



## **EDITORIAL**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Happy New Year 2008 to all of you! Before the merited holidays, December was a very busy month for all of us. Among others it marked another International Volunteer day on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. AVSO marked the occasion by launching the Invisible Heroes Campaign. During last month 2 different lobby campaigns regarding 2001 as European Year of Volunteering and the IYV+10 of the United Nations have kicked off, you can read more in this issue.

In addition, AVSO continues to grow as a Network and the recruitment process has been reopened, please be aware, that this year due to the early General Assembly in June, it will be shorter than usual and the deadline for applicants has been established as of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008. If you are interested in becoming an AVSO member, please contact Helena Ruiz Fabra ([helena@avso.org](mailto:helena@avso.org)) for more information.

In addition to our own internal network, we believe it is crucial to promote voluntary service in other networks and to cooperate with other networks to receive more input for the sector. With this consideration in mind, AVSO became member of CIVICUS, and it promises to be a very fruitful cooperation. You can read more on this impressive network in this edition as well.

2008 promises to be as busy, if not more than 2007! We are planning a series of seminars and conferences to build capacity in the voluntary service sector, to generate and spread knowledge, to contribute to the 2008 European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and to empower organisations in different ways. Look out on our website and in the newsletter for the AVSO 2008 seminars, and make sure you register early, as the available places do fill up quickly.

Enjoy the Newsletter!!!

The AVSO team

## **AVSO-THIS MONTH.**

### **AVSO launched the Invisible Heroes Campaign on 5<sup>th</sup> December!**

To mark the International Volunteer Day in 2007, AVSO launched the European "Invisible Heroes" campaign to collect as many photos of serving volunteers as possible during 12 months. The campaign kicks off on the International Volunteer Day of 2007 and runs for twelve months, until the 5th December 2008! This visual campaign will help us put a "real-life feel" to our lobbying efforts; it will hopefully demonstrate the magnitude of voluntary service in Europe, showcase the different people who volunteer and the different projects, and convince key decision makers to give the issue more attention.

The purpose of the campaign is to get recognition for all those many hundreds of thousands of volunteers serving daily in Europe, the "Invisible Heroes" of our societies. Every volunteer should be recognised for his/her contribution to society, the time and energy they invest in helping others and making Europe a better place to live!

We ask volunteers serving currently and during the next 12 months in Europe to send us their photo to [invisibleheroes@avso.org](mailto:invisibleheroes@avso.org), specifying the project and city of the service as well as their name. In the first phase of this visual campaign we will collect the photos and up-load them to a separate website linked from the AVSO website. As soon as the special "Invisible Heroes" campaign website is up and running volunteers and their organisations can up-load their own photos directly to the site.

Please encourage your volunteers to participate and spread the information that will be arriving during the campaign!!!! [www.avso.org](http://www.avso.org)

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Training- Mainstreaming and facilitating Intercultural Dialogue in Volunteering and Voluntary service**

2008 will be the EU year of Intercultural Dialogue and to get involved and contribute, AVSO is organising a seminar on how to mainstream Intercultural Dialogue in Volunteering Programmes and Projects with special attention to Voluntary Service schemes. It will take place at the Budapest Youth Centre in Hungary, next October 2008.

Intercultural Dialogue is present in volunteering and voluntary service in particular through different dimensions: internationally and nationally.

The seminar will have a basic theoretical approach, aiming at clarifying issues and definitions around intercultural dialogue, learning and competences. It will also have a more practical part, in which we will elaborate techniques, tools and approaches to ensure, that the volunteer experience fully exploits its potential for facilitating intercultural learning and development. We will explore how to ensure intercultural dialogue through volunteering activities, and especially fostering the awareness about it in the volunteers themselves, and their environment. There will be occasion for participants to showcase the best practices represented at the seminar (programmes and projects) and multiple opportunities to interact among them. Moreover, the outcomes of the Training will be display in an AVSO publication.

Trainers and facilitators will include experts on intercultural dialogue from United Nations Volunteers, Promente, SALTO youth RC Cultural Diversity and different NGOs.

All AVSO Trainings respond to the learning necessities of the participants. We work on the basis of their requirements expressed through an interactive process. Their views are use to design the final programme and showcases.

AVSO is submitting an application to the Youth in Action Programme for the 1st February deadline in Budapest, Hungary. Please see below some information on the seminar:

The maximum number of participants is 35. If you are interested, please contact directly Helena Ruiz Fabra in order to have the full details about participation at [helena@avso.org](mailto:helena@avso.org) no later than **28th January**.

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: IMPROVE, enhancing the quality of Youth in Action applications and projects**

After the highly successful seminar in July 2007, which explored the new Youth in Action programme with experts from Europe and speakers from the European Commission, the Executive Agency and National Agencies, AVSO is organising a more in depth seminar about the specific quality aspects of the YiA programme. In the follow-up of the previous seminar, AVSO presented a so-called "Wishlist" to the European Commission, which was the results of the discussions and the conclusions of the seminar. The European Commission has indeed revised the Users Guide and it is great to see, that quite a few suggestions were taken on board. Therefore it is a good timing to clarify many issues around quality, both during the application phase, between the partnership and during the implementation of the projects. Special emphasis will be given to Action 2, but the seminar will focus on the Youth in Action Programme in General. The seminar will take place in

Brussels in July 2008, and if you are interested, please contact Bengi Uguz ([bengi@avso.org](mailto:bengi@avso.org)) for more information.

### **AVSO becomes a CIVICUS member**

CIVICUS, the World Alliance for Citizen Participation is an international alliance of members and partners which constitute an influential network of organisations at the local, national, regional and international levels, and span the spectrum of civil society including: civil society networks and organisations; trade unions; faith-based networks; professional associations; NGO capacity development organisations; philanthropic foundations and other funding bodies; businesses; and social responsibility programmes. CIVICUS has worked for over a decade to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world, especially in areas where participatory democracy and citizens' freedom of association are threatened.

CIVICUS has a vision of a global community of active, engaged citizens committed to the creation of a more just and equitable world. This is premised on the belief that the health of societies exists in direct proportion to the degree of balance between the state, the private sector and civil society. CIVICUS provides a focal point for knowledge-sharing, common interest representation, global institution-building and engagement among these disparate sectors. It acts as an advocate for citizen participation as an essential component of governance and democracy worldwide. CIVICUS seeks to amplify the voices and opinions of ordinary people and it gives expression to the enormous creative energy of the burgeoning sector of civil society.

Originally based in Washington, DC, USA, CIVICUS has now established its global headquarters in Johannesburg, South Africa.

We decided to join CIVICUS as a first organisation active in voluntary service, to promote the values and effects of voluntary service towards other areas of civil society and the third sector. We recognize the high level of quality that CIVICUS stands for, and hope not only to be able to actively contribute to such a strong global network, but also get benefits for being a member of course not only for the AVSO secretariat but for the whole membership concerning information, new global partners and as an important lobby tool. Read more about CIVICUS at

<http://www.civicus.org/new/default.asp>

### **European Year 2011 Lobby Campaign starting January 2008**

AVSO together with other European Platforms held a meeting during the last months in order to promote 2011 as the European Year of Volunteering. These lobby efforts are completely independent to those held to establish this same year as International Year for Volunteering + 10 (IYV +10) by the United Nations. The objective is to mark a European Year dedicated entirely to volunteering, thus drawing the attention of European Stakeholders to the issue, enable for structured dialogue and to thereby point to the importance of the issue. The lobby action will be carried out at both European level by the Network organisations and through the members at national level. The help and support of the local, national NGOs will be crucial in building enough pressure to convince both

national decision makers and European policy makers to accept to mark 2011 or the following year as the European Year of volunteering.

There are still open questions about the choice for the year between 2011 and 2012. At this point, the platforms have drafted a declaration together that will be spread through our networks, together with a guide to lobby prepared by AVSO. The next meeting will be in Brussels at the end of January. If you would like to receive more information, please contact us to the email address [helena@avso.org](mailto:helena@avso.org).

### **OPEN – 2008 new members' recruitment**

AVSO is an open network, and we continue to enrich it by enlarging it. The recruitment process for new members is once again open, and in case you want to join AVSO, you have to complete the process before the end of May 2008, otherwise you will have to wait until the first semester in 2009. AVSO is open for all non-profit (non-governmental or public) organisations which have an interest in the development and promotion of long-term voluntary service in Europe.

We would be very glad to welcome new organisations in the course of our activities. As our next General Assembly will be held in June, in this edition the **deadline for applicants is 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008**. You can check the procedure in our website ([http://www.avso.org/members/members\\_join.html](http://www.avso.org/members/members_join.html)) or you can request further information at [helena@avso.org](mailto:helena@avso.org). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

### **MEMBERS' CORNER**

#### **ICJA e.V among the first set of organisations approved for running "WELTWÄRTS" programme from JANUARY 2008 – article by Stephan Langenberg**

"Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are glad to inform you about the new funded German voluntary program "weltwärts" (world-wards) introduced and financed by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is starting in January 2008.

The targeted dimension of this new sending program is huge. About 10 000 young people are supposed to be financed with 70 million Euros. In the first year of pilot phase, the Federal Ministry tries to enable more than 2 000 volunteers to stay abroad for at least 6 up to 24 months. The focus will be on developing countries of the OECD list. The target group is young German citizens between 18 and 28 years of age having passed the qualifying to higher education or having completed a vocational training after graduating from school. Civil service for young men will also be possible with this new program. Each project, the volunteers will work for, needs to be approved by two ministries and needs to be in an environmental, social, educational or an agricultural field. The BMZ demands 25 days of compulsory seminars, divided in an orientation and preparation phase, a mid-term seminar and a seminar for returnees. Each volunteer will be supported by the government with 580,- Euros per month, which covers up 75% of the accumulating costs. As an equivalent, the government department expects from the returning participants further engagement in development information, education work and support in broadcasting what they have gained during their time abroad.

With „weltwärts“ there will be two main important differences regarding voluntary service as it used to be. In the first place, financial barriers that existed in the past (especially for young women) with the "informal" volunteer service will be reduced. Secondly, the BMZ will put particular attention to applications from young people with low-income background.

All in all, the program is a sign for a new public acceptance of voluntary service as an important life and learns experience.

ICJA Voluntary Exchange worldwide ([www.icja.de](http://www.icja.de)) is one of the first approved organizations, starting in January to send volunteers abroad with the new program. Though "weltwärts" is intended to be a pure sending program, we will stick to our idea of exchange and keep our hosting program with circa 50-60 international volunteers each year in Germany. ICJA will promote the implementation of a reverse program after the pilot-phase of three years. For further information check: [www.weltwaerts.de](http://www.weltwaerts.de)"

### **ICP Partneriaeth - Call for participants: Seminar on disability access to EVS, Cardiff 12-15 February 2008**

AVSO member, **ICP Partneriaeth**, has been asked by the UK National Agency for EVS to facilitate a seminar on disability access to EVS early in 2008. The UK National Agency is funding the seminar through their Training and Cooperation Plan. The event will be held in Cardiff, Wales 12-15 February 2008.

ICP are approaching this seminar from the point of view of promoting Disability Equality (rather than just disability "awareness") and an understanding of the social model of disability. As such, they will be drawing on best practice, speakers and trainers from organisations in Wales who have won a well-earned international reputation for representing disabled people.

The EVS trainers will be Andy and Ann Bevan from ICP Partneriaeth, who have a wealth of experience, having hosted, sent and trained EVS volunteers since 1997. They are particularly hoping to attract participants who:

- a) Have already hosted and sent disabled EVS volunteers and who want to expand the number and quality of such possibilities through contact-making
- b) Have experience of EVS hosting and sending and now want to become active in hosting and/or sending disabled volunteers

The UK NA will provide hotel accommodation and food. Travel costs should be applied for to the participant's National Agency. For further information at this stage please contact **Andy Bevan** ([icpwales@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:icpwales@ukonline.co.uk)).

### **DISCOVER the new AVSO Members- in this issue PRAXIS and LEGAMBIENTE**

In 2007, AVSO started its new member's recruitment campaign by launching **a call for membership on AVSO's Newsletter AVSO'S 27-The unity makes us stronger**. The campaign settled a very ambitious objective, namely to become 27 full members by the end of 2008. As a result of such campaign and of the increasing activities we had the pleasure to ratify during our to six new members , namely: Noborders based in The Netherlands, ARCI Servizio Civile based in Italy, PRAXIS based Greece, LEGAMBIENTE based in Italy and CIU based in Sweden, Unis-Cité based in France. Moreover, we were very glad that the historical membership of EIL in AVSO has been renewed by EIL Ireland and EIL Germany.

We propose to meet our new Members in this section in the next issues; we would like to present you this month: PRAXIS and LEGAMBIENTE.



**PRAXIS** <http://praxisgreece.org>

PRAXIS is a youth non-governmental organization in Serres, in North Greece which has activities in culture , media and environmental fields. It was founded in 1995 in order to offer a broad spectrum of cultural activities to the town youth and involve them in cultural

issues. PRAXIS works as a sending and a hosting EVS organization since 1998 and co-operates with the municipal cultural centre of Serres, several Greek universities, local University, UNESCO, the cultural ministry, General Secretary for Youth, Ecological groups, and other institutions. The main office with the radio station "Rodon FM" in the center of Serres co-operates with PRAXIS. It broadcasts current news and information about all kinds of events in Serres as well as long music broadcasts with Greek and international quality music. Radio Rodon Fm gives young people the possibility to make their own broadcasts; everybody can come and play music. Furthermore we run the Youth Information Center in Serres and a computer laboratory where Praxis creates cd rom and web sites.

*Media and communication is one of main activities.* The mission of Praxis is to provide opportunities at the pan-European and Mediterranean level to all young people without discrimination, prejudice or exclusion.



LEGAMBIENTE (*League for the environment*) born in 1980 and nowadays is the most widespread environmentalist association in Italy. It is formed by 1.000 local clubs, 20 regional committees, about 30.000 school groups and over 115.000 among single members and supporters.

As tools for its lobby work for environment at different levels (public institutions, authorities, media, public opinion), Legambiente carries out information and awareness campaigns and organises actions of environmental voluntary work involving thousands people. Legambiente promotes solidarity and co-operation and it is active in emergency and first aid activities. The association is committed with thousands among school kids and teachers to diffuse environmental education in the school and in society. It happens also to promote demonstrations and to take strong political position, even though the association has no links with political parties and touches public money only through projects and initiatives.

Legambiente promotes long term voluntary service in Italy and abroad. In Italy there are several permanent voluntary centres hosting all the year long all-aged volunteers, some of them included in the European Voluntary Service programme.

*The Member's Corner is a free space at AVSO Newsletter for all Members and their staff. You can post press releases; adverts for your activities, contributions, statements, reflections about the situation at your organisation or your country, etc. For contribution to the Member's corner, please contact Helena Ruiz Fabra at [helena@avso.org](mailto:helena@avso.org)*

## **NEWS FROM EUROPE**

### **Marian Harkin report on volunteering activities sparked off enormous interest at the EP**

MEP Marian Harkin presented her report on volunteering activities last 18<sup>th</sup> December at the EP during the Regional Committee Meeting. The report sparked off an enormous interest; proof of it was that MEPs had a long list of requests for interventions. It has been for a long time that an issue sparked off the attention of the Members in such way.

The Members who could intervene widely praised the work of Mrs Harkin and the adequacy of its content. Some members wanted to pinpoint the solidarity and the Human dimension that volunteering means for the ones are involved.

The comments were aiming to reinforce the ideas that Mrs Harkin defended during her report: about the participation of individuals in the community through volunteering and the encouragement of social responsibility in companies.

As well Mrs. Kallenbach, cofounder of the Interest Group on Volunteering underlined that the European Commission and the Council have been very active when promoting youth volunteering but we should not forget the useful tool that it is for older people. Other members supported these arguments asking for a more intergenerational approach in volunteering activities.

Other comments concerned more protection of volunteers in issues such insurances and health protection during their service. Furthermore they named the importance of mentoring programmes and e-volunteering opportunities.

Mrs. Harkin displays in her report contribution of volunteering to Social cohesion and recommend: " to ensure that volunteering is recognised as a contribution to co-financing projects benefiting from European Funding; Ensure that the Economic Value of Volunteering is included in national Accounts as reliable information; Promote intergenerational volunteering and in particular programmes for senior volunteers; promote service learning; find ways and mechanisms of ensuring that volunteers from socially marginalised groups can fully participate in and take ownership of volunteering projects".

The report was largely approved and will be voted on Plenary next February/March.

If you are interested in receiving the report and more information about the session please write to [helena@avso.org](mailto:helena@avso.org)

### **Draft Opinion of Committee of the Regions: The Contribution of Volunteering to economic and Social Cohesion.**

Declan McDonnell was appointed early September as rapporteur of the Committee on the Regions with the mission to write an opinion regarding the contribution that volunteering have on the economic and social cohesion. The opinion concerns activities carried out in free will, in the benefit of someone other than the volunteer and without financial reward. A specify formal, non-formal, full-time or part time as example voluntary service.

Declan McDonnell meet in with different stakeholders and with AVSO. In our opinion, the text proposed by McDonnell is a very important step at the EU level, not only for the relevant of the remarks regarding volunteering as a key for social inclusion, fighting against poverty, producing dialogue and a contribution to the Lisbon Agenda; but as well for the recommendations that the paper addresses to the Institutions.

The Opinion underlines the lack of Research and Statistical Data and recommended to the Member States to collect accurate statistical information on volunteer involvement and welcome the commitment to implement the UN Handbook on Non-Profit Institutions in the System of National Accounts. Moreover, it considers that issues regarding the legal status of volunteers.

As a new feature, it warns about the risk to see the volunteering policy at the EU reduces to Youth policy, when one of the realities of volunteering is that it works for all the ages.

The Document it is still a draft open to amendments till the 28 January and that will be present at the Plenary Session early February. You can request the draft to [helena@avso.org](mailto:helena@avso.org)

### **New Youth in Action guide published for 2008.**

The Programme Guide is a tool for anybody who would like to participate in the Youth in Action Programme. It includes the necessary information about the priorities, actions and main features of the Programme as well as the criteria and conditions on how to participate. The new version is currently available in English only; this new version is valid from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. You can check the new guide:

[http://ec.europa.eu/youth/yia/guide2008/yia\\_programme\\_guide08\\_en.doc](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/yia/guide2008/yia_programme_guide08_en.doc)

### **Lifelong Learning Info days 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January.**

The EACEA organise two info days regarding the Lifelong Learning programme on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January. Travel and accommodation are on your own expenses. If you are interested, please register at: <http://infodays.intbase.com/>

### **European Economic and Social Committee welcome the Commission interest on its Social Economy Study.**

The EESC organised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December a seminar called "Social Economy: a key sector for growth and jobs" to launch the study about Social Economy in the EU. Read more:

<http://eesc.europa.eu/events/social-economy/index-en.asp>

### **Flash Eurobarometer: three in four EU citizens welcome dialogue with other cultures!!!**

Almost three quarters of EU citizens believe that people with a different background (ethnic, religious or national) enrich the cultural life of their country, only a quarter of citizens disagree with that idea. The most important outcomes of the survey can be resumed: a) Day-to-day interaction among people belonging to different cultures is a reality in Europe b). A large majority of EU citizens believe that people with a different background (ethnic, religious or national) enrich the cultural life of their country. c) The dominant feeling in the EU is that intercultural dialogue is beneficial, while carrying on domestic cultural traditions is equally important d) Europeans attribute a variety of meanings to the expression "Intercultural dialogue in Europe"; most of these are closely related to the core concept, and are positive. e) There is a reasonable interest for the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. To read more:

[http://ec.europa.eu/public\\_opinion/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/index_en.htm)

### **European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 was launched!!!**

Last December the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue was launched in a ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. The event also marked the launch of the website [www.dialogue2008.eu](http://www.dialogue2008.eu) The European Year aims to contribute to mutual understanding and better living together. It will explore the benefits of cultural diversity, active civic participation in European affairs and seek to foster a sense of European belonging. For the first time it is a joint initiative of the European Union, the Member States and European civil society. The Slogan for the Year is Bring the peoples of Europe 'Together in Diversity'.

### **European Commission produced a multimedia yearbook.**

The EC has produced a multimedia yearbook presenting the 10 main achievements in 2007. Each achievement is presented by a short text and a video clip.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BRIEFING**

**ENLARGE YOUR VISION – Competition for European young journalist.** The Commission's Directorate-General for Enlargement in cooperation with the European Youth Press association launched today a pan-European competition for young journalists from

all over Europe. The objective of the competition is to encourage young journalists to reflect and express their views on the European Union's enlargement policy. If you are aged between 17-27 and you are from one of the EU Members States or the candidates or potential candidates to become Member (Balkans and Turkey) you can participate till the next 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The winners will travel through the Balkans. You can find more information in the website:

<http://www.eujournalist-award.eu/>

### **European Socialist Party launches a Public consultation in order to draft a manifesto for its political Programme 2009-2014.**

It is the first time that any European party is holding such consultation. It is aiming to ensure that the final version represents and gather the ideas and concerns of citizens; trade unions, party members and civil society. The consultation is focus on some themes:

- a) Save our planet (climate change, energy and sustainable development agenda.
- b) New Social Europe (particularly the social, economic and employment agenda)
- c) European democracy and diversity (how to improve democracy and fundamental rights in the EU)
- d) Europe in the world.

AVSO members are able to contribute through the PES website ([www.pes.org](http://www.pes.org)) or you can contact the project manager Alexandra Pardal ( [manifesto2009@pes.org](mailto:manifesto2009@pes.org) )

### **ESODOC**

ESoDoc is the right workshop for documentary film makers, new media professionals and NGO field workers, who want to experiment the new boundaries of audiovisual production. You should be interested in working in developing countries, with citizen's activism, to use the media for human rights and environmental protection. **Application deadline for ESoDoc 2008: 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

<http://www.esodoc.eu/>

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND TENDERS**

**Call for proposals of projects on integration of third-country nationals.** Last 2007 was approved the decision establishing the *European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals* for the period 2007 – 2013 as part of the general programme 'Solidarity and management of migration flows'. The European Commission's DG Justice, Liberty and Security (JLS) have now opened the 2007 call for proposals. **The deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008.** This call for proposals is open to national, regional and local authorities registered in any of the 26 Member States participating in the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals, Non Governmental Organisations, public or private bodies (including university departments, research centres), as well as international organisations, working on a strictly non-profit basis, with proven experience and expertise in the fields, taking into account their respective competences.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/integration/funding\\_integration\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/integration/funding_integration_en.htm)

**Citizenship - Connecting people throughout Europe.** The deadlines for submission of applications under the new program "Europe for Citizens" for funding request from 2008 on are scheduled as follows:

- Civil society projects. Deadline for submission **15<sup>th</sup> February 2008.** For activities taken place between the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- Action 4- Active European Remembrance projects, deadline for submission the **30<sup>th</sup> April 2008** for projects between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009.

More Information: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding_en.htm)

### **European Youth Foundation.**

**Category B.** In this category the European Youth Foundation (EYF) may support, for example: specialised publications (such as training manuals); newsletters or magazines produced by international youth organisations or networks; information campaigns; exhibitions and the production of audio-visual materials etc; the development of web sites or the production of CD-Roms; the production of posters, badges and stickers; research projects on youth-related issues. In the same category, the EYF can also grant study visits enabling youth organisations and networks to make new contacts in Europe and thus extend partnerships and develop co-operation. Priority will be given to projects using new information technologies and those with an innovative nature. The next deadline for applications is: **1<sup>st</sup> April 2008** for activities taking place between 1 January and 30 June 2009.

**Category C and C bis** 2008 administrative grant applications. (Notice that only youth NGOs having received an EYF grant for 2008 are eligible to apply for an administrative grant) Deadline is **1<sup>st</sup> February 2008**.

**Category A.** It is an international youth meeting, which can take the form of a seminar, conference, workshop, camp, festival, etc. The next deadline for applications is **1st April 2008** for activities taking place between the 1st January and the 30th June 2009.

<http://www.eyf.coe.int/fej/>

### **Lifelong Learning. The main deadlines are:**

Comenius, Grundtvig: Mobility 31 January 2008

Leonardo da Vinci: Mobility 8 February 2008

Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: Partnerships 15 February 2008

Jean Monnet programme 15 February 2008

Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig: Multilateral projects, Networks and Accompanying Measures 29 February 2008

Erasmus: Mobility 14 March 2008

Leonardo da Vinci: Transfer of Innovation multilateral projects 14 March 2008

Transversal programmes 31 March 2008

**AVSO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TABLE.** At the beginning of last year, AVSO published a funding table for the period 2007-2013. Please, notice that it is still published in the Youthnetworks and in the AVSO documents page.

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