



NEW CALLS

- [Entrepreneurial culture of young people and entrepreneurship education](#), cofunding for projects with a clear European added value, D. 20-4-09.
- [EU-Canada Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships](#) Programme for Co-operation in Higher Education, Training and Youth, D 1-4-09.
- [EU-US programme: cooperation in higher education & vocational training](#), D 23-3-09.
- [Tempus IV Second Call](#) for Proposals for partnerships in higher education, D 28-4-09.
- The [last LLL calls: Grundtvig](#)31-3-09, [Transversal](#)31-3-09 (Cooperation,ICT,Languages)

PREPARATORY COMMUNICATIONS

- The [Council on its Spring](#) meeting agrees with the four strategic objectives to address. Further decisions about the priorities will come in May 2009 (p7), to come to a **updated strategic framework**. It also adopted key messages on a [youth pact and cooperation](#).
- The EP is discussing a draft report from Reporter Pal Schmitt on [Better Schools: an agenda for European cooperation](#) to come to a EP resolution. With i.e. in nr. 14 the recommendation for MS to finance schools disregarding their scale or pedagogical vision.

NEWS

- The motto of the new chairman of the Council, Václav Klaus, is *Europe without barriers*. Partly because 2009 will be the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain.
- The EC seeks [stakeholders views on cooperation priorities in education and training](#) for 2009-2010 and has invited them for a discussion on February the 9th.
- To follow the news around the [European year of Creativity and Innovation](#), see their [site](#), the [Spanish Ministry has launched a national program](#).
- Members of the [Committee of the Regions](#) are invited to nominate up to three young creative talents for the [100 EU Talents](#) before 31 January 2009.
- The EC has published a [European Innovation Scoreboard 2008](#) (summary).
- The EC has published a [FAQ about the LLL program](#).
- The [Educational Agenda of Obama](#) is online. It contains i.e. a doubling of charter schools. Obama want's to reform education, with emphasize on math & languages. 'Nobody wants a society that guarantees results, but that society gives children a chance. We must educate the whole child, not just for a test. Raising standards, of education and teachers, without the focus of to much standardised programs of the No child left behind program (NCLB) To fix the failures of NCLB, requires willingness to break free from the debates of decades, rep. vs. demo., vouchers vs. status quo, more money vs. accountability'.
- The [E-Twinning Prizes 2009 are awarded](#) by five winning projects for different ages.

AGENDA

- 2&3-3, Brussels: [conference 'Creativity & Innovation: best practices from EU programmes'](#), registration is now open.
- 30-3, Brussels: [Education for creativity and innovation](#). Debate of the EC and EPC (European Policy Centre) as second of 6 in the **EU Year of innovation and creativity**.
- 6-9 of July, Singapore: [Charting the New Educational Landscape](#) (early bird registration until 28-2-09), [conference site](#). Form the International Confederation of Principals.

NEW REPORTS/RESEARCH

- The EC has launched the [EuroCreator. The Schools digital media network](#) across Europe.
- Euridyce: study **Early childhood education** and care in Europe: tackling social and culture inequalities ([full study](#)). [EC press Release](#).