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## Editorial

Mattia Crosetto

Dear readers,

If it is true that the future depends on young generations, a good sign comes for all of us from Rome, where Europe celebrated the 50th anniversary of the EU Treaties. On Sunday 25 March 2007, the 200 young delegates from the EU's 27 member countries meeting there for the Young Summit adopted their joint Declaration. This document is much more than just a vision for tomorrow's Europe. It contains concrete proposals for the EU leaders gathered the same day in Germany to adopt the Berlin Declaration.

The Youth Declaration calls for a European constitutional treaty and a leading role for the EU in a globalised world. Crucially, the document sheds light on the issues of most concern to young Europeans today: sustainable development; education for all; a society that is both prosperous and fair, and more scope for young people to participate in the democratic life of the European Union.

Gathered in Rome at the historical site of the EU's conception 50 years ago to the day, the young delegates worked over two days to summarise a month's hard work and adopt the Declaration, which they then presented and discussed with the EU institutions at a special panel debate.

The Youth Summit has been a critical event, opened by European Commission Vice-President Ms. said Bettina Schwarzmayr, president of the European Youth Forum. Margot Wallström, who encouraged participants to seize this opportunity. "We want to listen to you. What is your vision of Europe's future?", she asked them. And Ms. Bettina Schwarzmayr, president of the European Youth Forum added "The 50th anniversary marks the opening of a new chapter for the European Union".

The Declaration announces that the younger generation is ready and willing to take responsibility for helping shape the Europe of tomorrow. We have to be confident on.

Sincerely,

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## WHAT'S NEW IN BRUSSELS?

### Berlin Declaration for regions and local authorities

*In bright sunshine the Berlin Declaration was adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the European Union on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. Besides recalling the EU's achievements, the document identifies the EU's future goals as well as the challenges it faces: safeguarding the European way of life and global responsibility.*

*As Chancellor Angela Merkel noted in the very personal speech she made at the ceremony, "Fifty years of the Treaties of Rome – that means for me, to put it in a nutshell, a dream has come true." The dream of peace and prosperity could come true because – after devastation and destruction – the Europeans had left themselves be guided by the quality that is their most important attribute: tolerance.*



### Setting the right course

Yet peace and prosperity can on no account be taken for granted. How can what has been achieved be preserved, strengthened and deepened? "By concentrating on what is our greatest strength – the power of freedom," the President of the European Council emphasized.

Over the years ahead it would be crucial to safeguard the European way of life and assume global responsibility. That meant, the Chancellor pointed out, that "Europe need to be able to act, to act more effectively than it can at present." The European Union needs more and better defined competences than it can at present." The European Union needs more and better defined competences that it has today: in energy policy, foreign policy, in justice and home affairs. And it must ensure, she noted, that even with 27 or more Member States its institutions function efficiently and democratically.

### A dynamic Europe

For only a Europe with strong institutions can be dynamic and achieve strong growth. The key to growth, the Chancellor made clear, lies "in the knowledge and ability of Europe's citizens, in education, research and innovation."

One important reason why Europe needs to be efficient and able to act effectively is that the tasks it faces are increasingly complex – to fight terrorism, organized crime and illegal immigration. Europe has to unite its efforts. That also means working towards the peaceful resolution of conflicts in the world. The Union is also committed to driving back poverty, hunger and disease.

Such tasks can hardly be addressed successfully if decisions in these fields can be taken only by the unanimous consent of 27 Member States.

### Placing Europe on a renewed common basis

At the close of the German EU Presidency at the end of June Angela Merkel plans to present a roadmap setting out how Europe should go forward. The intention is to preserve as much as possible of the substance of the abortive Constitutional Treaty. The President of the European Council has set herself the goal of getting a new treaty onto the table by the second half of 2008 at the latest.

Between now and then, however, there will have to be a great deal of discussion. It will not always be possible to involve the public in this process, but "we will continue the discussions within the European Union in a spirit of good comradeship," the Chancellor made clear at the press conference at the end of the official part of the celebrations.

Full version of Berlin Declaration is at your disposal:

[http://www.eu2007.de/en/About\\_the\\_EU/Constitutional\\_Treaty/BerlinerErklaerung.html](http://www.eu2007.de/en/About_the_EU/Constitutional_Treaty/BerlinerErklaerung.html)

## Commission Communication: towards an integrated approach to trans-European transport, energy and telecommunications networks

***One of the central pillars of the Commission's strategy on growth, employment and competitiveness in the European Union is better connection, integration and coordination of the development of European infrastructure, so on Commission President José Manuel Barroso's initiative Jacques Barrot has chaired a Steering Group, consisting of Viviane Reding, Danuta Hübner, Dalia Grybauskaitė, Stavros Dimas, Joaquín Almunia and Andris Piebalgs, to develop an integrated approach to trans-European transport, energy and telecommunications networks. Having worked on this for a year, the group has now presented a communication which describes the state of play on each of the three trans-European networks and looks at possible synergies between the networks, ways of reconciling their development with respect for the environment, and improved methods of financing them.***

According to Jacques Barrot, "The trans-European transport, energy and telecommunications networks each face much the same problems. Combining efforts to identify the obstacles and propose concrete and innovative solutions in this area will have a multiplier effect on the benefits for growth, economic competitiveness and respect for the environment." Danuta Hübner adds: "Speeding up the construction of the trans-European networks will make for better cohesion between the regions of the Union. To this end we have to develop synergies between the cohesion policy objectives and the priorities adopted for the trans-European networks."

One of the Commission's main concerns is to build the trans-European networks with an approach that is compatible with sustainable development. The completion of the trans-European transport network in particular will have a positive impact on the environment by reducing transport-generated CO2 emissions by 6.3 million tonnes a year by 2020. The priority transport projects favour those modes of transport that are least harmful to the environment, such as rail and the inland waterways. "By connecting up renewable energy sources we will be able to reduce the environmental impact of energy consumption. Also, each new infrastructure programme undergoes a strategic environmental analysis and has to comply with strict European legislation on noise, water, and protection of fauna and flora," says Stavros Dimas. "The Commission has worked out a very specific *modus operandi* which will enable us to resolve any logjams that may arise between the particular circumstances of each investment project and the need to comply with environmental legislation," Jacques Barrot points out.

An in-depth study has been done to analyse the synergies between the networks.

The construction of combined infrastructures offers real possibilities of reducing their cost and their environmental impact. Synergies between telecommunications and transport networks, such as by putting telecommunications cables along a railway line, seem the most promising. Andris Piebalgs notes that "With the European Council's endorsement of this approach on 9 March and its stress on the importance of developing interconnection between the networks, it is now all the more crucial to ensure that we draw the maximum benefit from these synergies."

"The telecom sector has been a pioneer in the development of trans-European networks. However, trans-border markets have been very slow to emerge even in telecoms. Europe needs to create the right economic frameworks for cross-border competition and strengthen the internal market in order to achieve economies of scale by stimulating the much-needed trans-European markets and infrastructures in telecoms," stated EU Telecoms Commissioner Viviane Reding.

Joaquín Almunia says "To encourage and facilitate the financing of the trans-European networks, the Commission and the European Investment Bank have proposed developing a new European guarantee instrument which will reduce the risks associated with insufficient revenues during the first years of operation of a project," and Dalia Grybauskaitė adds "This instrument would support Public-Private Partnerships, which have many benefits: better control of construction and operating costs, optimisation of risk management and improved compliance with deadlines."

More information can be found at:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/ten/transport/legislation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/ten/transport/legislation/index_en.htm)

## FOCUS ON EU PROGRAMMES



7th FP: Tomorrow's answer starts today

Special section on Innovation: second sheet devoted to the opportunities offered by the new EU programme for research and technological development

### FP7

FP7 is the short name for the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. This is the EU's main instrument for funding research in Europe and it will run from 2007 to 2013.

The Seventh Framework Programme is made up of four Specific programmes plus a fifth specific programme on nuclear research.

Cooperation (collaborative research) is the programme that finances international cooperation projects across the European Union and beyond in 10 thematic areas, corresponding to major fields in science and research:

- Health
- Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies
- Energy
- Environment (including climate change)
- Transport (including Aeronautics)
- Socio-economic sciences and Humanities
- Security
- Space



*In this special section, we describe the main aims and content of the four specific programmes of the 7FP. The first sheet has been published in the edition no 01 of January 2007.*

### ENVIRONMENT (including Climate Change)

#### Budget: 1.8 billion (2007-13)

The challenges posed by the increasing natural and man-made pressures on the environmental and its resources require a coordinated approach at pan-European and international levels.

#### Benefits for the EU citizens

We need to better understand and cope with issues such as climate change and identify environmentally friendly technologies in order to improve our management of both natural and man-made resources. The activities will address policy needs such as the sustainability impact assessments of EU policies and the follow up to the Kyoto and post-Kyoto actions on climate change.

#### Benefits for the researchers

Sustainable management of the environment and its resources requires multidisciplinary and integrated research in order to advance our knowledge on the interactions between the climate, biosphere, ecosystems and human activities.

This will help us to develop new environmental technologies, tools and services.

The "Environmental" programme will be implemented under the following activities and areas:

- *Climate change, pollution and risks*
- *Sustainable Management of Resources*
- *Environmental Technologies*
- *Earth observation and assessment tools*

#### Benefits for industries and the SMEs

Strengthening the EU position in world markets for environmental technologies will contribute to sustainable consumption, production, delivering sustainable growth through business opportunities and improved competitiveness, while protecting our cultural and natural heritage.

Special attention will be given to technologies on water supply and sanitation, on sustainable chemistry, on construction and on forestry, in association with the respective European Technology Platforms. The socio-economic dimension will influence their development and introduction to the market and their subsequent application.



## SHORTS FROM BRUSSELS

*Even if you are not one of those numismatists, the first news concerning issuance of new special euro coin will force you to start looking for it.*

*Previously, since 2004, a number of commemorative coins have been issued by individual countries.*

*Greece marked this way the organization the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Spain issued one in 2005 to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Don Quixote de la Mancha and Finland issued one in 2006 to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of universal and equal suffrage for men and women.*

### Special euro coin issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the EU

In total, the 13 euro-area countries will issue close to 90 million €2 coins, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the European Union.



The coin represents an open book – the Treaty – on a background of the paving of the Piazza del Campidoglio in Rome, where the Treaty was signed on 25 March 1957.

It will be the first time all euro-area countries have issued a €2 coin with the same design to commemorate the same event. Commemorative coins always have a value of €2 and they are often the subject of keen interest from coin collectors. The country of issue will be identifiable only through the translation of the words 'Treaty of Rome – 50 years' at the top, 'Europe' in the centre and the name of the issuing country in the lower part of the coin.

For more information about commemorative coins, please go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/euro/notes\\_and\\_coins/commemorative\\_coins\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/euro/notes_and_coins/commemorative_coins_en.htm)

### Competition: Commission requests Czech Republic to bring Czech Competition Act into conformity with EU law

The European Commission has formally requested the Czech Republic to amend a provision of the Czech Competition Act that limits the Czech Competition Authority's power to apply Articles 81 (prohibiting cartels and other restrictive business practices) and 82 (prohibiting abuses of dominant position) of the EC Treaty to anticompetitive behaviour in the electronic communications sector.

The request takes the form of a reasoned opinion, the second step of EC Treaty infringement procedures (Article 226). Unless the Czech Republic brings its legislation into compliance within two months of receipt of the reasoned opinion, the Commission may decide to refer this case to the European Court of Justice.

For more information, please visit:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/400&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### European Transparency Initiative: Commission invites lobbyists and interest groups to subscribe to public register

The Commission decided to open a public register for all interest representatives working to influence decisions taken in EU institutions. While registration will be voluntary, there are clear rules on what information registrants would have to supply: In whose name am I speaking? What are my goals? How am I funded, and by whom? The initiative offers an opportunity to all interest representatives to underscore that lobbying EU institutions is a legitimate and useful activity, and one that can stand up to full public scrutiny.

Vice-President Kallas said "I hope the lobbying profession will see this as an opportunity, rather than a threat. The Commission needs and appreciates the input it gets from interest representatives, but we ask in return their collaboration in showing to the general public that the relationship respects the rules of democracy. Today, the European institutions are open and accountable – but as every day in Brussels sees the arrival of new lobbyists, it would be reckless and naive not to do everything we can to prevent future abuse of this openness."

For more information please visit:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/367&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>



# Calls for proposals

## Health and Consumer Protection 2007

Development of integrated Master Degree courses in consumer issues

Deadline: **01. 05. 2007**

[http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/tenders/information/master\\_degree\\_cp\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/tenders/information/master_degree_cp_en.pdf)

## Media 2007

Support for the transnational distribution of European films (automatic)

Deadline: **30. 04. 2007**

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c\\_050/c\\_05020070306en00040004.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c_050/c_05020070306en00040004.pdf)

## Media 2007

Support for the transnational distribution of European films (selective)

Deadlines: **16. 04. 2007 ; 10. 07. 2007 ; 01. 12. 2007**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2007:050:0005:0005:EN:PDF>

## Fundamental Rights Programme

Specific programme on Criminal Justice – Framework partnerships

Deadlines: **19. 04. 2007**

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/jpen/funding\\_jpen\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/jpen/funding_jpen_en.htm)

## Civil Society

Violent Radicalisation Initiative

Deadlines: **Various**

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/isec/funding\\_isec\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm)

## Public Health

Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008)

Deadlines: **21. 05. 2007**

[http://ec.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c\\_034/c\\_03420070216en00110011.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c_034/c_03420070216en00110011.pdf)

## Education

EU-Canada Joint Study and/or Training Programmes

Deadlines: **31. 05. 2007**

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c\\_062/c\\_06220070316en00060007.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c_062/c_06220070316en00060007.pdf)

## Higher Education

Erasmus Mundus – Action 1

Deadlines: **30. 04. 2007**

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c\\_041/c\\_04120070224en00180019.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c_041/c_04120070224en00180019.pdf)

## Higher Education

Erasmus Mundus – Action 3

Deadlines: **30. 11. 2007**

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c\\_041/c\\_04120070224en00180019.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c_041/c_04120070224en00180019.pdf)

## Higher Education

Erasmus Mundus – Action 4

Deadlines: **31. 05. 2007**

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c\\_041/c\\_04120070224en00180019.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/c_041/c_04120070224en00180019.pdf)

## Cost Programme

European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research

Deadlines: **30. 09. 2007**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2007:045:0004:0005:EN:PDF>

## 7FP

Specific programmes Cooperation, Ideas, People, Capacities

Deadlines: **Various**

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>





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## CALENDAR

### APRIL

**16-17. 4. 2007**

4<sup>th</sup> European Conference on  
Craft and Small Enterprises in  
Stuttgart.

### MAY

**5. 5. 2007**

Portes Ouvertes 2007  
Interinstitutional EU Day  
Celebrations of the Schumann  
Day and promotion of the  
Regions in Brussels.

### MAY

**9. 5. 2007**

Transnational and cross-  
border dimensions of  
transport policy

### MAY

**31. 5. – 2 . 6. 2007**

3rd European regional  
Economic Forum (EREF-2007)

## Vacancies in Europe

### International Labour Office

- **Specialist on Women's and Youth Entrepreneurship**

Organization unit: EMP/SEED

Vacancy No.: 2007/13

Grade: P4

Place of work: Geneva, Switzerland

Duration of the contract: Fixed-term appointment

Deadline: 15. 04. 2007

Info: [https://erecruit.ilo.org/public/hrd-cl-vac-view.asp?o\\_c=2000&jobinfo\\_uid\\_c=16530&vaclng=en&ebnof](https://erecruit.ilo.org/public/hrd-cl-vac-view.asp?o_c=2000&jobinfo_uid_c=16530&vaclng=en&ebnof)

### Network of European Foundations (NEF)

- **Full-time Director**

Place of work: Brussels

Deadline: 20. 04. 2007

Email: [jobs@nefic.org](mailto:jobs@nefic.org)

Info:

[http://www.eurobrussels.com/eb\\_link\\_frame.php?link=http://www.nefic.org/job.htm](http://www.eurobrussels.com/eb_link_frame.php?link=http://www.nefic.org/job.htm)

### Oxfam International

- **Emergency Officer**

Trade Policy Review Division

Place of work: Oxford, UK

Deadline: 10. 04. 2007

Info:

[http://www.eurobrussels.com/eb\\_link\\_frame.php?link=http://www.oxfam.org/en/getinvolved/jobs/oi\\_emergencyofficer\\_070321](http://www.eurobrussels.com/eb_link_frame.php?link=http://www.oxfam.org/en/getinvolved/jobs/oi_emergencyofficer_070321)



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