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I. News

1. Code of Ethics and Conduct for NGOs by World Association of NGOs

Recent international news headlines such as "NGOs: Achievers or Deceivers?" or "Nonprofits Need Cleaning Up" not only highlight the alarming reality of nonprofit misconduct, but also underscore the importance of nonprofit accountability and transparency. Few nonprofit leaders would disagree that ethical lapses undermine the trust and threaten the status and effectiveness of the entire nonprofit sector. In an effort to promote and preserve integrity and ethical behavior in the charitable, nonprofit realm, the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO), with the help of a committee of over 50 NGOs representing the wide spectrum of the NGO community, has developed a [Code of Ethics and Conduct for NGOs](#) applicable to the entire nonprofit sector. This document is the cornerstone of the Code of Ethics Campaign. Please support this effort by signing

as a Supporter of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for NGOs [form online](#) and by circulating this letter to your partner organizations and contacts in the nonprofit community. Once the online form is submitted, your organization's name will appear as a link on WANGO's Code of Ethics webpage.

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II. Funding

2. CfP: Services Contract to Support ETF Project Activities in Kosovo (deadline: 30.01.2006)

European Training Foundation (ETF) intends to conclude up to 2 framework contracts for services to support implementation of its activities in the field of vocational education and training reform in Kosovo. The tender is divided into 2 lots to cover the following services: provision of local experts in all issues relating to education and training, labour market and employment in Kosovo; organisation of project events, such as workshops or seminars, in Kosovo. Maximum budget for the contract is 350.000 Euros over 4 years (lot 1-200.000 Euro, lot 2-150.000 Euro). For more information please contact: Procurement Officer-ETF; Villa Gualino, Viale Settimio Severo 65, I-10133 Torino; tel.: +39 01 16 30 22 22; fax: +39 01 16 30 22 00; e-mail: Legal_Services@etf.eu.int; website: www.etf.eu.int.

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3. CfP: EU EXCHANGE Project for Municipal Training Courses in Serbia and Montenegro (deadline: 10.02.2006)

The European Union is seeking proposals for provision of tailor made training courses to the municipal staff in the Republic of Serbia, Serbia and Montenegro. The project is a specific component of the larger 'Exchange' programme designed to introduce models of EU local government practice to Serbia. This project aims to increase the knowledge and skills of a range of municipal staff, particularly in respect of European municipal practice, and also to extend the availability of European practice models to all municipalities. The consultant will among other things take the responsibility to: design and implement substantial multi sectoral municipal training programme with Serbian municipalities, in co-operation with the Standing conference of towns and municipalities (Association of Serbian municipalities); develop and produce, interactively with the municipal representatives, the Municipal Guidance Manuals; The training and related Manuals will include but not be limited to planning of municipal services, PCM and project preparation, local economic development, EU integration and IT data administration. The maximum budget for the contract is 600,000 Euros. Participation in tender is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons or groupings (consortia) of the EU Member States and CARDS countries. Short-listed candidates/consortia will need to submit a proposal based on presented Terms of Reference. The deadline for proposal is 10 February 2006 at European Agency for Reconstruction, Attn: Procurement Officer, Vasinca 2-4, Belgrade 11000, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. More information on selection criteria and application forms are available at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index_en.htm.

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4. CfP: RTD Actions Under Integrating and Strengthening of the European Research Area: Specific Measures in Support of International Cooperation with Western Balkan Countries (deadline 06.03.2006)

The European Commission has published a call for proposals in the area of Specific measures in support of international cooperation. This is one of the areas covered by the Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area specific programme. The areas covered by this call are: stabilization and to reinforcement of the Western Balkan Countries research potential, and their contribution to sustainable research development. The Specific Support Actions foreseen in this call will give the Western Balkan countries the possibility to improve the research capacities of highest quality and/or promising centers, in the Western Balkan countries and the whole region. Priorities for the single call SSA in 2006 are: networking with other research centers in Member States or Associated States (including Associated Candidate Countries) and WBC; organizing exchange of personnel and of research results and joint experiments; visiting fellows (teachers and/or researchers): hosting scientists from abroad for teaching, training and/or research activities; training in Member States or Associated State (including Associated Candidate Countries) for Ph.D. students and/or post-doctoral researchers: sending scientists from the centre for short stays, to laboratories abroad, either for specialized training or to carry out a specific research experiment or to prepare cooperative activities and/or joint RTD proposals; hiring of new young researchers to reinforce the human potential; maintenance, upgrading and/or renewal of the S&T equipments, in the framework of the RTD activities of each centre in order to reinforce internal S&T capacities. For more information contact: Mme Nicole RIVEILL; INCO Information Desk; COMMISSION RTD N 2; Unit INCO 2, B-1049 Bruxelles; tel : + 32 2 299 42 02; fax: +32 2 296 62 52; e-mail: inco@cec.eu.int; website:www.cordis.lu/fp6.

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III. Training and education

5. CfA: International Summer Camp/Summer School on Religion and Public Life/Conference-Unity and Plurality of Europe, Sarajevo, Mostar, Stolac, Boston, 23.7.-16.8.2006

In collaboration with the Youth and Heritage project, Stolac in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be hosting the first half of the fourth International Summer School on Religion and Public Life (ISSRPL) between July 23-August 16, 2006. The ISSRPL is a unique, global initiative. It combines pluralistic perspectives on religious thought with social scientific research on tolerance, civil society and an open, dialogic, approach to pedagogic practice. Its goal is to transform both the theoretical models and concrete practices through which religious orientations and secular models of politics and society engage one another. Its guiding principle is that in order to build relations of tolerance and understanding between groups and to shape a civil society, the perceived barrier between secular, modern and more traditional religious values must be broken down. For application and further information on the ISSRPL 2006 see Document Stolac 2006 (www.ifbosna.org.ba) or contact issrpl2006@hebrewcollege.edu Another project taking place this summer will be an International Conference on Unity and Plurality in Europe: Religion and Public Life. The aim of the conference will be to reflect productively on what is now more than seven years of work by an international network of scholars and religious leaders who have been struggling to redefine the nexus of sacred traditions and modernist cultures in various parts of the world. For further information see the Document Stolac 2006 (www.ifbosna.org.ba) or contact if_bosna@bih.net.

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IV. Publications

6. New LSE Brief: Austrian Presidency of the EU: Regional Approaches to the Western Balkans

Seminar organised by the Centre for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science, in collaboration with Association Bosnia and Herzegovina 2005. The prospect of association with, and eventual membership in the EU is today one of the most promising factors for stability of the Western Balkans. These expectations need to be carefully managed by the EU presidency together with the European Commission and the High Commissioner for the Common Foreign and Security Policy. Therefore, immediately prior to Austria's assumption of the EU presidency, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science, in collaboration with Association Bosnia and Herzegovina 2005, organised a seminar entitled 'Austrian Presidency of the EU: Regional Approaches to the Western Balkans' in Vienna, on 18 November 2005. The gathering of experts from the EU countries and the region highlighted the successes and shortcomings of existing EU policies and mechanisms towards the Balkans affecting the region's politics, economics and security, while employing a regional approach that treats the Western Balkans -- Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro including Kosovo, Albania, and Macedonia -- as a region facing similar challenges while also encompassing important differences. The goal was to highlight a regional nature of challenges facing the region in the sphere of politics, economics, security and society, and a need for these to be tackled through transnational policy instruments. The Policy Brief contains recommendations for the Austrian Presidency of the EU and its policy in the Western Balkans based on the seminar's conclusions. The publication of seminar proceedings is forthcoming. For more information please visit [Center for the study of Global Governance](#).

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