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NGOs Offer to Establish a Council on Ageing Issues at the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The Russian Interregional Coalition of Organizations “Right of Elderlies” with the Network “Agenet Central Asia without Borders” submitted a joint appeal to the Standing Commission on Social Policy and Human Rights of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States. In their letter they said: “NGOs assisting elderly in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Moldova, Russia, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan have built up, accumulated, gathered substantial experience and potential in the field of social assistance to the elderly and are ready to collaborate with different structures of Commonwealth of Independent States to improve the quality of life of senior generations. NGOs offer to establish a Council on Ageing Issues at the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States. Within the framework of a Council on Ageing Issues organizations and countries could present their models and development programs in the field of social assistance to elderly”.

The session of the Interparliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States took place from 6th to 8th April 2010 in Saint Petersburg. The session of the Standing Commission on Social Policy and Human Rights took place on 6th April 2010 and the NGO’s appeal was included in its agenda.

Representative of the Coalition “Eurasian Bridge” (Coalition of Organizations “Right of Elderlies” with the Network “Agenet Central Asia Without Borders”) participated in the session of the Standing Commission and made a speech.

This was the first contact and interaction between NGOs of the Coalition “Eurasian Bridge” and parliamentarians of CIS Countries and NGOs intend to develop this initiative.

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Information Services and Newsletters

TRIALOG Information Service (TIS)

The TRIALOG Information Service (TIS) is addressed to NGOs and individuals who are interested in development issues in the context of EU enlargement.

Read the TIS online at: <http://www.trialog.or.at/tis>

The TRIALOG project is funded by the European Union. The project was initiated in March 2000 for a duration of 3 years. A second phase was started in September 2003. The project is now in its third phase (2006-2009).

The TRIALOG's overall objective is to strengthen development cooperation through the full integration of development NGOs (NGDOs) from New EU Member States (NMS) and Accession Countries (AC) into CONCORD and other European networks.

Second Newsletter of the CBC Black Sea Programme

The Joint Managing Authority of JOP "Black Sea 2007-2013" has published its second Newsletter. The document contains information on actions implemented in 2009, information on events foreseen for 2010 as well as short presentation of INTERACT's and RCBI's support in 2009.

Newsletter edition is available at: http://www.blacksea-cbc.net/user/file/Newsletter/Newsletter%20second%202_.pdf

Help for Organizations Looking for ENPI CBC Programmes

As a part of the support to partner country participation in the ENPI CBC Programmes, the Regional Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI) hosts on its website a searchable database of potential partners in the Partner Countries and Russia.

The direct link is: www.rcbitools.info/partners

This database currently includes more than 2000 entries and grows day by day. Organizations in the database include local/regional authorities, NGOs, business associations, development bodies, cultural, scientific and academic organizations interested in being a partner in projects to be submitted under ENPI CBC calls for proposals. The database is searchable online by programme, country/region, type of organization, field of activity.

Forthcoming Conferences and Events

2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development

The International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) and the International Federation of Social Workers are organizing the conference with eight local hosts. This first ever consortium offers a unique platform for more than 2,000 professionals, academics, practitioners, social planners, policy makers and advocates from East and West to meet, exchange, and develop an action agenda for social work and social development in the next decade.

The conference will be held from 10th to 14th June 2010 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information visit www.swsd2010.org

Black Sea NGO Forum 2010

The 3rd Black Sea NGO Forum will take place approximately in October 2010 in Romania.

For more information about the previous Black Sea NGO Forums in 2008 and 2009 visit www.blackseango.org

3rd International Black Sea Symposium “The Black Sea Region in Flux”

Building on two years of success, the International Black Sea Symposium (IBSS) project continues in 2010 with the 3rd International Black Sea Symposium on “The Black Sea Region in Flux”. From 29 June to 4 July 2010 the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) will welcome young professionals and international experts on the island of Aegina, Greece, for an intensive course on Black Sea issues.

The event targets young professionals (22-35 years old), primarily from the countries of the wider Black Sea area, EU member states, the United States and Central Asia. A maximum of 40 participants will have the opportunity to gain insights into issues of importance for the Black Sea region, to meet and debate with peers and prominent experts.

For more information http://icbss.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=264

BSEC and PABSEC NEWS

- The Twenty-First Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States was held in Baku on 22 October 2009.

The Ministers adopted the following text with regard to the PABSEC activities: “The Council took note of the following PABSEC documents adopted by the 33rd Plenary Session of the PABSEC General Assembly held in Bucharest on 11-13 June 2009:

- Recommendation 107/2009 on “Development of the Sea Transport in the BSEC Member States: problems and prospects”;
- Recommendation 108/2009 on “Migration in BSEC Member States: Legal Aspects”;
- Recommendation 109/2009 on “Migration in the BSEC Member States – Social and Cultural Aspects”;
- Recommendation 110/2009 on “The need to protect children from commercial exploitation in the BSEC Member States”.

The next regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs will be held in Sofia on 28 May 2010.

- The next meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance was held in Istanbul, on 08-09 April, 2010.
- The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) held the Thirty-Fourth Plenary Session of its General Assembly on 23-25 November 2009 in Moscow.

The Plenary Session discussed “The development of international transport corridors and ensuring energy security of the BSEC countries and Europe” as the main topic of the General Debate.

The Assembly conducted debates on the Reports and Recommendations drafted by the PABSEC specialized Committees during their autumn meetings. The Report on “Water resources management in the Black Sea region” was presented by Mr. Gagik Minasyan (Armenia), Chairman of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee. Mr. Serhiy Podhorny (Ukraine), Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Legal and Political Affairs Committee, presented the Report on “Rational management of natural resources in the Black Sea region: enhancement of legislative framework”. The Report of the PABSEC Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee on “Shaping ecological awareness and behavior in the BSEC Member States” was presented by Mr. Alexandru Mazare (Romania).

The Assembly adopted Recommendations on these subjects addressed to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States and to the Organization of the BSEC.

The next General Assembly is to be held in Belgrade on 2-3 June 2010.

- The Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee is planned to be held on 7-8 April 2010 in Moscow. The main subject on the Agenda is “Protecting women against violence in the BSEC Member States”.
- The Thirty Fourth Meeting of the PABSEC Economic, Commercial, Technological and Environmental Affairs Committee was held in Chisinau on 17-18 March 2010. The main topic of the agenda was “Food Security in the BSEC Member States”.
See the calendar of all BSEC and PABSEC events at:
<http://www.bsec-organization.org/Pages/CalendarEvents.aspx>
<http://www.pabsec.org/calendar.asp>

New Publications

Panagiotis Gavras: “The Current State of Economical Development in the Black Sea Region”, Policy Report 1 presented by the Commission on the Black Sea.

The Commission on the Black Sea presents a series of four policy-oriented reports which reassess the economic, social, regional political and military developments in the region. This report is the first one, providing a better understanding of the parameters of the economic developments in the Black Sea.

Policy Reports of the Commission on the Black Sea are available for download at

<http://www.blackseacom.eu/the-commissions-reports/>

For more information about the Commission on the Black Sea please visit <http://icbss.org/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=237>

The Commission on the Black Sea is a civil society initiative, jointly developed and launched in January 2009 by the German Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh; the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation (BST - GMFUS), Bucharest; the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), Ankara; and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens.

Black Sea News Update

Black Sea News Update (BSNU) is a fortnightly brief of political and economic developments covering the Black Sea region. It is produced by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), a think tank aiming to foster regional cooperation in the Black Sea area and one of the initiators of the Commission on the Black Sea.

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