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INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE DAY

30 SEPTEMBER 2010



As in previous years, the Intercultural Dialogue Day 2010 has been a great success across Europe. Many partners joined the activities with great ideas and creativity. EFIL is happy to receive all reports, pictures and positive feedback on this year's events, and we are already working on our 2010 IDD brochure – a compilation of activities and impressions as sent to us by the partners.

This year, AFS France came up with an innovative idea – a photo contest in which all EFIL member countries can take part. The idea behind the competition is to take pictures of the perception of a culture, without focusing on stereotypes. From 22 November to 5 December the public can vote on the internet for their three favourite pictures: (<http://afsphotocontest.isgreat.org/index.php?lang=en>). The price for the winner of the contest will be a weekend for two people in one of the countries covered by our Federation! But this is not the end ... after the contest the photos can be used as tools for volunteers to present “interculturality” in schools. The overall objective of the idea is to launch a project that will transcend the frontiers and that will reinforce the visibility of AFS for our target public. Moreover it's an activity that fits perfectly well in an “intercultural learning” strategy and that will get us interesting pictures for future campaigns.



Here are some excerpts from other activities that happened in the framework of IDD2010, based on information received by the EFIL Secretariat so far...

Czech Republic

A whole week of events focused on Intercultural Dialogue, including debates in the libraries of Prague and Jicin, intercultural patchwork by secondary school pupils in Usti and Liberec, information tents on the banks of the river in Pisek, „All ways are going to Bilovice“ by Moravian volunteers, etc.

Germany

Among other things, AFS Germany initiated a song contest: “Sing a song”! The song should capture the feeling of taking part in an exchange and generate curiosity about intercultural experience. The winning song may well become the new AFS song for Germany! (www.afs.de/worldwideweg)

Croatia: “Spreading the intercultural spirit in Croatia”

This year's IDD took place in capital Zagreb. Volunteers met on the main square, Trg bana Jelačića with lots of material and a goal to spread the intercultural spirit in their country. They used flyers, flags, T-shirts and energizers to promote AFS and IDD.



Serbia

For the second year running, Serbia took part in IDD. Place of the action was Negotin, a town in Eastern Serbia. The aim was to promote AFS programmes among students from smaller towns. Through various workshops local students had an opportunity to interact with exchange students hosted in Serbia this year and learn more about their cultures.

**Italy: "A school that I would like"**

60 former AFS participants, who went to 20 different countries in school year 2006-2007, were invited to meet and reflect on the school system of their host country as they compare with the school system of Italy. The results of the research were presented in a crowded public conference on the Day of Intercultural Dialogue (September 30th) in Milan. For more: see our column "Partner news".

Egypt

In Egypt, seven chapters, from North Egypt to Upper Egypt, joined in the festivities on Intercultural Dialogue Day. A festival hosted in the national library of Port Said city and sponsored by the Indian embassy, included a talk about Intercultural Dialogue.

**Latvia**

In more than 20 AFS schools in several cities in Latvia people have joined together to draw and colour circles. Drawings have been exhibited as a digital presentation during the 20th anniversary celebration event on 1-2 October in Riga. During the celebrations in Riga, a video was shown of AFS staff, volunteers and participants in ... Ghana, drawing circles and taking part in IDD!

**Hungary**

A quiz was offered and presentations were given by exchange students about their host countries. In addition AFS Hungary prepared a talent show.

Belgium Flanders

BFL organised a seminar about the impact of an intercultural exchange on the participant after his/her return. Speeches were given by experts and a subsequent panel discussion took place focused on intercultural learning aspects.

ECTP GOES ONLINE!

The European Citizenship Trimester Programme and the Brussels Camp have their own web space now! The site is our main communication tool with participants of the new Trimester Programme and will provide them with all necessary information regarding their 4-day stay in Brussels, starting 28 November. Through this web space and the specially created Facebook group, participants will be able to stay in touch, exchange photos and prolong their AFS experience!

We mainly owe the website to the tireless work of Florian Aue, supported by the whole Team for the content updates. If you want to find out more about the activity, the people involved and the preliminary agenda, please visit us here: www.ectp2010.eu and join us on FB here: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=153340048026517&ref=ts> !



EFIL BOARD MEETS IN LEUVEN, BELGIUM

The EFIL Board held its third in-person meeting of the year in Leuven, Belgium, 8-10 October. New Board member, Jörn Lehmann (AFS Germany) was welcomed on the EFIL Board. The agenda featured a wide range of topics.



An overview was given by the Secretary General on recent developments in EFIL and Europe, with a special focus on EFIL's flagship projects: the Volunteer Summer Summit (VSS) in August in Hungary, the Intercultural Dialogue Day (IDD) on 30 September 2010, and the European Citizenship Trimester Programme (ECTP) with the Brussels Camp end of November. The Board expressed

its satisfaction with the increasing numbers for the VSS and ECTP. For the VSS the wide range of countries of origin (33) of the 215 participants is an indication of the broad interest of the AFS network in the event. All four the new partner organisations in South Eastern Europe (Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina), were represented, as well as Poland, Slovakia, South Africa and Ghana, next to several other non-EFIL partner organisations. The theme of this year's VSS was intergenerational learning. There was a substantial presence of the older generation (40+). The evaluation highlighted a significant improvement in the quality of the workshops at the VSS2010.

The Board also gave attention to the current developments with the partners in South Eastern Europe, and picked up the discussion again that was started at the Rome meeting in February, about exploring the expansion of EFIL's activities in a number of additional countries within the EU, mainly targeting Poland, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria.

In the framework of developing a branding approach for EFIL's various activity areas, the Board looked into setting up a communication audit of EFIL, expected to deliver an insight in the current reality of EFIL's communication channels and to propose a branding and communication strategy.

For the 2011 EFIL General Assembly a working group was formed and a work plan was agreed upon. The main theme for the GA in Vienna (2-5 June 2011) will be "40 Years of EFIL", celebrating 40 years of Intercultural Learning in Europe through EFIL.



The EFIL Board continued its discussion "what about the remaining 99%", referring to the large group of young European pupils that are currently not involved in any form of mobility. At the backdrop of a Europe where increased mobility is promoted at all levels, the Board feels that more needs to be done to generate further interest in our programmes.

The next Board meeting has been scheduled for February 2011 in Milan, Italy.

EFIL AT THE AFS WORLD CONGRESS

FOCUS ON AFRICA



During the 2010 AFS World Congress in Argentina, a session will be held with focus on the four priority areas, confirmed by the AFS International Board of Trustees. All Partners are invited to bring posters on a strategic priority they have been focusing on to share visually during this Congress session. EFIL

has chosen to present a poster on the development of Africa, following our European Commission sponsored 2010 project “EurAfrican Partnership for Change”.



Within the framework of this project, 24 experienced volunteers from 11 European AFS organisations and 3 African partners have been involved in feasibility studies and trainings aimed at AFS volunteers and staff in the three participating African countries Ghana, South Africa and Kenya. Activities took place during

three separate visits to the African countries, and in the week-long closing seminar in Vienna. The project focused on volunteering in an African context; youth programmes in Africa; intercultural learning in an African environment. Outcomes will be compiled in a guide “Facilitating a Sustainable Partnership”.

The project has put the spotlight on our Sub-Saharan African network partners. The much wanted and needed visibility for our African partners will hopefully lead to a renewed/increased trust and interest of the AFS network in exchanges with Africa, to a continued momentum of developing AFS in Africa with the much needed support of partners all around our global network, and to the further motivation as well as professional development of the African partners themselves. Next to the international exposure it provided for the African partners, this project has also built bridges between the African partners, it has established strong intra-African contacts and contributed towards the creation of an AFS African identity. To keep the momentum going, the global AFS network needs to build on to this project and help develop the African partners to become regional hubs, as a step towards a much more substantial presence of AFS in the continent of Africa. For AFS to be a truly global network, there's a need for all of us to warmly embrace Africa and make things happen over there.





PARTNER NEWS

IN EACH EDITION OF EFILIFE, WE DEDICATE SOME SPACE TO PARTNER NEWS, INCLUDING PERSONNEL CHANGES AS WELL AS RELEVANT EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST MONTH.



From **AFS Italy** comes the news that after more than four years of intense work for Intercultura, Emanuele Vinci has decided to enjoy a new adventure with another "Intercultura". He has joined Intercultura **AFS Spain** as from October, where he has been warmly welcomed. Emanuele will be mainly in charge of Visa (in-bound & outbound) as well as School Documents and Logistics. From AFS Spain: ¡Bienvenido a bordo, Emanuele!

More news from **Italy**, where an initiative by the Intercultura

Foundation called "A school that I would like", got the attention of several newspapers including the two leading Italian newspapers ("Corriere della Sera" and "Repubblica"), radio and television. At a well attended public conference in Milan on Intercultural Dialogue Day, 30 September, the results were presented of the research done under the leadership of the institute of education of the university of Milan, involving 60 former AFS participants who went to 20 different countries in 2006/7. Data was collected through personal interviews, focus groups, questionnaires and correspondence.



Good news from Slovakia. On the 1 June **Intercultura Slovakia** has been officially registered. Meanwhile, they've held their first national meeting and general assembly on 25 September. Intercultura Slovakia now has 16 members - active volunteers who elected a 5-member Board.



AFS Germany

informed us that the new AFS documentary film "12 Monate Deutschland" ("12 Months Germany") successfully premiered in Berlin. The director Eva Wolf, an exchange student (Ecuador 1986/87) had followed AFS-host families and exchange students during their year-long stay in Germany. The movie honestly shows the whereabouts of exchange students and host families during an exchange year. From the very beginning of the movie the camera is a silent companion and confidant for both sides. During the year there are high hopes and disap-



pointments, there's a new awareness and a lot of emotions on

each side. You can watch the (German) trailer here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_B2e-Q3F2I. If you want the English version of "12 Monate Deutschland" to be shown in your cinema, just call on your local cinema to contact the producer Katrin Lemme (kathrin@lemmefilm.de, tel. +49 40 413 594 04). She is in charge of the international distribution.

And there's more great news. **AFS Germany** has been awarded the German Unity Award. With this prestigious award, the German government honours individuals and organisations from Germany that have contributed to the rapprochement of East and West in Europe and Germany. AFS Germany has been chosen the winner in the category "Youth" for its ex-



change programmes with Central European and Eastern European countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Russia, Slovakia and Poland). Nils Ostendorf, AFS Germany's treasurer, accepted the award during the official celebrations of the 20th anniversary of German unity in Bremen on 2 October.

AFS LATVIA CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF EXCHANGES

AFS Latvia has turned 20! At its anniversary celebrations, from 30 September to 1 October, AFS Latvia was



honoured by the presence of Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, their new patron and ex-president of the Republic of Latvia, Tatjana Koke, Latvia's Minister of Education and Science, Christian Kurten, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Tachi Cazal, President of AFS International, Paul Claes, EFIL Secretary General, board and

staff members and volunteers from several partner organisations, including Finland, Austria, Denmark, Serbia, Russia, Belgium, as well as returnees and current program participants, AFS Latvia volunteers, and representatives from foreign embassies. Altogether participants from 18 countries contributed to the international atmosphere throughout the celebrations.

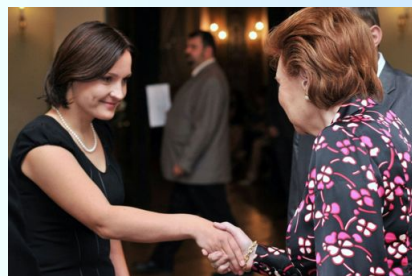
Juris Rudzitis, Chair of AFS Latvia, and Patricija Silina, Director, were the perfect hosts for the festive occasion. Activities included a friendly

gathering of volunteers, returnees, participants, host families and guests at the Open Air Museum, just out of the center of Riga; a seminar focused on putting together a resolution on the importance of intercultural learning in the education system and society of Latvia; and closing party to celebrate two decades of AFS in Latvia. The workshops and the party took place in the exquisite setting of the Riga Latvian Society House.

We wish AFS Latvia many more years of intercultural student exchanges!



Participants (photo: AFS Latvia)



AFS LAT patron ex-president of Latvia Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga and AFS LAT Director Patricija Silina (photo: AFS Latvia)



Minister of Education and Science Tatjana Koke and AFS LAT Board Chair Juris Rudzitis (photo: AFS Latvia)



Riga, capital of Latvia

AFS IN SERBIA HITS THE MEDIA



Sending and hosting in Serbia has had a great kick-off. Having offered five spots plus a partial scholarship, Serbia is currently hosting its first year programme students, coming from countries as diverse as Turkey (2), New Zealand, Russia, Chile and Mexico. On the sending side, Serbian students have left for Belgium French (1), Switzerland (1), Denmark (1), USA (2), Germany (2) and Italy (3); 5 students left on the IPI0; 20 Serbian students are involved in a class exchange with Turkey.

The first month being over, not only does everyone seem to be adjusting well, but AFS in Serbia is also attracting the attention of the media. After appearing on the evening news of the two leading TV stations – the national RTS and TV Pink, and in a couple of local papers, the students have now made it to the major national daily newspaper 'Politika'!

If you want to know more, get ready to watch the Serbian television news. To see our AFS partner in Serbia feature in the 7:30 evening news on the national TV station RTS, go to:

<http://www.rts.rs/page/tv/ci/story/17/%D0%A0%D0%A2%D0%A1+1/761112/%D0%94%D0%BD%D0%B5%D0%B2%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%BA+.html>

If you don't have time to watch the entire edition of the news, go straight to 19:56 for the AFS coverage, and in the first sentences of the news reader you will recognise the word "Interkultura"! ☺ The footage focuses on the Mexican host student Barbara, and also features the school principal, teachers and Barbara's class mates.

Serbia is the youngest of all AFS organisations. The association was officially registered in Serbia in November 2008, with a branch office of AFS International established in Belgrade as recent as March 2010. Congratulations to Ivana Pavlovic and her team in Serbia for this 'flying' start!

AFS FEATURES IN EUROPE-USA EXHIBITION IN BRUSSELS



From 15 October 2010, AFS will be taking part in an exhibition in Brussels, Belgium, called "America – it's also our history".

The Brussels-based organisation "Museums of Europe" is opening a major exhibition on the transatlantic relationships ever since the founding of the United States of America, a project that is supported by the Belgian government, the American embassy and a high level steering group under the auspices of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union. The exhibition will show how Europeans and Americans influenced each

other in all possible ways and shaped each other into what they are today.

There will be a special focus on the exchange structures between Europe and USA, which organisations such as AFS helped create. It should come as no surprise that EFIL was approached by the organisers to help make AFS be a part of this large-scale event, and with the wonderful support from AFS International, we have been able to provide important items and footage to illustrate the history of the beginning of American Field Service – the exhibition even managed to acquire an ambulance for the AFS display!

The exhibition will start in Brussels at the Tour & Taxis venue, and will continue in Washington D.C. next year, most likely as from May. EFIL has been invited to attend the opening reception on the evening of 14 October, attended by Herman van Rompuy, the President of the European Council.

To find out more about the exhibition and see the prologue video, go to www.expo-europe-usa.be.

EFIL NETWORKING IN EUROPE

European Year of Volunteering - EYV 2011

The Alliance Working Groups are now finalised and we are happy to announce that 3 AFS volunteers, nominated by EFIL through the European Youth Forum (YFJ), have been selected! Congratulations to Hanneke Boode (AFS Belgium Flanders), Anni Siltanen (AFS Finland) and Anna-Maria Hass (AFS Germany) for the demonstrated motivation and will to contribute to the creation of a volunteer agenda for Europe.

Alliance will have 6 Working Groups dealing with different aspects of volunteering: Quality of Volunteering (Anni, Anna-Maria), Legal Framework, Volunteering Infrastructure (Hanneke), Recognising Volunteering, Value of Volunteering and Employee Volunteering. Throughout 2011 volunteers will meet around Europe in their Working Groups up to 5 times and will share and compare their experience and knowledge to create recommendations and vision to enhance the environment for volunteering in Europe. Exciting times coming up – stay tuned for more news on the progress of the Working Groups! To learn more about how your organisation and volunteers can get involved in EYV 2011 visit: www.eyv2011.eu and www.eyvolunteering.eu



European Youth Forum – general assembly

The General Assembly of the European Youth Forum (YFJ) will take place 18-21 November 2010 in far away Kiev in Ukraine. The event will be attended by EFIL staff member Izabela Jurczik. The hot topic of the GA is the election of a new Board for 2011-2012 and the progress report of the Work Plan 2009-2010. EFIL has been working to bring back several topics of relevance for the work of an exchange organisation that weren't represented enough in the YFJ proposal for the new Work Plan.

NFE QA

Last weekend on 2 October 2010, the peer feedback meeting of the Youth Forum pilot project on Quality Assurance of Non-formal education took place. The organisations presented the work they've done with the quality indicators applied to their projects. The European Citizenship Trimester Programme 2009, as selected by EFIL, has been evaluated and received some interesting comments. The project has been quite helpful to make us reflect on the way we evaluate EFIL/AFS activities and learn from the feedback other youth organisations give. In the near future EFIL together with the other participating organisations will work to revise the current Youth Forum policy paper on Quality Assurance of Non-Formal Education.

POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE

THIS COMPILATION IS BASED ON INFORMATION COLLECTED BY EFIL FROM THE DAILY NEWSLETTER "EUROPOLITICS – THE EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DAILY" AND FROM THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM'S "YOUTH POLICY WATCH", A BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN. YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO THE YOUTH POLICY WATCH DIRECTLY FROM THE YOUTH FORUM WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.YOUTHFORUM.ORG](http://www.youthforum.org) AND [PRESS@YOUTHFORUM.ORG](mailto:press@youthforum.org)

EU Enlargement

The European Commission has firmly stood up for **Serbia** in an ongoing discussion about the country's move to the next stage of its EU integration process. Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Füle said that Belgrade's application for membership should no longer be kept blocked in the Council. At the initiative of the Belgian Presidency, the EU's foreign ministers are due to decide, at their forthcoming meeting on 25 October in Luxembourg. It was confirmed, however, that the Netherlands continues to stick to its tough line on Serbia. For nearly a year, The Hague has been blocking progress in Serbia's accession bid over the country's failure to arrest the two remaining fugitives, Ratko Mladic and Goran Hadzic, wanted by the ICTY for alleged war crimes.

The European Union has welcomed the positive assessment by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) of the 3 October general elections in **Bosnia and Herzegovina** and urged the newly elected leaders to revive reforms that could bolster the country's EU integration process. Preliminary results show that the country - home to three ethnic groups, Bosniaks (48%), Serbs (37%) and Croats (14%) - remains deeply di-

vided along ethnic lines. Over recent years, Bosnia has been stuck in a political impasse. Despite joint EU-US efforts, it has been unable to adopt the package of reforms to the Bosnian constitution aiming at bringing the country out of the institutional deadlock by strengthening the central institutions.

According to the latest opinion poll, the public opinion in **Iceland** has changed considerably on the country's EU accession bid. A survey published by the daily *Frettabladid*, on 28 September, shows that two-thirds of the Icelanders (64.2%) want Reykjavik to continue accession talks. In a similar poll conducted in June, nearly the same percentage of those questioned (57.6%) expressed the opposite view. The poll was conducted a few weeks after the four major opposition parties in the Icelandic parliament (Althingi) failed to adopt a draft resolution calling for the withdrawal of the country's membership application.

The EU executive has welcomed the approval of changes to **Turkey's** constitution in a national referendum, describing it as a step in the right direction. "However", Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Füle adds in a statement on 13 September. "their impact on the ground will depend on their actual implementation," he added. The Commission also argued for further much needed fundamental rights reforms, suggesting the country should draw up a new civilian constitution.

Visa Regulations

All tourists from EU countries will now be able to travel to Brazil without a visa, whereas until now visitors from Estonia, Cyprus, Malta and Latvia were still subject to visa requirements for stays of

less than three months. The EU's interior ministers adopted, on 7 October in Luxembourg, two agreements which put an end to two and a half years of negotiations.

Youth

On 15 September, The European Commission launched its long awaited 'Youth on the Move' initiative, which amongst a plethora of differing objectives, aims to facilitate the entry of graduates into the labour market, through greater education and mobility support. In what the European Commission refers to as one of its flagship initiatives, the Youth on the Move initiative is designed to help catalyse the Europe 2020's strategy's key priorities of smart sustainable and inclusive growth. Through such measures, the European Commission aims to increase the employment rate of 20 – 26 year olds to 75% by 2020.

In September, the 11th annual edition of the University of Youth and Development (UYD) has taken place in Molina (Spain). It focused on the theme of sustainable development, and a special emphasis was placed on the promotion of the connection between sustainable development and human rights and the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals

(MDGs). Since the UYD first started in 2000, Mollina has drawn representatives of youth organisations and youth movements from all over the world together to discuss, train and take political action around the main issues on the global agenda. The UYD is jointly organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Spanish Government, Spanish Youth Council and the European Youth Forum.

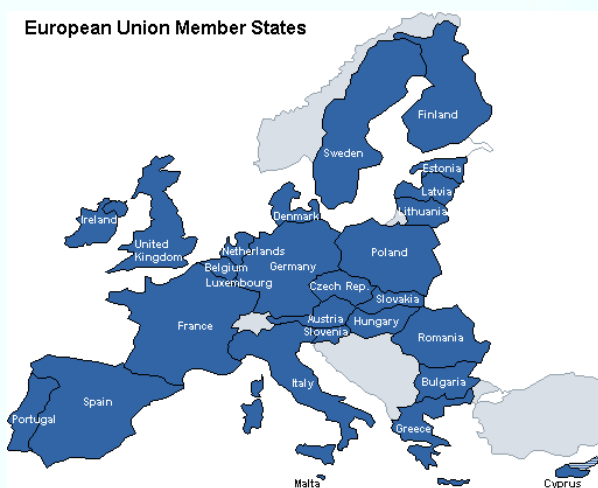
Education

The European Commission has recently launched three public consultations on the future of funding programmes for the fields of education, training and youth. By completing an online questionnaire before 30th November 2010, individuals, associations or organisations can submit structured opinions on the development and future design of the current Life-

long Learning, Youth in Action and Erasmus Mundus programmes. The European Commission ideally hopes that the responses will not only help shape the future of such programmes from 2014, but will also frame how they can contribute to the EU's Europe 2020 strategy, particularly the newly launched Youth on the Move initiative.

LEARNING ABOUT EUROPE

IN THIS MONTHLY COLUMN WE WILL FOCUS ON EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT EUROPE, RANGING FROM EUROPE'S MISSION, HISTORIC MOMENTS, ENLARGEMENT AND NEIGHBOURING POLICY, TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES, THE EURO, THE FUTURE, ETC.



The European Union is more than just confederation of countries, but it is not a federal state. It is in fact a new structure that does not fall into any traditional legal category, and that has been constantly evolving over more than 50 years. The EU is a remarkable success story. In just over half a century it has delivered peace and prosperity in Europe, a single European currency and a frontier-free single market where goods, people, services

and capital move around freely. It has become a major trading power, and a world leader in fields such as environmental protection and development aid. No wonder it has grown from 6 to 27 members and more countries want to join.

The EU's success owes a lot to the unusual way in which it works. Unusual because the countries that make up the EU (the member states) remain independent sovereign nations but they pool their sovereignty in order to gain a strength and world influence none of them could have on their own.

In practice this means that the member states delegate some of their decision-making powers to shared institutions they have created, so that decisions on specific matters of joint interest can be made democratically at European level.

EU laws and policies are the result of decisions taken by the institutional triangle made up of the **European Parliament** (which represents the EU's citizens and is directly elected by them), the **Council of Ministers** (which represents the individual member states) and the **European Commission** (which represents the interest of the Union as a whole). In principle, it is the Commission that proposes new laws, but it is the Parliament and the Council that adopt them. The Commission and the member states then implement them, and the Commission enforces them.

The **Court of Justice** is the final arbiter in disputes about European law. The **Court of Auditors** checks the financing of the Union's activities.

A number of other bodies also have key roles in making the EU work. They are:

- the **European Economic and Social Committee**, which represents the economic and social components of organised civil society;
- the **Committee of Regions**, which represents regional and local authorities;
- the **European Investment Bank**, which finances investment in economic development projects in and outside of the EU, and helps small businesses via the European Investment Fund;
- the **European Central Bank**, which is responsible for European monetary policy;
- the **European Ombudsman**, which investigates complaints about maladministration by EU institutions and bodies;
- the **European Data Protection Supervisor**, which safeguards the privacy of personal data.

The powers and responsibilities of the EU institutions, and the rules and procedures they must follow, are laid down in the Treaties on which the EU is founded. The Treaties are agreed by the presidents and prime ministers of all the EU countries and then ratified by their parliaments.



EFIL CALENDAR

23 October	EFIL Heads of Office Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina
23 October	EFIL Regional Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina
28 Nov – 2 Dec	European Citizenship Trimester Programme Brussels Camp, Belgium
31 Jan.-5 Feb. 2011	Volunteer Coordinators (ODC) meeting, Hamburg, Germany
6-7 February 2011	Training Advisory Body (TAB), Hamburg, Germany
13-20 February 2011	Study Session on family support, Strasbourg, France
18-20 February 2011	EFIL Board meeting, Milan, Italy
March 2011	Programme Directors meeting, Paris, France
March 2011	Fundraising Seminar, Brussels, Belgium
1-2 June 2011	EFIL Heads of Office (HOO) meeting, Vienna, Austria
2-5 June 2011	EFIL General Assembly, Vienna, Austria
5-6 June 2011	EFIL Board meeting, Vienna, Austria
15-21 July 2011	Training for Trainers, Odemira, Portugal
20-25 July 2011	Volunteer Summer Summit, Odemira, Portugal
29 September 2011	Intercultural Dialogue Day 2011

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