NOUVELLES D’ENAR

- ENAR présente le rapport alternatif 2010-2011 au Parlement européen

The European Network Against Racism (ENAR) is delighted to invite you to the launch event of ENAR’s 2010-2011 Shadow Report on racism in Europe on Thursday 22 March 2012, 10.30 – 13.00, in the European Parliament in Brussels, which will be hosted by the European Parliament’s Anti-racism and Diversity Intergroup. ENAR’s 2010-11 Shadow Report on racism in Europe is a unique mechanism to collect and present the views of civil society on the state of racism in EU member states and across Europe. It draws on national shadow reports produced by ENAR members across the EU member states and highlights many worrying trends and few improvements in the situation of racism in Europe. Pour en savoir plus

- Communiqué: le directeur d’ENAR reçoit une menace de mort anonyme

Michaël Privot, Director of ENAR, received a death threat following his participation in a live web-chat on freedom of expression, organised by Belgian weekly magazine Le Vif/L'Express on 28 February 2012. The threat against ENAR's director was posted anonymously on the magazine's webpage. He has lodged a complaint today for incitement to racial hatred and violence. The European Network Against Racism is very concerned by this manifestation of racial hatred and violence, and calls the Belgian judiciary to take the necessary measures to prevent incitement to hatred now and in the future. The proliferation of hate speech on internet platforms makes clear the need for systematic and preventative measures. Pour en savoir plus

- ENAR Irlande publie un communiqué en réaction à la menace de mort qui souligne la nécessité de légiférer en matière de crime raciste

In light of this threat, the Irish Network Against Racism (ENAR Ireland) reiterates its call on the Irish Government to reform the criminal law to deal with racist crime, including incitement against hatred. Catherine Lynch, National Coordinator said, “Reports of racist incidents received by the Irish Network Against Racism indicate the urgent need for action by Government on racially motivated crimes. Many of the commitments made by successive governments to protecting people from racially motivated crime, have not been met. We should not think that because this particular incident happened in Belgium, that it could not happen in Ireland. Activists and others who speak out against racism have been targeted here also. Only last month for example, Aodhan Ó Riordáin, Labour TD, became the target of hate mail, after he stood up against racist comments by a fellow politician, Cllr. Darren Scully.” Pour en savoir plus

- ENAR publie des recommandations pour les politiques de financement européen en matière d’affaires intérieures

ENAR and a coalition of civil society organisations active in the area of migration and asylum presented key joint recommendations on the European Commission's proposals for funding EU policies in the area of
Pour en savoir plus

• Centre Wiesenthal: « De graves moqueries antisémites au club de football Kaiserslautern requièrent une réaction exemplaire »

In a letter to UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) President, Michel Platini, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre's Director for International Relations, Dr. Shimon Samuels, expressed "shock at the intensity of antisemitic taunts on Sunday 26th February towards Israeli player, Itay Schechter, at a training match of his current club, Kaiserslautern, following its 4-0 defeat by Mainz". Samuels stressed that "the abuse included 'Seig Heil' salutes, 'Heil Hitler' and chants of 'Join the 6 million' (i.e. Holocaust victims)"

The letter noted that "the family of Schechter being Holocaust survivors from Romania, he drew attention when he donned a 'Kippa' skullcap and briefly prayed midfield, on scoring his game winning goal during a 2010 UEFA Champions League match against Red Bull Saltzburg", adding that "he later explained that the 'kippa' was given to him by a Tel Aviv fan suffering from cancer and the gesture marked a vindication on Austrian soil against its Nazi past".

Pour en savoir plus

• L’Agence fédérale allemande anti-discrimination proclame « L’année thématique contre la discrimination liée à l’âge »

In collaboration with many celebrities from film industry, literature, music industry and politics, the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency (FADA) has launched a number of events and initiatives to kick-off the thematic year entitled 'Prime-age. Always'. An opinion poll, recently conducted by Forsa (German society for social research and statistical analysis) upon request by the FADA, showed that one out of five Germans has already experienced age discrimination - even in spite of the fact that discrimination on grounds of age has been prohibited by law in Germany. A large number of celebrities provide support to the FADA in its thematic year.

Pour en savoir plus

• Le Forum Européen de la Jeunesse informe que des médiateurs pourraient peut-être bientôt représenter les besoins des jeunes aux Nations Unies

The World Future Council, who works towards Future Justice, has proposed the introduction of an Ombudsperson for Future Generations at the United Nations. Ombudspersons are liaisons between politicians, NGOs and citizens that are a “voice of legal authority” who have the power to enforce the implementation of policies and goals over the long term. Although there are already Ombudspersons representing young people at various organisations, the World Future Council's campaign to launch them at such a far-reaching institution such as the United Nations will help ensure that ideas for policies on youth issues will in fact be brought to a reality. According to Jakob von Uexküll, chairman of the Council “... a fully independent Ombudsperson of this type, who could communicate with the public and submit proposals based on these interactions, would make the UN more democratic, accountable and open.”

Pour en savoir plus

PROJETS POSITIFS POUR ENCOURAGER LA DIVERSITE

• Créer des espaces pour la jeunesse musulmane au Royaume-Uni

Many young people of immigrant backgrounds do not feel like they are truly a part of the UK and struggle to reconcile the identities they received from their parents with those they encounter at work or school. Jawaab, a new grassroots organisation, is giving young British Pakistanis the tools to integrate the two by
providing them with safe spaces for dialogue. Statistics show that the age profile of British Muslims is significantly younger than the overall population, which means addressing cultural issues and those of national identity among Muslim youth in the UK is essential. Youth are encouraged to discuss the values they receive from their parents and the values they glean from work or school through these projects. Jawaab provides a space that is safe for youth through social media, multimedia and events. Pour en savoir plus

**NOUVELLES D’EUROPE**

- **France: Sarkozy exclut tout geste envers les musulmans notamment au sujet de la viande halal à l’école**

The issue of France’s Muslims moved front and center into the presidential campaign with the incumbent, Nicolas Sarkozy, excluding on Saturday 3 March any special indulgences for halal meat or separate swimming hours for Muslim women in public pools. Echoing his 2007 campaign, Sarkozy insisted that French civilization must prevail in France. He created France’s first Ministry of Immigration and National Identity after being elected, but has since done away with it. Muslims, and immigration, are constant themes in recent French presidential races, but the topic is rising to the fore with vehemence as the April 22 first-round vote nears — 50 days from now. The final round is May 6. Critics say Sarkozy is ogling supporters of extreme-right candidate Marine Le Pen, who is third in polls after front-runner Francois Hollande, a Socialist, and the conservative president. Pour en savoir plus

- **Hongrie : l’écrivain Akos Kertesz cherche l’asile politique au Canada**

Award-winning Hungarian-Jewish writer Akos Kertesz has confirmed that he has applied for political asylum in Canada. Harassment and threats following the author’s controversial statements last summer about Hungary’s role in the Holocaust have led him to seek asylum in Canada, the Hungarian News Agency reported. Kertesz, 80, the winner of the Hungary’s most prestigious literary prize, the Kossuth, left for Canada last week (end of February). Kertesz’s news service said in a statement released to the media that “a political campaign was mounted against him, not only by the Budapest city hall but also from within the government and parliament.” Writing in the American Hungarian-language newspaper Amerikai Nepszava, Kertesz said that Hungarians alone can now be blamed for the Holocaust because they, unlike the Germans, have failed to admit and to repent for their crimes. Pour en savoir plus

**INSTITUTIONS EUROPEENNES**

- **L’Union européenne apprend les dangers de la « communication virale » sur internet**

The European Commission was left red-faced on Tuesday 6 March after a video clip meant to promote the benefits of enlargement was interpreted by several viewers as being xenophobic. The short clip, entitled ‘growing together’, features an attractive woman, representing a peaceful Europe. An Asian man springs from the rafters dressed in martial arts gear, a turbaned-Sultan levitates with a long curved sword and a dread-locked black man kicks down the door and somersaults over to her. Whereupon ‘Europe’, dressed head-to-toe in yellow, takes a deep breath and multiplies herself so she is surrounding them. Then they all sit in a big circle. The many Europes on the outside and the three would-be aggressors in the middle. After which the three men disappear and the woman - all 12 of her - morphs into the stars of the European Union flag. The clip ends with the line “the more we are the stronger we are,” alluding to the fact that EU is going to take on its 28th member this year (Croatia), and several more countries are due to enter in future. Costing €127,000 to make, and approved by officials in the commission’s enlargement department, the short ad was designed for audiences of 16-24 years and is supposed to portray enlargement positively. But the message went awry. Several viewers suggested the ad is xenophobic. Pour en savoir plus
• **Le Parlement européen suit un programme chargé à l’occasion de la Journée internationale de la femme**

La Journée internationale de la femme est célébrée aux quatre coins du globe le 8 mars. A cette occasion, le Parlement européen organise une table ronde entre eurodéputés et parlementaires nationaux sur le thème de la discrimination salariale entre hommes et femmes. Les groupes politiques vont également préparer la session plénière qui se déroulera la semaine prochaine (semaine du 12 mars). Les députés seront amenés à voter sur un accord international concernant le cacao, sur la réforme de la loi électorale au Parlement européen, et les rapports sur les processus d’adhésion de l’Islande, la Bosnie-Herzégovine et l’ancienne République yougoslave de Macédoine. [Pour en savoir plus](#)

• **Le Ministre de la Justice danois cherche à renforcer la coopération Schengen et à relever les défis de l’Union en matière d’asile**

C’est le 8 mars 2012 que se tient la première réunion formelle du Conseil Justice et Affaires intérieures sous les auspices de la présidence danoise. Participant à cette réunion, qui a lieu à Bruxelles, les ministres de l’intérieur et de l’intégration des États membres ainsi que la commissaire européenne en charge des affaires intérieures. La présence des directeurs du Bureau européen d’appui en matière d’asile (EASO) et de l’Agence européenne de la sécurité aux frontières (FRONTEX) est également attendue. En sa qualité de président du Conseil JAI, le ministre de la Justice Morten Bødskov, a choisi d’articuler l’ordre du jour de la réunion autour des points suivants : négociations relatives à la seconde phase du système d’asile européen commun, un nouveau cadre commun pour une solidarité pratique et véritable, renforcement de la gouvernance politique dans le cadre de la coopération Schengen. La présidence danoise espère être soutenue dans sa volonté de mettre en place des discussions semestrielles entre les ministres, le renforcement de la lutte contre l’immigration clandestine, de nouveaux moyens de lutte contre la criminalité organisée. [Pour en savoir plus](#)

• **La Commission presse les États membres à adopter des lois pour attirer les migrants hautement qualifiés et sanctionner les employeurs de migrants non régularisés**

Despite having been warned in July 2011, Austria, Cyprus and Greece have not complied yet with EU rules on work permits for highly qualified migrants. Today, the Commission decided to formally request these States to transpose the rules of the Blue Card Directive, whose deadline for implementation expired on 19 June 2011. At the same time, some EU States are still failing to apply EU rules on sanctions and measures against employers of irregularly-staying migrants. On the 27th of February, the Commission decided to advance infringement proceedings and issue reasoned opinions requesting Belgium, Luxembourg and Sweden to take action. [Pour en savoir plus](#)

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**NATIONS UNIES**


“2011 was a year of substantial challenges to human rights linked to the global economic, climate, energy and food crises, famine in the Horn of Africa, armed conflict, racism and xenophobia, and lingering poverty,” said UN Human Rights Chief, Navi Pillay. “It was also a year when we witnessed the mobilization of civil society contesting repressive power structures and failed forms of governance, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa. In some countries, legitimate demands for freedom, equality and justice were met with extreme violence and repression.” The High Commissioner presented her annual report to the 19th session of the Human Rights Council on 2 March. She highlighted key developments in the work of her office to address global human rights issues. Her presentation was followed by an interactive dialogue with Governments and civil society representatives. [Pour en savoir plus](#)
Les Nations Unies déclarent que la participation des femmes à la scène politique devrait être augmentée et accélérée par la méthode des quotas

The head of the United Nations entity mandated to promote gender equality on 2 March highlighted the role of quotas to accelerate women’s political participation, adding that more hands-on measures are needed to achieve significant progress on this issue. “Today I call for stronger commitment by leaders to increase women’s participation in politics,” said Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), during a press conference in New York. “I encourage countries to use quotas to expand women’s participation in parliament,” she said. “It is also good to open public debate about the right of women to take part in government and to hold public office. Democracy grows stronger with the full and equal participation of women,” she added. Pour en savoir plus

Le droit de choisir pour les personnes en incapacité

“The right to political participation lies at the heart of democracy. It means taking part in decision making on public issues, it means true citizenship and equality. The history of this human right reveals a development from exclusion and denial to gradual recognition of universality and indivisibility,” said Theresia Degener of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. “It is remarkable that it took history until the 21st century to finally extend this right to disabled persons.” The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which requires States parties to promote and protect the political rights of persons with disabilities, heralds a new era for their political participation on equal basis to others in the societies in which they live. A study by the UN Human Rights office, which was presented at an expert panel during the 19th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, uncovers that the majority of States which have adhered to the principles of the CRPD still exclude or restrict the political rights of people with disabilities based on their disability. However, States are required to take appropriate measures to promote an environment in which they can fully take part, directly or indirectly, in the government of their countries, without discrimination and on an equal basis with the rest of the population. Pour en savoir plus

QUESTIONS RELATIVES AUX ROMS

Il faut mettre un terme à la violence anti-Rom en République Tchèque

The European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), Amnesty International and the Hate Is No Solution Coalition, sent a letter on the first March calling for authorities to act against anti-Roma violence in Czech Republic. The organisations are calling on authorities in Czech Republic to take urgent measures to prevent further attacks, to protect Roma from discriminatory violence and to ensure that all attacks are subject to a full and effective investigation. There have been 23 violent attacks that have resulted in three deaths in the last six months, according to media reports. At least 16 anti-Roma rallies have taken place in the last year. And the ERRC is also aware of 11 arson attacks against the homes of Roma families in recent years. Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe recently published his report on the Human Rights of Roma and Travellers in Europe. It drew attention to the violent attacks against Roma in Czech Republic. The ERRC, Amnesty International and the Hate is no Solution Coalition remind the Czech authorities that they have an obligation under international human rights law to ensure the security and physical integrity of its citizens, without discrimination. Pour en savoir plus

Communiqué de Presse : L’Union Rom Internationale accueille favorablement le rapport du Commissaire européen Thomas Hammarberg

International Romani Union welcomes the report made public on 28-th of February 2012 by the European Commissioner for the Human Rights, Thomas Hammarberg. In the same time, International Romani Union supports all statements made by EU leaders to support the Roma community. Referring here to the
President of European Commission Jose Manuel Baroso, and the Vice-President of European Commission Viviane Redding. All these statements are welcome and contain things that really should lead to the improvement of the situation of Roma. Unfortunately, IRU believes that these statements have remained largely at the stage of words which were never put in practice, and what was done is too little. Pour en savoir plus

- **Slovaquie : une étude de la Banque mondiale réfute le mythe de l’aide matérielle d’urgence accordée aux Roms**

The stereotype that Romani people in particular are drawing the kind of welfare benefit known as aid to those in material distress in Slovakia has now been refuted by a World Bank report commissioned by the Slovak Labor Ministry. Most of the Slovak state’s money intended for the poorest members of society, those who are long-term unemployed or who may have never worked, is not being sent to residents in the Romani settlements. Instead, such funds are being sent to individuals who do not have large families on whom they can depend. For the most part, therefore, this particular kind of benefit is not making its way to Romani people, news server Sme.sk reports. The World Bank analyzed the Slovak social welfare system at the request of the Slovak Labor Ministry and found that the demographic profile of those receiving material distress benefits does not correspond to the demographic profile of settlement residents. Bank experts claim that as many as 62% of material distress benefit recipients are childless individuals. Only 3% of those receiving such benefits come from families with more than four children. Pour en savoir plus

**PUBLICATIONS**

- **La Fondation Romedia lance une nouvelle série télévisuelle : « Le monde à travers les yeux des Roms »**

The Romedia Foundation is proud and thrilled to announce that its award winning Mundi Romani series, “The world through Roma eyes” will be returning this year. The new show-reel gives a three minute taster of footage from dozens of different countries showing what Romedia does and how they do it, getting up close and personal with Romani communities everywhere. Plans for filming four films throughout 2012 are already underway as they aim to show the World through Roma eyes. Directed by Budapest-based Romani filmmaker Katalin Barsony, the series was first launched in 2007 and, spanning 28 countries, Mundi Romani was broadcast on Hungarian TV network Duna and was nominated for several awards. UNESCO formally honored the series with its Prize for the Rapprochement of Cultures. Mundi Romani has also won two First Prizes at the My Native Land International Television awards (2008 and 2009) in Ukraine. Pour en savoir plus

- **« Children’s Society » (association de protection des enfants) dénonce l’extrême pauvreté au sein des enfants demandeurs d’asile au Royaume-Uni**

The Children’s Society’s new report ‘I don’t feel human’ reveals that in the UK many asylum-seeking and migrant children are living in extreme poverty for sustained periods of time. Children and families are unable to afford essentials such as food, clothing and medicines or even a place to live. During periods of destitution, children and young people are exposed to danger, violence and abuse. Some young people, to whom the Children’s Society spoke, had self-harmed or attempted suicide, while others had been forced into sexual relationships in exchange for shelter or food. The Children’s Society Policy Director Enver Solomon said: ‘We estimate that thousands of children exist in the shadows of our communities, having their lives damaged by an approach that irresponsibly prioritises immigration control above the best interests of children. (...) Often having fled danger in their country of birth, they are exposed to great dangers in this country because they lack a sufficient safety net. Pour en savoir plus
**ÉVÉNEMENTS**

- **Conférence finale du projet « Roma Routes »**

Roma Routes is a two-year EU-funded project made up of a partnership of heritage organizations and Roma representatives from Germany, Greece, Slovenia, Romania and the UK. The objective of the Route of Roma Culture and Heritage is to increase the knowledge of people in Europe about Roma history, culture, values and lifestyle, to encourage the contribution of Roma to Europe’s cultural life and diversity and ultimately contribute to giving a positive value to an image of Roma. The aim of the final conference in Heidelberg is to review the achievements of the project and to look to the future. We hope to increase links with people, groups and organizations active in this field and to further the realization of a Route of Roma Culture and Heritage. Date: 15 March 2012, Location: Heidelberg, Germany. [Pour en savoir plus](#)

- **Sommet 2012 du Réseau pour le Droit des Migrants : l’occasion de mettre des actions en place pour solutionner les importants problèmes des migrants**

On 16 of March the Migrants’ Rights Network will be holding its third annual national meeting for migrant community organisations, activists, NGOs and other stakeholders with an interest on migrants’ rights. The first national meeting in 2010 focused on how to make the most of the knowledge and expertise held within community organisations to promote advocacy. The second meeting analysed opportunities and challenges for collaboration in the context of a tough funding environment. This year’s event, MRN Summit 2012, will review some last year’s major developments and upcoming challenges for migrants. More importantly, it will be a chance to discuss collective action to respond to some of these challenges through advocacy and campaigning. [Pour en savoir plus](#)

- **Le Réseau légal européen en matière d’asile (ELENA) organise des cours avancés sur les conflits armés et la nécessité d’une protection internationale**

The 2012 Advanced ELENA course on Generalized Violence, Armed Conflict and the need for International Protection will take place on 4-6 May in AC Bologna in Bologna Italy. The purpose of this course is to examine the international and regional protection framework for those fleeing generalized violence and armed conflict. It will address ways in which the 1951 Refugee Convention and its Protocol can be applicable to asylum claims related to situations of armed conflict. Protection granted under the European Convention of Human Rights will also be explored as well the subsidiary protection regime under the Qualification Directive. There will be an analysis of relevant jurisprudence from both the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union. The deadline for registration is 23 March 2012. [Pour en savoir plus](#)

- **5e réunion de la Plateforme des Droits Fondamentaux**

The annual Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) meeting is one of the flagship events of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). The meeting brings together participants of the Fundamental Rights Platform – the agency’s network for cooperation with over 300 civil society organisations working on a variety of fundamental rights issues across the European Union. With about 180 civil society organisations attending the event in Vienna, the meeting offers plenty of opportunities for networking, good practice exchange as well as constructive discussions on how to improve fundamental rights situation in the European Union. Date: 19 - 20 April 2012, Location: Vienna. [Pour en savoir plus](#)
• Tribunal 12

People who flee to Europe are often met with disbelief and suspicion. Many are directly deported at the borders, despite risking their lives. Others are held up in prison-like detention centres lacking basic human rights. Once inside Europe, people are subjected to lengthy and complex asylum processes, often without legal advice. The vast majority of asylum applications are rejected, forcing people to return to extreme dangers. In order to survive, many choose to live hidden without any legal rights. At Tribunal 12, Europe will be held accountable for these failures. Inspired by the International War Crimes Tribunal that was formed by Bertrand Russell and Jean-Paul Sartre in 1967, Tribunal 12 sets out to locate the moral, legal and political responsibilities as well as call for a change within the system. Date: 12 May, 2012, Location: Sergels torg & Kulturhuset in Stockholm and all over Europe. Pour en savoir plus