

EUROCLIO Newsletter August 2011

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Message from the President

Dear friends and colleagues

One more summer is over. Following this year's tradition it was (is) not a quiet one; Syria and Lybia are still bleeding, along with the ever troubled areas of the world we tend to forget: Somalia, Afganistan and so many others. Riots in London brought up memories of the troubled



80's and 90's, sharply reminding that the same causes of social unrest still exist, as the gap between those who can afford a decent living and those who cannot is getting deeper and deeper – educational and social exclusion growing as well. In a rather embarrassed Europe moving one step forward and two backwards, I am afraid we cannot be very optimistic for any common future: Economy, social solidarity, human dignity and Ratio in free fall. The answer to troubled societies, as contemporary history has repeatedly proven very well, is not restraint of human rights and chocking democratic expression; it is not the maintenance of stereotypes and division of societies and peoples (lazy South - hard working North, sentimental East - rational West); it is not underlying the difference of cultures and promoting fear and animosity. The Oslo massacre revealed that we (un) consciously nest the egg snake; 'Man is capable for the best and most noble action as well as for the worst and the darkest...' (Alexandros Papadiamandis, Greek writer - and many others).

Here comes education: how can we built strong and healthy societies when all around Europe we face more and more cuts related to education? How can we face the next day when social sciences - history among them- get less and less funding (Universities, research: apparently not useful or of priority)? How can we be updated and well trained professionals when grants for training meetings are denied and when we follow the 'rules of the market' in every express of human activity and society , while hardly any rule exists there – apart of that of the major, short term economic profit?

Food for thought...

Schools are already open, or they are about to be. I wish you

all have a nice autumn, be healthy and strong, keep your mind and spirit clear and sharp, be sensitive activists. Europe is its people after all: let us keep our networking and communication alive and powerful. EUROCLIO projects provide an alternative approach to cooperation, mutual respect, multicultural dialogue. History connects...

Best Wishes

Vassiliki Sakka

EUROCLIO Association President

News and Announcements

Antalya, Turkey: EUROCLIO 19th Annual Conference
- Register now



The deadline for Comenius and Grundtvig Grants is over!

The number of participants for the EUROCLIO Annual Conference in Turkey is rising! Don't miss your opportunity to join 200

fellow history educators from all over Europe, the Mediterranean region and beyond in the EUROCLIO 19th Annual Conference **"Looking at History Through a Variety of Lenses"** which will take place in the wonderful surrounding of the Mediterranean coast of Antalya, Turkey on April 1-7 2012; Register online and contact Jonathan Even-Zohar for more information and supportive documents.  [Download the Draft Programme of Annual Conference in Antalya \(721.11 kB\)](#)

EUROCLIO interviews its Honorary Board Members
(August 2011)

EUROCLIO presents you with the second issue of the History that Matters Series. **Prof. Bodo von Borries** from Germany and **Norman Davies** from the United Kingdom have been interviewed.

EUROCLIO says goodbye to a valuable
Communication Manager

"It has been a great experience to work with you all and I feel grateful for having been given the opportunity to contribute to the wider mission of this fascinating organization. What EUROCLIO and you all strive for is unique and mostly needed nowadays. I do hope I will be able to bring with



me the values learned and to pass on further the EUROCLIO message. I started my "life at EUROCLIO" as a trainee 3.5 years ago finding myself in a young, active and very engaging

professional environment. Now I leave as a young professional with a wide range of skills acquired thanks to all the people I worked with. I will deeply miss my work, the inspiring role of Joke and my dear not only colleagues but also by now good friends at the Secretariat. I will surely follow the activities from afar hoping that the work you are all so committed to will continue to prosper. My next stop will be Barcelona, Spain where I will attend a Master Programme in Arts and Cultural Management at the International University of Catalonia. My experience at EUROCLIO being responsible for communications and event management as well as being surrounded by professionals in the field of History, Heritage and Culture has inspired me in choosing this Master. The tools EUROCLIO has provided me with over the last years make me feel confident to meet this new phase/challenge. With warm wishes, Maria Kazamiaki"

EUROCLIO welcomes new Trainees



The EUROCLIO Secretariat is delighted to welcome four new trainees: **Aysel Gojayeva** from Azerbaijan, **Marloes**

Mulder, **Martine Gouw** and **Tijs van Raaij** from the Netherlands. The new trainees joined EUROCLIO in the middle of August 2011 and will stay with us until the end of December 2011. They have already shown their enthusiasm to contribute to the EUROCLIO activities getting involved in different current Projects as well as in the process of identifying new Project opportunities.

EUROCLIO would also like to thank **Nino Kereselidze** from Georgia. Nino Kereselidze has completed her external research for the EUROCLIO in the Hague. She is hoping that with her volunteer endeavor she has made an input to building tolerance through history



education in Georgia. She is happy to share the values of innovative and responsible history teaching further.

Projects

Tbilisi, Georgia: EUROCLIO/MATRA Project in Georgia coming to an end

After 3 years of intensive and enriching work, the time came for all contributors to the EUROCLIO/MATRA

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Project *"Tolerance Building through History Education in Georgia"* to gather all together one last time in order to present the results of their collaboration and to share with other colleagues and stakeholders what


they have been learning throughout the project. On September 1st, a Public Launch ([Public Launch Invitation](#)) of the project publication *"How We Lived together in the 20th Century in Georgia"* is organised at Tbilisi State University. The book is a collection of twenty-nine worksheets offering a variety of sources and teaching ideas for the classroom: it aims to make history an engaging subject for students by presenting them in a lively way "why", like the introduction to the book says, "people with different ethnic and religious identities considered themselves part of (the Georgian) society, and what have made them feel marginalized". The Public Launch will be followed by a two-day training on September 2-4 for 100 educators who will hear contributions from international experts from Greece, Bulgaria and Germany, and participate in role games and workshops based on the content of the publication. The event will end with the General Assembly of the Georgian Association of History Educators and a roundtable with observers from neighbouring countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey).

Eindhoven, Netherlands: Anna Lindh NL Forum Programma Launch



Anna Lindh NL is having its first Forum in the city of Eindhoven on 9-10 September in partnership with the [Vanabbe Museum](#). Many debates, discussion groups, presentations from network members will make the forum very informative as well as reflective. The programme studies how Dutch society is dealing with cultural diversity by looking at the case study of the celebration of Sinterklaas. In addition, concrete ideas will be made together for the ongoing design of Integration policies. Finally, we will debate and discuss the changes in the

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Mediterranean region. Europe stands for democracy and development. After the fall of the Berlin wall, Europe has worked on the transformation of the former communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Anno 2011, the question is what Europe, and therein the Netherlands could do to support the process of change taking place in the Middle-East and North Africa? Should there be a „European Marshall Plan“? What conditions can the EU link to financial support? What involvement from NGO“s is there next to that of inter-governmental organisations? Please download the  [Programma Anna Lindh NL Forum Eindhoven 9 10 September 2011 \(903.59 kB\)](#) and [register now](#). The first 20 registrants can obtain accommodation for 25,-. For participants without accommodation the Forum is free of charge, and offers lunch and dinner.

Fehérvárcsurgó, Hungary:“History Online” Seminar in October 27-30 2011




The Historiana Programme, one of the most challenging and inspiring initiatives of EUROCLIO, is gradually taking shape and the Project Managers in cooperation with the Editors and Contributors are working at

full speed to present innovative educational material in History Education. The [Training Seminar “History Online”](#) is scheduled to take place in **Fehérvárcsurgó, in Hungary on October 27-30 2011!** The Seminar offers: keynote speech on Historiana by the Editor in Chief **Dr Robert Stradling**, online demonstrations of exemplary case studies on “Rights and Responsibilities”; information market on online materials developed in the Historiana programme; Cultural programme and on-site learning related to the local history and heritage. The Seminar will take place at the beautiful Károlyi family Mansion at Fehérvárcsurgó, Hungary. The Joseph Károlyi Foundation hosts a European Documentation Centre specialized in European history and international relations. You can download the Historiana Seminar Flyer and register online at the Historiana website. For further information and supportive documents, please contact [Geert Kessels](#)

History that Connects mentioned in the newspaper Le Temps about history education in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Le Temps, 13 July 2011: as part of one of its summer series on Sarajevo, the Swiss newspaper devotes a half-page to interview students, teachers and NGO activists from Bosnia-Herzegovina in order to analyse the way the history of the country in the 1990 is addressed, or actually left untouched, as a result of a widespread political consensus. Edin Radusic, president of EUROCLIO-HIP, is frequently quoted in this article: he tells his frustration about the way politics interfere with the work of Bosnian historians to try and find a common approach to their national history. But he also highlights how the work of EUROCLIO-HIP, in collaboration with EUROCLIO

and the Teachers Associations from all the other countries of the region, is much more encouraging and promising for the country, precisely because its non-official dimension allows a real sharing across state and ethnic borders.  [Download here the full article \(in French\)](#)

Members

Bologna, Italy: LANDIS Conference on History for Citizenship and Democracy Education


On September 29-30 2011 the Italian History Teachers Association LANDIS will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Italy's Unification with an International Conference entitled ***"A Reflection about Citizenship and Democracy: a Knotty Problem of the Seventies. Italy in the International Context"***. The Conference is organized in cooperation with EUROCLIO, Istituto Parri Emilia-Romagna, Isrebo (Istituto per la Storia della Resistenza e della Società Contemporanea nella Provincia di Bologna Luciano Bergonzini), Cedost (Centro di Documentazione Storico-Politica sullo Stragismo), and with the patronage of Regione Emilia-Romagna, Provincia di Bologna and Ufficio Scolastico Regionale Emilia-Romagna. EUROCLIO Senior Manager **Jonathan Even-Zohar** will participate at the Round Table ***"How do history teachers tackle complex and controversial knots of the recent past, today in Europe? Which thematizations, which problematizations, which periodizations?"*** and together with **Mire Mladenovski**, President of History Teachers Association of Macedonia (HTAM), an exemplary workshop from the earlier innovative publication ***"Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Country. Yugoslavia between East and West. 1945-1990"*** will be held. A manifold of other themes will be discussed in round table sessions and workshops, including various international reflections on the history of the seventies, including Greece, Spain, Argentina, Chile and Portugal.

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VGD and Georg Eckert Institute cooperation for the Concepts of Europe project

Georg-Eckert-Institute for International Textbook Research has just finished a project analyzing the concepts of Europe presented in French and German textbooks from 1900 until today. Connected to this, possibilities for the funding of related transfer-projects by the German Research Foundation are given. DFG (German Research Foundation) in cooperation with VGD, German History Teachers' Association and ZDF (public German TV station) are now going to transfer the results of that project to history lessons at schools by turning scientific findings into concrete lesson plans. An accompanying publication will cover more general aspects of historical consciousness, as well as the concepts of Europe of other European countries – starting with the French-German perspective – aiming at a better understanding between nations.

AHDR Newsletter online

The Association for Historical Dialogue & Research (AHDR) invite you to read their July/August Edition Newsletter. Packed with all the latest news from the AHDR and the Home for Cooperation. Download the  [AHDR Newsletter](#)

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Seoul, Korea: Chinese, Japanese and Korean History Professionals talked about Peace



East Asia is another region in the world, where the interpretations of historical events play a dividing and even sometimes a tension rising role. Since 5 years the International NGO History Forum for Peace in East Asia and the Northeast Asian History Foundation have been organizing international meetings, inviting civil society organizations and institutions committed to peace building in the region and beyond, with a special target on history and history education. Under the title *Rewriting the Next Hundred Years of East Asian History*, the 4th Forum was held from 18-22 August 2011, at the beautiful campus of the Yonsei University, Seoul. The Conference involved certainly more than 300 Korean and international participants, which were asked under the slogan *A Historical Step, A Peaceful Future* to think about rewriting the next hundred years of East Asian history, as an answer to the past hundred years, which were characterized by tensions and wars. EUROCLIO was represented by its EUROCLIO's Executive Director, **Joke van der Leeuw-Roord** as co-chair the meeting and asked to give several inputs to the event. The Korean organizers also asked for best practice on teaching controversies and finding keys to reconciliation from the EUROCLIO network. **Slawomir Czerwinski** from the EUROCLIO network from Poland was able to convince his audience that practical solutions are at hand. His presentation focused on innovative learning about the suffering of the Poles during the Second World War and the role of Willy Brandt in the process of reconciliation.

Launch of a new partner project on transatlantic slavery in The Hague



On September 22nd the first meeting will take place within the Dynamic Heritage Education Project coordinated by the Center for Historical Culture (of Erasmus University) with the support of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research. Dynamic Heritage Education aims to promote cultural and historical awareness amongst youth by critical reflection on tangible and intangible legacies from the past. This project will apply this

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methodology on the development educational material and the training of teachers on the controversial topic of transatlantic slavery. The material will be included in the Historiana programme of EUROCLIO. For questions about this new project please contact [Steven Stegers](#)

Brussels, Belgium: Fourth Stakeholders' Forum on EU cooperation in Education and Training

On September 26-27 2011 EUROCLIO will be represented in the Fourth Stakeholders' Forum on EU cooperation in Education and Training which EUCIS-LLL is co-organising with the European Commission. This important event will have an impact on the next cycle of priorities of the European framework of cooperation on education and training (ET2020). The Commission, while preparing its proposal for the definition of these priorities, is eager to hear what civil society organizations active in this field have to say about a programme which has a direct impact on their work. The Commission considers the input of these organisations a "an important and highly valued contribution to the discussions with Member State governments".

Europa Nostra Cultural Heritage Awards 2012


Each year, [Europa Nostra](#) and the European Union reward the best of cultural heritage achievements. Through our European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards, we celebrate excellence and dedication by architects, craftsmen, volunteers, schools, local communities, heritage owners and media. Through the power of their example we stimulate creativity and innovation. The awards celebrate exemplary restorations and initiatives of the many facets of Europe's cultural heritage in 4 categories. Every year, up to six monetary awards of €10.000 each are awarded to the top laureates in the various categories. Criteria for the assessment of entries include excellence in the work executed and preliminary research conducted, as well as respect for artistic, cultural and social value, setting, authenticity and integrity. Special attention will also be paid to sustainability, interpretation and presentation, educational work, funding and management, and social responsibility. Entries can be on a scale ranging from small to large, local to international, and should display a standard of work considered outstanding in a European context. The closing date for submission of entries is on **1 October 2011 (date of sending)**. For more information please contact [Elena Bianchi](#)

EUROGEO FREE course on Spatial Thinking and GIS

EUROGEO will hold a FREE Comenius course on Spatial Thinking and Geographic Information Systems in May/June 2012 in Dublin, Ireland. This is the third course to be held based on teaching materials created during the successful [iGuess Comenius Project](#). European teachers, teacher educators, advisers and academics can apply for a grant from their Comenius National Agency to cover their costs to attend.

Deadline for the grant application is January 14th 2012.
Details about the course and how to apply can be found at
[this link](#)

Center for Historical Culture Newsletter

The Center for Historical Culture presents you with the 9th
edition of the Newsletter. Download the  [Center for
Historical Culture Newsletter](#) and be informed about the CHC
activities.

Upcoming Events

Final Publication of the EUROCLIO Project

Thursday, 01 September 2011 - Sunday, 04 September 2011
Tbilisi, Georgia
Blandine Smilansky at blandine@euroclio.eu

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First Anna Lindh NL Forum

Friday, 09 September 2011 - Saturday, 10 September 2011
Eindhoven, Netherlands
Jonathan Even-Zohar at jonathan@euroclio.eu

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EUROCLIO Executive Director invited to contribute to
the History review for the International Baccalaureate
Diploma Programme

Thursday, 29 September 2011 - Saturday, 01 October 2011
The Hague, The Netherlands
Joke van der Leeuw-Roord at joke@euroclio.eu

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LANDIS Conference on Seventies

Thursday, 29 September 2011 - Saturday, 01 October 2011
Bologna, Italy
Maria Laura Marescalchi at marescal@tin.it

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EUROCLIO Executive Director invited to contribute to
the "Konferenz für Geschichtsdidaktik" Conference

Thursday, 06 October 2011 - Saturday, 08 October 2011
Augsburg, Germany
Joke van der Leeuw-Roord at joke@euroclio.eu

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"History Online" Historiana Seminar

Thursday, 27 October 2011 08:00 - Sunday, 30 October 2011
17:00
Fehérvárcsurgó, Hungary
Steven Stegers at steven@euroclio.eu; Geert Kessels at
geert@euroclio.eu

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Conference on Museums and Identity Politics

Wednesday, 16 November 2011 - Friday, 18 November 2011
Taipei, Taiwan

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AGENDA

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