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#### I. News

##### 1. Final Declaration of the International Commission on the Balkans

Two years after the beginning of its work, the International Commission on the Balkans held its final meeting on 8-9 May 2006 in Rome. In its declaration, the Commission warns the European Union about the dangers of not giving a clear membership perspective to the countries of the Western Balkans. The International Commission on the Balkans has been initiated and supported by the King Baudouin Foundation, Robert Bosch Foundation, The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. See the full text of the Declaration [here](#).

[from King Baudouin Foundation]

#### II. Funding

##### 2. CfP: EC Action 5 - Support Measures: Call for Submission of Innovative Co-operation, Training and Information Projects (deadline: 01.07.2006)

Within the context of this Action 5 Call for Innovative projects, the EC aims to support innovative co-operation, training, and information projects in the field of non-formal education. The projects must have a clear transnational European dimension and contribute to European co-operation in youth matters. For further information about priority themes and for downloading relevant documents, visit: [Call Action 5](#). More information about approved innovative projects (2000-2004) can be found [here](#). For Contact Points for the YOUTH programme in SEE, visit: <http://www.salto-youth.net/SEEstrategy/>.

[from CNVOS]

##### 3. CfP: PHARE Small Projects Programme Croatia (deadline: 20.07.2006)

The objectives of the programme are: to raise awareness in Croatia on European Integration and the Enlargement process, to contribute directly to closer European Integration in Croatia and to increase the visibility of the EU in Croatia. The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is 500.000 Euro. Any grant awarded under this programme must fall between 40.000 Euro and 50.000 Euro. For all useful documents, visit the web-site of [Delegation of EC in Croatia](#).

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##### 4. CfA: AsoloArtFilmFestival: Competition 2006 (deadline: 30.07.2006)

The 2006 AsoloArtFilmFestival will be held in Asolo (Treviso) from 30 September to 8 October 2006. The Career Award "Flavia Paulon" will be given to the artist of international relevance who left a significant trace with his/her personality and art in the contemporary cultural scene of cinema and art. The competition has six sections: Films on art for works devoted to the visual arts and music; Artists' lives for projects depicting, throughout a historical reconstruction and critical interpretation, personalities from the world of visual arts and music; Films on the architecture for films devoted to History, movements, protagonists, works and projects about architecture and town planning; Design for works devoted to History, movements and protagonists in the design field; Videoart – Computer art for works utilizing electronic or computer technologies as a means of direct artistic expression and Productions related to the visual arts and music, made by recognized film schools, specialized higher education institutes and universities. For more information, visit [www.asolofilmfestival.it](http://www.asolofilmfestival.it), or contact [info@asolofilmfestival.it](mailto:info@asolofilmfestival.it).

[from CNVOS]

##### 5. CfA: Virginia A. Hodgkinson Research Prize (Application deadline: 30.06.2006)

Established in 1995, this award recognises outstanding published research that furthers understanding of philanthropy, voluntary action,

nonprofits, and civil society either in the United States or abroad. Recipients of the Virginia A. Hodgkinson Research Prize are researchers and practitioners who work in or with the voluntary sector and through their work have achieved local, regional, national, or international impact and recognition. In 2005, award recipients received up to 2,000 USDollars. For more information, visit [here](#).  
[from eCivicus 291]

**6. Job Announcement: TRIALOG Project Manager (deadline: 31.05.2006)**

HORIZONT3000, the lead agency of the TRIALOG project, is looking for a Project Manager for a full time position, based in the TRIALOG Vienna office). Tasks and responsibilities of the project manager will be in the areas of Project Management, Personnel Management and Representation and Coordination. For more information and job requirements, visit: [TRIALOG Project Manager](#).  
[from CNVOS]

**7. Job Announcement: Programme Manager for Anti-trafficking Programme with CARE International Croatia/BiH/SCG (deadline: 26.05.2006)**

CARE International is an equal opportunity employer and is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of Programme Manager for its Anti-trafficking Programme in Montenegro. Based in Podgorica and working with local NGO partners, the programme seeks to raise public awareness and strengthen information and resources regarding the dangers of trafficking, targeted at potential victims. The programme will work in key selected communities where trafficking has been identified as a key issue (including border regions and coastal areas). The programme aims to support national efforts of the government to combat trafficking and support implementation of the national plan. The programme has a regional (cross-border) dimension and is linked to CARE's efforts in Serbia, BiH, and Croatia. Effective date for position is June 2006 for up to 12 months. Any interested candidates should forward their CV and covering letter to the Human Resources Department at CARE International, Hasana Kaimije 11, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH or by e mail to [human.resources@carebhc.org](mailto:human.resources@carebhc.org) no later than, 26 May, 2006. No telephone enquiries please. Only candidates short-listed will be notified.  
[from CNVOS]

### III. Training and education

**8. CfA: Open Invitation to Participate in Event "The Western Balkans: Regional Response to Visa Liberalization Issue", 18-19 May, Belgrade, SCG**

The Institute of International Politics and Economics (IPE), European Movement in Serbia (EMinS) and Group 484 are invited everyone interested to participate to the Regional Roundtable "The Western Balkans: Regional Response to Visa Liberalization Issue", which is the final event of the project jointly implemented by the two organizations. The Regional Roundtable will take place in Belgrade on 18-19 May 2006. The project aims to support the process of reforming the Western Balkan countries' in their approximation to the EU standards, especially in their efforts to join EU "white Schengen" list, as well as to further strengthen and support measures/activities/initiatives towards visa liberalization that have already being launched or implemented in the region. Following topics will be covered: Illegal migration, including trafficking in human beings and migrants' smuggling, asylum; Readmission agreements as a tool in the fight against illegal migration, cooperation of EU member states with the countries of origin, building the sustainable solutions; Visa system (visa regime) and the relevant EU standards; Border control/ Integrated border management and EU standards; and Regional aspects and cooperation in the Western Balkan countries. The Roundtable proceedings and recommendations as well as the conclusions of the national round tables (held from January-April 2006) will be published in Serbian and English language. The working languages of the Regional Roundtable will be English and Croatian/Bosnian/Serbian. We would appreciate your participation and hope you will be able to contribute to the success of the regional roundtable.  
[from Group 484]

**9. CfA: The European Union and the Roma Conference, Budapest, 6-7 June, 2006 (deadline: 22.05.2006)**

Minority Rights Group International (MRG) is looking for interested participants to attend a conference entitled "The European Union and the Roma" which will take place in Budapest, Hungary, 6 – 7 June 2006. The conference aims at bringing together policy-makers, civil servants, and experts from Roma NGOs and international organisations. You can access the conference agenda [here](#). The conference will begin with registration from 9:00-9:30 am on Tuesday, 6 June 2006, and will end at noon on Wednesday, 7 June 2006. There is no registration fee. It will be held at the premises of hotel Astoria, Budapest. The language of the conference will be English. The number of participants is limited so if you are interested please send an email, indicating your name, organisation, and contact details to [romaprogramme@mrgmail.org](mailto:romaprogramme@mrgmail.org) by 22 May 2006. If you wish to apply for financial support please send us by 15 May 2006 your CV with a cover letter explaining your involvement in Romani issues and your motivation to attend the conference. MRG will inform you about the outcome of your application for financial support by 17 May 2006. If you need a visa for Hungary and require an official invitation from MRG for this purpose, please contact us as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you and if you have any queries, please contact us at: [romaprogramme@mrgmail.org](mailto:romaprogramme@mrgmail.org).  
[from Balkans list]

**10. CfA: PH.D. and Graduate Studies in Social Politics by Law School of Zagreb, Croatia (deadline: 31.05.2006)**

Law School in Zagreb is seeking interested candidates for its doctoral studies in social policy. Academic year begins spring semester 2006/07 in the afternoon hours for six weeks per semester. Cost of tuition is 7.500,00 kuna (approx. 1.072 Euro). Application should be sent to: Pravni fakultet u Zagrebu, Zagreb, Trg maršala Tita 14. Deadline of application is 31 May 2006. Short-listed candidates will be contacted by 30 June 2006. For more information, visit [www.pravo.hr](http://www.pravo.hr), e-mail: [studij-soc-rada@pravo.hr](mailto:studij-soc-rada@pravo.hr), or tel.: 4895 803.  
[from CERANEO]

**11. CfA: Conference on European Charter of Active Citizenship, 22-23 May 2006, Vienna**

Active Citizenship Network (ACN) - the European program of the Italian citizens' organisation Cittadinanzattiva - and FONDACA, the AC Foundation, will present and discuss the contents of the Charter with a large group of stakeholders from EU member states, candidate countries and European institutions. This project, aimed at improving the European and national policies on civic activism through the definition of the rights and duties of civic participation, is implemented with the support of the DG Education and Culture and the Unicredito Italiano Group. For more information on the project and the conference, visit [here](#), or contact the Slovene project partner, Legal-information Centre for NGOs – LIC,

at: [tina.divjak@pic.si](mailto:tina.divjak@pic.si).

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**12. CfA: The European Regional Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democracy in SEE, 2006-2007, Sarajevo – Bologna (deadline: 01.06.2006)**

This Master's Degree is an intensive one-year course coordinated by the Universities of Sarajevo and Bologna. It is structured in three terms: October 2006 - June 2007 (Lecturing period at the University of Sarajevo), June - July 2007 (Internship work across South East Europe), September - October 2007 (Master's Thesis writing-up period at the University of Bologna). The teaching activities involve renowned Faculty members coming from more than 25 European and other countries. Internships take place at various regional NGOs, IGOs, think-tanks and research institutes dealing with issues of human rights and democracy in SEE. Each academic year the Programme enrolls 35 students from the countries of SEE and the EU. Interested candidates should submit the filled in application form and all other required documentation to the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of the University of Sarajevo at: [coordination@cps.edu.ba](mailto:coordination@cps.edu.ba). The application form and additional information are available at: [www.cps.edu.ba](http://www.cps.edu.ba).

[from Roma in ex-Yugoslavia]

**13. CfA: TRANSCEND and PATRIR: Peacebuilding and Development - From Lessons Learned to Program Design and Field Implementation, 24 –28 July 2006, Cluj-Napoca, Romania**

This training at International Peace and Development Training Centre is organised by TRANSCEND – A Peace and Development Organisation and The Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania - PATRIR. A five-day advanced international training programme is aimed at development workers and policy makers, and staff of national and international organizations, UN agencies, and governmental and non-governmental organizations working in development and peacebuilding in communities and areas affected by conflict, war, or in post-war recovery. For more information, visit [here](#), or contact Programme Coordinator Andra Tanase at: [andra@transcend.org](mailto:andra@transcend.org).

[from CNVOS]

**14. CfA: TRANSCEND: Designing Peacebuilding Interventions, Conflict Transformation, and Reconciliation in Divided Communities, 29 June – 1 July 2006, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada**

This three-day intensive, highly interactive, and participatory workshop will expose participants to practical experiences, lessons-learned, and best practices in conflict transformation, peacebuilding, and post-war reconciliation and recovery from three continents. Drawing upon direct experiences in Colombia, Guatemala, Israel-Palestine, Nepal, Somalia, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Southern Thailand, Burma, Moldova, and the former Yugoslavia, the workshop will explore methods, tools, and approaches to working with conflicts and peacebuilding in practice. Trainer: [Kai Frithiof Brand-Jacobsen](#). For more information, visit: <http://dispute.resolution.uvic.ca/> and [Transcend](#), or contact Institute for Dispute Resolution at [dispute@uvic.ca](mailto:dispute@uvic.ca) and [idr@uvic.ca](mailto:idr@uvic.ca).

[from CNVOS]

**15. CfA: IMPACS, the Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society: Ready, Set, Go! Online Workshops, 25 May 2006**

These online workshops are skill-packed, interactive and designed to help you improve your organisation's communications - to develop and deliver clear messages, get your organisation's stories out in the media, build strong relationships with your key stakeholders, use online tools effectively, etc. For more information, visit: [Training Seminars](#).

[from eCivicus 290]

**16. CfA: Institut International des Droits de l'Enfant: Summer University on the Rights of the Child, 17-21 July 2006, Sion, Switzerland**

This new training programme in French analyses the multiple implication of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on professional practice. The theoretical and practical applications of the rights of the child will be explored using a variety of techniques including case studies, group work, film and debates amongst others. For more information, visit [here](#).

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**17. CfA: INTRAC Trainings for NGOs**

INTRAC, a non-profit organisation working in the international development and relief sector, is offering the following courses: [Effective Management for Development](#) (24-26 May 2006), [Supporting Southern Advocacy](#) (7-9 June 2006), [Financial Management for Non-Specialist](#) (13-15 June 2006) and [Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation](#) (26-30 June 2006). For more information, visit: [www.intrac.org](http://www.intrac.org), or contact [info@intrac.org](mailto:info@intrac.org), +44 (0) 1865 201851.

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**18. CfA: French Coalition for the Decade: 2nd International Salon for Peace Initiative, 2-4 June 2006, Paris, France**

This conference is part of the UN's International decade for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence for the children of the world. Over 150 exhibitors will present their peace initiatives through animation, exhibitions, films and workshops to participants. For more information, visit [www.decennie.org](http://www.decennie.org).

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**19. CfA: 2nd World Forum on Human Rights, 10-13 July 2006, Nantes, France**

This Forum will bring together a diverse range of participants who will discuss issues that come under the general theme of "To make Human Rights a reality for all." Three main topics will be debated: discriminations and diversity, economic globalisation and Human Rights, and responsibilities and solidarities. For more information, visit [www.forum-humanrights.org](http://www.forum-humanrights.org).

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**20. CfP: Accountability for Human Rights Violations by International Organisations (deadline: 01.06.2006)**

This international conference is designed to explore the manners, mechanisms and fora in which accountability can be realised for violations of human rights committed by, or attributable to, international organisations and their staff. Papers are invited on the basis of abstracts of no more

than 500 words. For more information, visit: [conference HRILD](#).

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**21. CfA:International Conference Sound of Africa (EU-Africa Strategy – a way out of poverty?), 22-23 June 2006, Vienna, Austria**

The conference is organised by Austrian EU-Platform of Non-Governmental Development Organisations in collaboration with CONCORD, the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development. The stakeholders of development cooperation will discuss the impact, opportunities and challenges of the EU-Africa strategy and develop recommendations for making this strategy work for all African people. TRIALOG will consider to support the travel and accommodation costs of up to two participants per country from the new EU member states which are still not CONCORD members and the EU accession countries. They have to come from NGOs already working on this theme. Applicants should complete the [Application form for participants](#) in events and send it to TRIALOG Policy Officer Lada Parizkova at: [trialog@concordeurope.org](mailto:trialog@concordeurope.org).

[from TRIALOG]

**22. CfA:Together for the Future-Forum on Civil Society Cooperation of EU and Russia, 17-18 November 2006, Lahti, Finland (follow-up programme 19-20 November 2006, Saint-Petersburg, Russia)**

The aim of the forum, organized by Finland-Russia Society and Aleksanteri Institute from Helsinki University, is to gather NGOs from EU countries cooperating with Russia and their Russian partners to Lahti during Finland's EU chairmanship - to introduce NGOs co-operating with Russia to each other and to Russian NGOs, to give NGOs a forum for bringing forward their views and creating their own agenda concerning different issues in EU – Russia dialogue, to produce mutual partnership, networks and create project ideas for future cooperation and to produce recommendations to EU about developing co-operation between NGOs and contacts with citizens. For more information, visit [Finland-Russia Society's website](#).

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#### IV. Publications

**23. European Court of Human Rights: HUDOC CD-ROM**

The April issue of CD-ROM, that comprises judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, resolutions of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, and decisions and reports of the former EC of Human Rights, will soon be available. An annual subscription of 150 Euro covers 3 CD-ROMs or DVDs (April, August and December editions), one copy sent every four months giving access to the latest texts. Each edition comprises all the texts up to the end of the month of the edition. For more information, visit: [www.echr.coe.int/hudoccd](http://www.echr.coe.int/hudoccd).

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**24. King Baudouin Foundation: Achieving Media Responsibility in Multicultural Societies**

The publication "Achieving Media Responsibility in Multicultural Societies" has been elaborated on the basis of the materials and opinions arising from an international conference held in Sofia, in 2005 within the framework of the 'Minority Rights in Practice in SEE' project initiated by the King Baudouin Foundation. This resource pack of information material and advocacy briefs consists of 5 leaflets. The first three deal with the international legal standards, with a regional cross section of the issues concerned and with effective practices of interaction between media, media structures and citizen organisations. The last two leaflets provide recommendations addressed to media, media regulatory bodies, national and international institutions and non-governmental organisations and set out principles for journalists and editors for ethical and professional coverage of ethnic issues. To download the publication, go [here](#).

[from Roma in ex-Yugoslavia]

**25. CampaignCreator**

This free tool provides the skills, information and tools you need to start an effective campaign to make a difference in your community, get others on board with your idea and raise your issue with the right people. The application can be used quickly and easily to create your own website, e-newsletters, online surveys and e-petitions. The CampaignCreator application will also create your offline campaigning materials like leaflets and posters. For more information, visit: [www.campaigncreator.org](http://www.campaigncreator.org).

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**26. Pesticide Action Network Germany (PAN Germany): The Myth of Safe Fruit and Vegetables**

Since March 2005 the regulation on the harmonisation of pesticide residues levels in food (EU-Regulation 396/2005) requires special protection of children and the unborn. Newly published PAN Germany Briefing "The Myth of Safe Fruit and Vegetables" reveals that many maximum residue levels still put children at risk. PAN Germany warns that there are still some open questions regarding this issue and that neither the responsible European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) nor the European Commission published any information to answer them. The 12-page Briefing can be downloaded [here](#) or from a new pesticide residue website <http://www.pesticide-residues.org/downloads.html>. For further information contact, [info@pan-germany.org](mailto:info@pan-germany.org).

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**27. INTRAC: Newsletter**

Monthly newsletter "e-trac" offers updates about INTRAC activities, links to the latest Ontrac newsletter, which contains articles on current NGO themes and updates on INTRAC activities (published three times a year), information about training courses and much more. To subscribe, go to: [INTRAC's bulletin](#).

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