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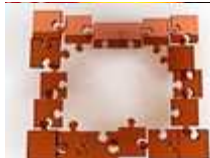
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Report on the European Agenda for Culture

COM (2010) 390 COMMISSION REPORT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS on the implementation of the European Agenda for Culture.

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-policy-development/doc/library/acte_EN.pdf

Since its adoption in 2007, the European Agenda for Culture opened a new chapter of cooperation on culture policy at European level. For the first time, all partners - European institutions, Member States and culture civil society – were invited to pool their efforts on explicitly defined shared goals.

The report examines the progress on the objectives of the Agenda since its adoption and on the priorities of the 2008-2010 Council Workplan for Culture.

It assesses first experiences of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) and a more structured dialogue with the culture sector. The accompanying Staff Working Document highlights developments in "mainstreaming" cultural aspects in relevant EU policies.

Experience since the Agenda was adopted shows the potential of cooperation at European level, be it through exchange of experience between Member States with a view to best practice-based policy adaptations, greater input by culture civil society into the policy making process, or a more coherent approach to culture in related policies.

Discussion is underway on the next Council Workplan for Culture, aiming to build on progress so far and adapt working methods where needed.

Staff working document:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-policy-development/doc/library/working_staff_en.pdf



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European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning Newsletter

The European Commission has just published the second issue of the EQF Newsletter which gathers information about the latest developments in the implementation of the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning.

In the editorial of this second issue, Mr Jan Trzuszczynski, Director-General for Education, Training, Culture and Youth notes the intensive development of comprehensive national qualifications frameworks (NQFs) for lifelong learning.

The editorial is followed by an article from the UK National Coordination Points, who present the results of the UK referencing process.

An article presenting the second Cedefop mapping of NQFs in Europe discusses patterns in which countries link qualifications from all levels, including higher education and vocational education and training qualifications, in a single comprehensive national framework.

The broader European developments are then discussed in an article reporting from the international conference on National Qualifications Frameworks and the European Overarching Frameworks: Supporting Lifelong Learning in European Education and Training.

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Report on the Commission's public online consultation on sport

In April this year, the Commission launched a public consultation on the EU's strategic choices for the implementation of the new EU competence in the field of sport. The consultation was addressed to entities, organisations and citizens with an interest in sport in order to obtain their input for the Commission's future proposals.

The objective of the Report is to provide an overview of the wide range and diversity of suggestions and opinions obtained through replies to the online questionnaire as well as through written contributions. The full text of all the written contributions is also attainable online and hyperlinked via the report.

On the basis of contributions received by the Commission, concrete proposals are currently being prepared to implement the new EU competence for sport, incorporating most of the comments and suggestions received through the consultation process.

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/library/doc/a/100726_online_consultation_report.pdf