutional places to visit, there are two different opportunities:

Visiting the European Parliament: a briefing about the EU and the Parliament. (The Hemicycle of the Parliament is currently not inaccessible .

Visiting the interactive visitors centre

Parliamentarium.(<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/visits/parlamentarium.html>)

We have contacted Mr Martin Schultz, President of the European Parliament, and Mr Adam Kosa, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, asking them to participate in our event or to help us in its organization. We are waiting for their confirmation.

Since during the week of our event, MEPs will be in Brussels and work in Commissions, each Association could contact it's national MEP, in order to involve him/her in our event!!!

## NEWS FROM EDSA MEMBERS

### THE POSEIDON PROJECT

Three AIPD's representatives have been invited to participate in one event organized in Oslo , in the framework of the Poseidon project. They were: Anna Contardi, Giorgia Scivola and Serena Silvi, who held her speech in English.

This participation was an opportunity to talk about people with Down syndrome in different European countries and disseminate good practices.

The Poseidon project is funded by the European Commission and is supported by a number of partners including the Norwegian Network for Down Syndrome, the English Down's Syndrome Association and the German Association Down-Syndrom.

Visit the project's web site to get more information and look at the photos of the meeting!

<http://www.poseidon-project.org/?p=916>



## MICHAEL GANNON, A SPECIAL REPORTER FOR THE VATICAN RADIO

Journalist for two weeks, in an internship in Rome. It happened to Michael Gannon young Irishman with Down syndrome, who has done an internship of two weeks at the Vatican Radio's English speaking newsroom from January 13 to January 24, 2014.

It was the first internship experience with a person with Down syndrome for the Vatican Radio.

Michael Gannon had visited the Vatican Radio during the European project "Think different think Europe" in May 2013 and has asked, in this occasion, to have his internship's opportunity.



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