



CONFERENCE

Intercultural Dialogue

Best practices at Community level



Wednesday, 22 November 2006

11.00 Committee of the Regions welcome coffee

11.30 Opening of the conference

by *Odile Quintin, Director General, European Commission*
- Directorate General Education and Culture

Welcome speech by *Luc Van den Brande, First Vice President of the Committee of the Regions*

11.45 Debate, animated by *Odile Quintin*

Participants:

- *Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Member of the European Parliament*
- *Milan Kučan, former President of the Slovenian Republic*
- *Laco Oravec, Executive Director – Slovak Milan Šimečka Foundation*
- *Jean Réveillon, General Secretary of European Broadcasting Union*
- *Freddy Thielemans, Mayor of Brussels*

12.30 « Youth speaks »: young people talk about their experience of intercultural dialogue, animated by *Odile Quintin*.

13.15 Inauguration of the exhibition by *Ján Figel', Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism*, followed by a reception

13.30 Press point

13.30 Lunch and visit of the exhibition

14.45 Presentation of the workshops

Vladimir Šucha, Director Culture and Communication - European Commission - Directorate General Education and Culture

15.00 WORKSHOPS

1) Intercultural Dialogue at the workplace:

Chair: *Gianfranco Simoncini, Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Tuscany Region (IT)*

Rapporteur: *Søren Kristensen, Vocational Training Expert (DK)*

Participants:

- 2 promoters/best practice:
Dublin Bus, Patricia Normanly (IE)
Europe Trainer (Leonardo da Vinci), Manfred Bock (DE)
- 2 social partners:
Ian Hutchins, TESCO (UK)
Jean-Claude le Douaron, European Trade Union Institute for Research, Education and Health and Safety (ETUI-REHS)
- *Yadranka Zorica, FOREM (Walloon Public Service for Employment and Vocational Training) (BE)*

2) Intercultural Dialogue in educational contexts:

Chair: *Kent Johansson, President of Earllall, Member of the Regional Council of Region Västergötaland, Member of the Committee of Regions (SE)*

Rapporteur : *Prof. Paolo Federighi, University of Florence (IT)*

Participants:

- 2 promoters/best practice
Ann Frank House project (Youth), Barry van Driel (NL)
Social Inclusion of Young People through Vocational Training and Guidance (Leonardo da Vinci), Karsten Strørup (DK)

- *Vasiliki Tsekoura, Training Director of Dafni Vocational Training Centre (EL)*

- *Charles Henri Capelle, Director of the Royal Athénée "Jean Absil" (High School) Etterbeek/Brussels (BE)*

- *Gertrude Brindlmayer, Education Advisor, Vienna (AT)*

3) Intercultural Dialogue in daily life

Chair: *Gottfried Wagner, Director of the European Culture Foundation*

Rapporteur: *Prof. Wolfgang Mackiewicz, Freie Universitaet Berlin (DE)*

Participants:

- 2 promoters/good practice
Large (Culture 2000), Marie-Aude Matignon (BE)
Politis, University of Oldenburg, Dita Vogel (DE)

- *Paolo Morello Marchese, General Manager Anna Meyer University Children's Hospital (Anna Meyer Foundation) – Florence (IT)*

- *Geza Tessenyi, Intercultural Communication and Leadership School – Rome (IT)*

- *Bashy Quraishy, Chair of the Board of the European Network Against Racism*

17.00 First conclusions from workshops by 3 rapporteurs, animated by *Vladimir Šucha Director Culture and Communication - European Commission - Directorate General Education and Culture*

17.30 Drink with music by ZONGORA

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9.00 Workshops continue

- 1) Intercultural Dialogue at work
- 2) Intercultural Dialogue during studies
- 3) Intercultural Dialogue in daily life

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Round table:

animated by *Jean-Pierre Jacqumin - RTBF Journalist (Belgian Radio-TV) - Chief Editor – Radio*

Presentation of the workshop results and discussion between participants of the Round Table and the public

Participants:

- *Ilze Brands Kehris, Director of Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies, vice-president of the European Monitoring Center for Racism and Xenophobia Executive Board*
- *Aviana Bulgarelli, Director of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)*
- *Miguel-Angel Cabra de Luna, Counsellor Economic and Social Committee/Foundation ONCE-ES*
- *Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Member of the European Parliament*
- *Catelene Passchier, political secretary, European Trade Union Confederation*
- *Philippe Suinen, Director General of Wallonia Foreign Trade and Investment Agency (AWEX)*
- *Peter Torp Madsen, Member of the Youth Forum*

12.45 - 13.00 Conclusions by *Vladimir Šucha, Director Culture and Communication European Commission - Directorate General Education and Culture*