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## I. News

### 1. Aid Harmonization: Challenges for Civil Society

This newsletter from the International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC) looks at how the [Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness](#) affects NGOs as providers of international aid. The declaration urges governments to transfer aid directly into the budgets of poor countries, rather than funding their own development projects. While this could prevent rich countries from using aid as a tool to achieve their own political and economic interests, INTRAC warns that Northern NGOs could lose much of their funding and political influence. Southern NGOs, although benefiting from poor countries' increased aid budget, could lose their political independence since national governments would fully decide which NGOs to fund. For more information, visit [Global Policy Forum](#).

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### 2. Social Platform: Social NGOs' Message to the European June Council 2006 on Period of Reflection

Anne-Sophie Parent, President of Social Platform (alliance of European federations and networks of NGOs active in the social sector, promoting social justice and participatory democracy), circulated the letter on position of European social NGOs on the so called 'period of reflection' on the EU constitutional treaty, which EU leaders have held since June last year. Social NGOs are concerned that »this period of reflection has been so far more about killing time before forthcoming national elections than inviting people across Europe to constructively reflect on what an improved constitutional treaty should look like. This approach goes against Social NGOs' belief in the need for more participatory forms of democracy«, which includes regular dialogue with civil society and involving as many people as possible throughout the decision making process. The resolution in English can be downloaded [here](#). For more information contact Roshan Di Puppò at the Social Platform at: +3225081634, [roshan.dipuppo@socialplatform.org](mailto:roshan.dipuppo@socialplatform.org). For more information on Social Platform, visit: [www.socialplatform.org](http://www.socialplatform.org), or contact: [platform@socialplatform.org](mailto:platform@socialplatform.org).

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### 3. Initiative "Izvor" Prepares Legislation on Voluntary Work in Serbia

The initiative Izvor is currently preparing legislation on voluntary work. EAR just approved their project entitled Initiative for legislative regulation of voluntary work in Republic of Serbia ("Inicijativa za zakonsko regulisanje volonterskog rada u Republici Srbiji"), which will enable the initiative's activities in the future. Ecumenical Humanitarian Organisation EHO ("Ekumenska humanitarna organizacija") provided information on the initiative together with invitation for setting up voluntary network with Voluntary Centre EHO and other partner organisations. For more information on the project activities, contact Mr. Teofil Lehotski at: [teo@ehons.org](mailto:teo@ehons.org) and [office@ehons.org](mailto:office@ehons.org), or visit: [www.ehons.org](http://www.ehons.org), [www.nshc.org.yu](http://www.nshc.org.yu).

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## II. Funding

### 4. CfP: BCSDN Support to Exchange Activities in the Area of Mobilization of Resources 2006 (deadline: 15.06.2006)

Objective of this CfP is to improve individual/staff and organizational capacities in mediating financial constraints through support of exchange,

backstopping/coaching visits between civil society organizations (CSOs) in SEE in the area of networking, funding, lobbying and advocacy. Exchange and backstopping/coaching visits in the area of networking/partnership, funding, lobbying and advocacy are covered with this CfP and are eligible for funding. Concrete activities that are appropriate for funding (but not exhaustive) might be: on-sight visit to successful examples of EU project and activities; meeting or short workshop/training on formulating a joint EU projects or application; exchange visit on approaching EU, national governments on different issues, etc. BCSDN member organizations are primary beneficiaries and can apply as applicants for funds under this CfP. Other organizations (in partnership with BCSDN members) are also eligible to apply. The overall budget of this project is 5,000 Euro of which 2,000 Euro will go towards support of exchange and 3,000 Euro backstopping/coaching activities. Duration of the project should be between one and four months. Time-frame for realization of the project activities is June-December 2006. A new CfP will be launched in late 2006/early 2007 to support further activities and initiatives. Full CfP, Application Form and Guidelines are available at BCSDN website: [www.balkancsd.net](http://www.balkancsd.net).

#### **5. CfP:Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs-Small Embassy Projects Programme (Matra/KAP) (deadline: 16.06.2006)**

Matra is a major programme run by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It has a wide range of components, and its aim is to support the process of social transformation in Central and Eastern Europe. Matra/KAP Programme seeks in particular to strengthen the fabric of civil society, stressing the importance of cooperation and interaction between private and public bodies. The aims of Matra/KAP are similar to those of Matra as a whole, i.e. development of an open, pluralist, democratic society. One of the main characteristics of Matra/KAP is its focus on small-scale, less spectacular initiatives of the kind that are usually overlooked. Matra/KAP also makes a significant contribution to the expansion of networks, leading to better bilateral relations between the host country and the Netherlands! For more information on eligibility and requirements, visit [here](#).

#### **6. CfP:EC European Year of Workers' Mobility-Pilot Projects (deadline: 17.07.2006)**

The purpose of this CfP is the co-funding of a limited number of pilot projects in order to develop and test innovative instruments which facilitate the geographic and labour market mobility of workers and their families and remove existing obstacles to mobility; and transfer between sectors, regions and countries or mainstream existing successful instruments and practices in the area of mobility. All projects need to evidence a clear European added value and should be able to be reproduced in other contexts. They should involve relevant stakeholders and should have the potential to lead to new policy initiatives. The present call for proposals will be financed by the Employment Incentive Measures (EIM) Programme, and is open to participants from the Member States of the EU. Applications may also be submitted by countries having effectively made a financial contribution to the EIM Programme budget to cover their participation in the Programme for 2006. This concerns specifically countries of the European Economic Area, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Croatia. More information and useful documents can be found at: [EuropeAid CfP](#), [EuropeAid Tenders](#).

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#### **7. CfP:EAR, Kosovo-Community Stabilisation Support Programme (deadline: 31.08.2006)**

The overall objective of this intervention is to stabilise the situation of ethnic minority communities and to enable vulnerable communities to build up sustainable livelihoods through the provision of grant assistance. The priority issues include to fund start up and existing small income generation projects and micro enterprises (in agroprocessing and small business development) and to support agricultural associations and individual farmers through the provision of small grants and technical assistance. For more information, visit: [EuropeAid index](#) and [EuropeAid external aid Projects](#) (search: EAR, open, grants).

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#### **8. CfP:EAR, Assistance Programme for the Displaced in Montenegro through the Provision of Durable Solutions (deadline: 25.08.2006)**

The EAR is seeking proposals to support the National Strategy for Resolving the Problems of Refugees and IDPs in the implementation of an assistance programme for the displaced in Montenegro, with financial assistance from the CARDS programme of the European Communities. The programme will be implemented in close co-operation with the Commissariat for Displaced Persons, UNHCR, municipal authorities and civil society in order to ensure a needs based intervention and a sustainable outcome. The support will include providing durable solutions for displaced persons in targeted municipalities through the provision of housing assistance schemes; with particular emphasis on full construction, partial self help and rehabilitation with a specific focus on vulnerable family groups. Linkages will also be established with return related programmes. International organisations/NGOs will be invited to submit proposals which will meet the above outline. The full guidelines for applicants will be available on the following internet site: [EAR Projects](#). Zip file of all useful documents can be found at [EuropeAid](#) web page.

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#### **9. CfP: eLearning Awards (deadline: 13.10.2006)**

The eLearning Awards is an annual event, now in its sixth year, which identifies and rewards excellent practice in using ICT for learning across Europe. The Awards have a particular focus on teachers and schools. Whether through the dedication of an individual teacher, or through successful partnerships with others, ICT is being used to excellent effect in many schools throughout Europe. Schools, educational institutions and organizations in Europe carrying out primary, secondary or teacher training education are eligible for the awards. Entries must be submitted via the eLearning Awards website on or before 13 October 2006. For more information an application rules and procedure, visit: [eLearning Awards 2006](#).

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#### **10. Job Opportunity: Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Financial Director (deadline: 20.06.2006)**

Job Description: Financial management in accordance with the book of rules and legal regulations, Preparation and implementation of annual and other organization's financial plans and activities, Compiling of monthly reports for internal use, donors and other occasions in keeping with the requests of the organization's management, Devising of financial reports and implementation of budgets in keeping with the organization's policy. The first contract is to be signed for the trial period of three months. Requirements: University degree from the Faculty of Economy (or other relevant and related faculty), Command of English language, Computer skills (excellent use of MS Office), Team work skills, Excellent communication skills. Preferences: Certificate in bookkeeping and accountancy, Work experience in non-governmental sector. For more

information, visit:[www.yihr.org](http://www.yihr.org) or contact:[office@yihr.org](mailto:office@yihr.org). Detailed CV should be sent to:[dragan@yihr.org](mailto:dragan@yihr.org).  
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**11. CfP:EC-National Awareness Raising Actions on Social Inclusion and Social Protection (deadline: 30.06.2006)**

This programme is part of the Community Action Programme to Combat Social Exclusion (Strand 2). The aim of this strand is to promote and support the policy of co-operation and exchange of information and best practice. Types of activities which are supported are the following: seminars, leaflets/pamphlets, newsletters, press releases, web sites and media campaigns. The total budget of this call is 2.6 million Euro. The funding per project will not exceed 80% of the total costs. For more information, visit [EC Equal Oportunities](http://EC Equal Oportunities) website, or E-mail:[EMPL-E2@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EMPL-E2@ec.europa.eu).

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**12.CfP: East East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders Competition on Public Partnership Promotion in the Region: Ukraine-Moldova-Romania (deadline: 15.06.2006)**

The goal of the competition is to combine ideas and efforts of civic society representatives of Ukraine, Moldova and Romania for establishing and strengthening open democratic society components as well as creating principles of sustainable development in the region in the context of the European Neighborhood Policy. Projects that envision international exchange of experience in solving important social problems as well as promotion of social innovations and public activity will be supported. The project proposals submitted should receive approval from the East East Program Advisory Committees from all Participating Foundations (Soros Foundation-Moldova, International Renaissance Foundation-Kyiv and the Open Society Foundation-Romania) and only after that the project proposal is going to be submitted to the OSI NY who will take the final decision. The deadline for proposals is June 15, 2006. Projects should be submitted no less than 8-10 weeks before their implementation start, therefore the projects should be planned to be implemented starting with September 2006. For more information and submission of the project proposals, via e-mail or to the following addresses: Soros Foundation-Moldova; East East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders; Ana Coretchi, East East Program Director; E-mail:[acoretchi@soros.md](mailto:acoretchi@soros.md); Tel. (37322) 274480, 270232; fax (37322) 270507; 32 Bulgara Street, Chisinau MD 2001; or International Renaissance Foundation-Kyiv; East East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders; Tetyana Kukharenko, Program Manager; E-mail: [kukharenko@irf.kiev.ua](mailto:kukharenko@irf.kiev.ua); Tel.: (38 044) 461 9500; Fax: (38 044) 486 0166; 13-a Bekhterevskyi Provulok, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04053; and/or Open Society Foundation-Romania East East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders; Ovidiu Voicu, East East Program Coordinator; e-mail:[ovoiucu@osf.ro](mailto:ovoiucu@osf.ro); Phone: (402 1) 212 11 01, 212 11 02; Fax: (40 21) 212 10 32; Str. Caderea Bastiliei nr. 33, Bucharest 711391 Romania.

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### III. Training and education

**13. CfA:ECAS Pre European Council Debate on 'Plan D' with Mrs Wallström, 7 June 2006, Brussels**

This event, co-organised with Friends of Europe, Euractiv and Journalist at your service, will contribute to benchmarking the national and European contributions to Plan D. ECAS will publish a brief report of the event and send it to the European Council, which is to review the debate on the future of Europe on its June meeting. The conference on 1 February 2006 which the four organizations organised on the launch of the White paper on a European Communication policy attracted 500 participants. It is expected that this event with high level speakers will attract a large audience of politicians, NGOs, local and regional authorities, journalists, information officers, media experts, and academics as well. Participation is free. Participants will receive a copy of ECAS contribution to Plan D "25 Questions and Answers on Ways out of the Constitutional Labyrinth" and documentation from the Institutions. Debate will be held at European Parliament, Eastman Building, Rue Belliard 135. For more information, visit [www.ecas.org](http://www.ecas.org) or contact:[conference@ecas.org](mailto:conference@ecas.org).

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**14. CfA:Conference:"Civil Society – Bridge to Balkans", 8 June 2006, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Conference will be organised by the Center for Promotion of Civil Society from Sarajevo at Ministry of Public Administration in Ljubljana. Opening speakers will be representatives from US Embassies in Ljubljana and Sarajevo, Irma Meznaric from Ministry of Public Administration and Marjan Huc from CNVOS- Center for information service, co-operation and development of NGOs. Three workshops will be held during the conference. Recommendations and conclusions of the participants will be presented at regional conference in Sarajevo on 22-23 June 2006. Registrations are collected by CNVOS at:[cnvos@mail.ljudmila.org](mailto:cnvos@mail.ljudmila.org) or fax 00386 1 542 14 24.

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**15. CfA: Movit, National Agency of YOUTH Programme: International SoHo training (Sending Organisation, Hosting Organisation), 7-11 June 2006, Slovenia (deadline: 02.06.2006)**

This free training is aimed at mentors, youth workers and leaders, who want to learn about projects, actors and their roles in projects in the framework of European Voluntary Service (EVS), project development in the framework of Action 2 of YOUTH programme (EVS). Participants should have at least some experience and knowledge about youth- and voluntary work or should already be involved in the process of EVS project preparation. For more information, visit:<http://mladina.movit.si/razpisi>, or contact: 00386 1 430 47 47, [euodesk@mladina.movit.si](mailto:euodesk@mladina.movit.si).

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**16. CfA:European Economic and Social Committee: Regional Stakeholders' Forum "Bridging the Gap:How to Bring Europe and its Citizens Closer Together?", 9-10 June 2006, Budapest, Hungary (deadline: 3.06.2006)**

Regional Stakeholders' Forum on civil dialogue between civil society and EU is organised jointly by European Economic and Social Committee and the Hungarian Economic and Social Council. It aims to bring together stakeholders from various countries, in particular from Hungary's three neighbouring EU member states: Austria, Slovakia and Slovenia. The representatives of the European institutions, including the EC and the European Parliament, will be present. The resulting recommendations of the participants will be fed into the policy-making, contributing to the consultation processes envisaged in the European Commission's October 2005 Communication on Plan D for Democracy, Dialogue and Debate and its February 2006 White Paper on a Communication Policy. There is no registration fee but participants (or their organisations or

institutions) are expected to pay their travel and hotel expenses. All other expenses (conference materials and services, meals, refreshments, etc.) will be covered. For more information, visit: <http://www.eesc.europa.eu> or contact Fabiola Giraldo Restrepo at: [fabiola.giraldorestrepo@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:fabiola.giraldorestrepo@eesc.europa.eu).

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**17. CfA: Civil Society Contact Group: Conference on Civil Dialogue at EU and National Levels, 12 July 2006**

The Civil Society Contact Group organises a Conference on civil dialogue: make the civil dialogue work better on the. The Civil Society Contact Group can cover travel and accommodation costs for a limited number of participants, particularly those based in the new Member States. EPHA members can register by contacting Elodie Fazi at [coordinator@act4europe.org](mailto:coordinator@act4europe.org). For more information, visit: <http://www.epha.org/a/2246>

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**18. CfA: Sarajevo International Summer School on Balkan Studies, 14-21 August 2006 (deadline: 25.06.2006)**

The 1st edition of the Sarajevo International Summer School is organized by the Sarajevo Law Students' Association. They seek university students studying law, economics and other social sciences, who have demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to political and economic liberty, regional cooperation and cultural exchange. To be eligible to attend the Summer School, students must be a citizen of one of the following countries: BiH, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia & Montenegro, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey or the EU countries. There is no participation fee for Students of non-EU countries. Main topics of the Summer School on Balkan Studies include: History of Balkan: different nations and different conflicts, The human rights situation in the Balkans, The US and EU foreign policy toward the Balkans, The importance of EU integration. Lectures are conducted by several university professors from the Sarajevo University, experts representing American Embassy in B&H, OHR, Humanitarian Law Centre from Belgrade and NGO representatives. For more information, visit [www.usp.ba](http://www.usp.ba).

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**19. CfA: London School of Economics: Political Demography: Ethnic, National and Religious Dimensions, 29-30 September 2006 - (deadline: 15.07.2006)**

This conference on demography and its socio-political implications is sponsored by the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) in association with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and British Academy. Plenary speakers include Jack Goldstone from George Mason University, Michael Hout from University of California Berkeley and Monica Duffy Toft from Harvard University. One goal of this conference is to initiate a conversation between demographers and scholars of ethnicity, nationalism and religion which will result in future research projects and publications. Suggested Paper Themes: Demographic Perspectives (Patterns of differential population growth between ethnic groups, religious denominations and nation-states due to fertility and migration, The role of cultural factors in explaining fertility differences, The impact of religious, ethnic or nationalist activity on individual-level fertility), Social Science Perspectives (Differential population growth and ethnic/religious/national conflict, Demographic nationalism: immigration control, pronatalism, transmigration, Demographic shifts and politics: elections, censuses and demographic propaganda). For more information, visit the conference website at: [ASEN demography](http://www.asen.org.uk). Paper proposals can be submitted online at: [ASEN Demography proposal](http://www.asen.org.uk).

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**20. CfA: Master Programme in European Integration and Regionalism 2006/2007 (deadline: 30.06.2006)**

This Master programme is offered by the [University of Graz](http://www.unigraz.at) and implemented in cooperation with the [European Academy of Bolzano](http://www.euroacademy.it) and the [European Institute of Public Administration](http://www.euroinstitute.eu), Antennae Luxembourg and Barcelona. Successful students will be awarded the academic degree of Master of European Studies (M.E.S.) by the University of Graz. The core topics are: European Integration (2 residential weeks in August/September 2006, Bolzano, Italy), EU Law (2 residential weeks in November 2007, Luxembourg), Federalism and Regionalism (2 residential weeks in January 2007, Graz, Austria), Regional and Social Cohesion (2 residential weeks in March 2007, Barcelona, Spain), Minorities and Diversity (2 residential weeks in June 2007, Bolzano, Italy). A limited number of partial scholarships that covers a part of the tuition fee is offered by the organizers. For further information and application procedure, visit: <http://www.eurac.edu/meir>.

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**21. CfA: International Young Crew Project Management Workshop, 2-8 July 2006, Celje, Slovenia (deadline: 10.06.2006)**

Organizer of International Young Crew Project Management Workshop is Slovenian Project Management Association Young Crew - Young Project Managers, a non-for-profit organisation, aimed to promote project management among students and other young people who work in the field of project management and help them developing their skills.

This workshop is constructed in order to give a broader perspective to young people from across Europe with up-to-date lectures and case studies on strategic and crisis project management, cost engineering PM and PM of company establishing (entrepreneurial PM). Each topic will be held on a different day by an experienced international lecturer. Participants will also be thought about team-building activities in an Adrenaline Park, there are planned excursions to local companies (e.g. Gorenje - second largest Slovenian exporter) and social activities, where participants will have a chance for meeting and networking. For more information, visit [workshop](http://www.ycpm.org) website.

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**22. CfA: Europa Fellowship Program 2006-2007, New Europe College, Bucharest (deadline: 10.07.2006)**

The New Europe College - Institute for Advanced Study in Bucharest, Romania, announces the Europa Fellowship Program, sponsored by the VolkswagenStiftung (Hannover, Germany). The program targets especially researchers and academics from SEE. Applications from young Western scholars working on SEE are also welcome. Applicants must be doctoral students, or hold a Ph.D. title. Duration of the Fellowship: a full academic year (10 months, October through July); one-term fellowships (October through February, or March through July) can also be considered. The Fellows will be invited as members of a team, working in the framework of a research theme entitled Traditions of the New Europe. A Pre-history of the European Integration in SEE. Each Fellow is expected to pursue his/her own research project, and to take part in scientific events related to the project, and in other events organized by the New Europe College. For more information and the application procedure, visit [www.nec.ro](http://www.nec.ro), or contact programme coordinator Irina Vainovski-Mihai at: (+40-21) 307 9910 and [imihai@nec.ro](mailto:imihai@nec.ro).





