



EURO CLUBS NEWSLETTER

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In short ...

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Let's celebrate linguistic diversity!

On 26 September 2003, the European Day of Languages will once again be held in Europe and elsewhere to celebrate linguistic diversity and promote language learning.

Launched by the Council of Europe during the European Year of Languages 2001, the EDL has built up a momentum that has seen thousands of activities organised throughout Europe to mark the Day in 2002.

For 2003, potential organisers have been given a free hand to focus on any specific themes or objectives they choose.

The overall themes are, in fact, implicit in the *raison d'être* of the European Day of Languages and its general objectives, ie:

- Alerting the public to the importance of language learning and diversifying the range of languages learnt (increasing plurilingualism);
- Raising public awareness of the existence and value of all languages spoken in Europe;
- Maintaining and promoting the rich linguistic diversity of Europe;
- Encouraging lifelong language learning in response to the economic, social and cultural changes in Europe and as a factor in personal fulfilment.

More information available at www.coe.int/EDL

News from Italy

The Association of European Clubs in Italy might be a reality at the beginning of the next school year. The aim of this association is to give more stability to the project of European Clubs in Italy and also to acquire a bigger independence in order to have a more autonomous relationship with the Public Administrations and some possible sponsors. The number of Clubs in Italy continues to grow. A new one is now active in Scuola Media Statale "Giovanni XXIII", in Corato (Bari).



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IN LATVIA

The project "School European Clubs" has been started in Latvia in the beginning of 2002. The national co-ordinator of the European Clubs project in Latvia is the European Integration Bureau (EIB) which is the state agency established in 1994 to manage and co-ordinate Latvia's integration into the European Union. EIB is under the direct authority of the Prime Minister. One of the important activities of EIB is to provide information about the European integration process and to promote public awareness about the European Union.

The first step of this project was the organisation of seminars in order to give students and teachers some ideas on how to establish European clubs in schools. They were organised by the European Integration Bureau in co-operation with the Information Bureau of the Council of Europe in Latvia. The seminars were held in all four regions of Latvia and in the capital city Riga.

Each seminar started with an introduction on what the European Clubs are, followed by some guidelines to start a European Club and some examples of the possible activities outlined. Furthermore, teachers and students participated in lectures on current issues being discussed in the European Union, the main activities of the Council of Europe, as well as on the possibilities to find more information on the European Union and the Council of Europe.

Teachers and students continued to work separately in the second part of the seminar. Teachers had a lecture and a workshop on methods of teaching on the European Union and the Council of Europe issues in schools. Students participated in a lecture and a discussion on opportunities of young people in Europe. This part was carried out in co-operation with NGO Club "The House" – Youth for United Europe, national section of the Young European Federalists in Latvia. The members of this NGO were sharing their own experience and opinions on European issues.

There are now 18 European School Clubs. Schools are becoming more and more interested in this project and hopefully will join it in the nearest future.

One of the biggest activities last year was participation of European School Clubs in two discussions in Strasbourg on the enlargement of the EU in the framework of programme EUROSCOLA. On the way to France students visited one European Club in Warsaw (Poland) and another in Erfurt (Germany) and were introduced to the work of the European Information Centre of Poland. *(continues on page 2)*



The European Integration Bureau has planned to do training for leaders of the European Clubs and teachers and to continue to organise seminars in order to raise awareness to the European dimension in education. Next training is planned to be about project management – how to write and manage youth projects.

All European schools that are interested in co-operation with their Latvian colleagues contact:

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**4th International Meeting of Juvenile Art
Évora 2003**



The “4th International Meeting of Juvenile Art – Évora 2003” is organised by the European Club of Arts with its headquarters in the centre of artistic activities Teoartis and is

held in collaboration with the Câmara Municipal de Évora (the Town Council).

This meeting is intended for children and youngsters all over the world and will be held in Évora, Portugal, from 2nd to 9th October 2003.

It has the support of the Coordinating Unit of European Clubs from the GAERI – Ministry of Education, the Regional Department of the Ministry of Culture, Fundação Eugénio de Almeida and several artists and friends. Its main aim is the closeness and meeting of cultures, the dialogues, the cultural progress of the city – Évora – and the awakening and development of artistic capacities in children and youngsters.

The selection of the works sent will start soon, and the results will be known during the month of August.

The winners (two students and a teacher from 10 different schools or ateliers) will spend a week in Évora. They will participate in open ateliers. An exhibition with the works sent for the competition will be held during the Meeting and the prizes will be awarded at the official opening of the Meeting. The works made during the open ateliers will also be evaluated by a jury and a surprise prize will be awarded.

In short, a good opportunity for young artists to live their passion and to know other people and cultures.



**LES JOURNEES
DE L'EUROPE
A MARSEILLEVEYRE**

Une fois encore, le Lycée Marseilleveyre a commémoré la Journée de l'Europe (le 9 Mai) avec une série d'activités qui se sont déroulées entre le 2 et le 10 Mai 2003. Cette année, le Lycée a reçu la visite d'amis de Tunisie et d'Italie. Voici un petit aperçu de quelques unes de ces activités.

Menus européens et méditerranéens

Midi et soir
Avec la collaboration de notre chef cuisinier
Jean-François Saitelay
et son équipe

- Vendredi 2 mai : **Italie**
- Lundi 5 mai : **Tunisie**
- Mardi 6 mai : **Espagne**
- Vendredi 9 mai : **Grèce**



DES EXPOSITIONS

AU SELF

Tourisme et développement durable
Réalisé par les élèves de 1^{ère} ES2
Projet Scalesi
« Carnet de voyage en Tunisie »

AU FOYER DES ELEVES

L'élargissement de l'Union européenne
Réalisée par Source d'Europe

Au CDI

Les activités du Cercle Europe du Lycée Marseilleveyre
Projet Culturel
« Poésie sans frontière »



LE MARDI 6 MAI

18H 30

Salle Polyvalente
du Lycée

**Spectacle de la fête de l'Europe
et des**

Sections internationales du collège

Coordonnée par Jean-François Amato

PROJET SCALESI

A mi-chemin : Mario Scalesi entre Europe et Maghreb



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Trip of Latvian European School Clubs to the European Parliament in Strasbourg

Latvian European clubs from nine different schools of Latvia had an opportunity to participate in youth discussions in Strasbourg in the end of November and in the beginning of December 2002. Our club was in a group participating in December.

Our trip to Strasbourg led us through five beautiful cities. We left Riga in a cold Saturday morning on December 7 and in the evening we arrived in Warsaw where we had an excursion around the old town. We spent the night in the bus and in the morning of December 8 we woke up already in Berlin. After the visit to Reichstag our group divided into two parts. One half went to a water park, the second decided to spend time on their own. Everyone was pleased when all groups came together for dinner. After dinner we spent time in 3D cinema and in a Christmas fair called Christmas market.

On the next day we were in Erfurt (Germany) where we visited Kooperativ Gesamtschule "Am Schwemmbach". We found out many interesting facts about the education system of Germany, their school and students life. Later, German students became our guides and showed us their beautiful city.

We reached Strasbourg in late evening of December 9. Next day was the most important and interesting day for us. That was the day when we became deputies of the European Parliament. We enjoyed working together with students from all member states and candidate countries of the European Union. We had a very serious atmosphere of work. Many noteworthy ideas were given about the future of the European Union. Most of them were accepted in the General Assembly. It is very hard to say what we enjoyed the most because it was a fantastic day, which looked more like a dream. The closest contacts were made with the Bulgarian delegation. We had really fun at the goodbye-party with them in the Ofenburg castle where the Bulgarian delegation was staying.

On the next day we went to the Council of Europe where we met the ambassador of Latvia – Mr. G. Andrejevs. He explained all details of the work of the Council of Europe. Later we had free time in Strasbourg that was spent enjoying the Christmas atmosphere and buying souvenirs. Our participation in the program Euroscola was financed by the European Parliament.

On December 12 we arrived in Munich where we had some free time what everyone could spend it as he or she wished. Many of us bought presents for their families and friends. We left Munich to go to Warsaw through the Czech Republic. We had an arranged meeting with a Polish European club of the Ogolnoksztalcece im. Kopernika. Some of them were in Strasbourg too, and we shared some ideas and points of view. We found out a lot of new information about the work of the European clubs and we told about our work and successes. Everyone was really happy with the organizational part of the trip because we saw so many incredible places in so little time.

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**LES JOURNÉES
DE L'EUROPE
À MARSEILLEVEYRE**

LE MERCREDI 7 MAI - 19h
Au Théâtre National de Marseille à la Criée



Pièce de théâtre
Passion d'un poète
Par les élèves de l'option facultative théâtre

Une évocation de la vie douloureuse du poète tunisois Mario Scalesi dans les années 1920 à la lisière de deux monde.

**LE VENDREDI 9 MAI**

Journée de l'Europe

18h 30**Autour de l'Olivier de la Paix**

En présence des Consuls de Grèce, d'Espagne, d'Italie et de Tunisie.

Envol d'une colombe

Symbolique de la paix de la liberté de l'élan, de l'élargissement :

Par Madame la Consul de Grèce.

19 h**Buffet festif au self de la cité****20h 15****Soirée des talents**

Salle polyvalente

Organisée par les élèves du Lycée Marseilleveyre

(Chant, musique, théâtre, danses, humour et honneur aux langues !)





*The Convention on
the Future of Europe*

European leaders meeting at Laeken in December 2001 established a Convention on the Future of Europe which would have the task of preparing the ground for the next Intergovernmental Conference on Treaty Reform.

The most important task was to pave the way for the next Intergovernmental Conference as broadly and openly as possible by considering the key issues arising for the European Union's future development and identifying the various possible responses. As a result the Convention was to present a proposal for a Constitution for Europe.

The Convention was made up as follows:

Full Members:

- Chairman : Mr Valéry Giscard d'Estaing
- Vice-Chairman : Mr Giuliano Amato
- Vice-Chairman : Mr Jean Luc Dehaene
- 15 Representatives from the Governments of Member States (one per Member State)
- 30 Members of National Parliaments (two per Member State)
- 16 Members of the European Parliament
- 2 Commission Representatives

Associate Members:

- 13 Representatives from the Governments of accession candidate countries (one per country)
- 26 Representatives of National Parliaments of accession candidate countries (two per country)

Observers:

- 3 Representatives of the Economic and Social Committee
- 3 Representatives of the European Social Partners
- 6 Representatives of the Committee of the Regions
- The European Ombudsman

The first meeting took place on February 27th, and for almost one and a half year the members of the Convention worked to present a proposal for a Constitution for Europe. The last session of the Convention took place on June 13th 2003.

The draft Constitutional Treaty is now completed and was presented by the Chairman of the Convention, Mr Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, during an official ceremony in Rome, on July 18th 2003.

A New Europe...

The enlargement of the European Union will become a reality in May 2004, and for now the referendums are taking place in the candidate countries. Malta, Slovenia, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia, Poland and the Czech Republic have already said yes, and in September it will be the turn of the voters from Estonia and Latvia to express their opinion.

These changes will mean that, in less than a year now, the European Union will go from 15 to 25 countries.

These are certainly big changes that we all hope will contribute to the development of a better Europe.

Dates	Countries	Results
08.03.03	Malta	Voters 91% - YES 53,6%
23.03.03	Slovenia	Voters 60,29% - YES 89,61%
12.04.03	Hungary	Voters 45,62% - YES 83,76%
10-11.05.03	Lithuania	Voters 63,37% - YES 91,97
16-17.05.03	Slovakia	Voters 52,15% - YES 92,46 %
07-08.06.03	Poland	Voters 58,85% - YES 77,45 %
13-14.06.03	Czech Republic	Voters 55,21% - YES 77,33%
14.09.03	Estonia	-----
20.09.03	Latvia	-----

Map and Data source:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/enlargement_pt.htm



*Extraits de l'Allocution de Mr Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Président de la Convention Européenne
Cérémonie de présentation officielle du projet complet de Traité établissant une Constitution européenne
Rome, 18 Juillet 2003*

« Avec cette Constitution, l'Europe franchit définitivement le pas vers sa nouvelle identité : l'Union des citoyens, et l'Union des États membres. Elle est le fruit d'un travail intense : toutes les propositions – je dis bien toutes les propositions ! – (...) ont été passées au crible d'un examen attentif et objectif. »

« Je pense pour ma part que notre projet de Constitution représente **le progrès le plus avancé que l'Europe à 25 ou à 27 soit capable d'effectuer dans les cinquante prochaines années.** »

« Notre projet de Constitution a visé **le juste point d'équilibre** entre les peuples et les États, entre les États les plus peuplés et les moins peuplés, entre les pays fondateurs et les nouveaux membres.

Et surtout, au dessus des intérêts égoïstes et des tiraillements du passé, nous avons recherché passionnément **le grand équilibre**, celui qui ouvre les portes de l'avenir ; l'équilibre qui associe la réalité et le rêve : la permanence des États et le rêve d'Europe ! »

« Monsieur le Président du Conseil européen, j'ai conscience de remettre entre vos mains, et entre celle de vos collègues, un objet précieux et fragile.

Je vous demande d'en prendre le plus grand soin, car sous sa modeste apparence, il contient un enjeu que personne n'a, je crois, le droit de compromettre ou de décevoir : l'espérance européenne ! »