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## CONFERENCES

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### **EFPA “Europe for Psychology Seminar” May 05, 2012 Brussels, Belgium**

EFPA is organising a seminar on 'European Union : Structure, Operation and Funding' on Saturday May 5, 2012 (10.00 – 16.00) at Carrefour Best Western Hotel Brussels.

This seminar is on invitation only and encourages participation by Presidents and Administrators of EFPA's (Associate) Member associations. If you want to be invited please contact Valerie Boni at [valerie.boni@efpa.eu](mailto:valerie.boni@efpa.eu). More information on program and speakers soon on EFPA's website and via this EU news sheet.

### **September 20-21, 2012 EFPA Expert Conference : PSYCHOLOGY FOR HEALTH Contributions to Policy Making Brussels, Belgium**

On invitation only

More information soon at [www.efpa.eu/PsyforHealthCongress2012](http://www.efpa.eu/PsyforHealthCongress2012)



Thanks to the broad scope of psychological research and their close collaboration with other professionals in schools, businesses, communities, and health care institutions, psychologists are in a unique position to contribute to the improvement of physical and mental health in Europe.

The aim of this conference is to highlight findings from psychological research and to demonstrate how psychologists can add to the work of other experts in safeguarding and promoting the health of European citizens. A particular emphasis is put on the role that psychology can play in developing healthy life styles, the early discovery of health risks, and various forms of prevention.

This conference will bring together experts from various areas of psychology, offering different but complementary perspectives on promoting health and reducing illness, with the purpose of sharing insights and experiences with policy makers and formulating policy statements as well as recommendations for future policies at the European and national level.

We expect 250 participants, including key actors from European institutions and EU Member States, the health sector, and NGOs, particularly those involved in the EU's Health Programme.

The conference is part of the "Psychology for Europe" initiative (2011) by which the European Federation of Psychologists Associations aims to raise the visibility and impact of psychology as a broad and potent field of science and professional activity that can bring substantial benefit to Europe, socially and economically.

#### **Areas of expertise that will be covered**

1. Health promotion via behaviour change: life style, addiction and health
2. Life-long learning and health: what school psychologists can do
3. Enhancing the prevention and early treatment of mental ill-health: depression and suicide
4. Employment, working conditions and stress: from research to practice
5. Managing serious illness: focus on patients and care-givers
6. Health inequality in times of crisis: alleviating the impact of unemployment and poverty
7. Health improvement through physical activity: lessons from sport psychology
8. Psychological contributions to healthy ageing and longevity

The programme will also provide room to address other health issues, such as the behavioural immune system, medically unexplained symptoms, and social violence.

**March 28, 2012**

#### **OSHA's Healthy Workplaces Campaign Partnership Meeting Residence Palace International Press Centre, Brussels**

Ahead of the launch of the Healthy Workplaces Campaign on "Working together for risk prevention" on 18 April 2012, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) is organising this EU Partnership. The aim of this meeting is to present the Campaign and to discuss with potential partners how they might get involved. Further on OSHA has published the Online interactive Risk Assessment (OiRA) project on film

[http://osha.europa.eu/en/events/healthy-workplaces-eu-campaign-partnership-meeting/at\\_download/attachment](http://osha.europa.eu/en/events/healthy-workplaces-eu-campaign-partnership-meeting/at_download/attachment)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGOGNSsUQno&feature=youtu.be&utm\\_source=oshmai1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=oshmai117](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGOGNSsUQno&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=oshmai1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=oshmai117)

**April 03, 2012**

#### **"European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing: From plan to action", Charlmgne building, Brussels**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/events/ev\\_20120403\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/events/ev_20120403_en.htm)

The European Commission (DG Health and Consumers and DG Information Society and Media) is holding a conference to present the European Innovation Partnership's Strategic Implementation Plan

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index\\_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing&pg=implementation-plan](http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing&pg=implementation-plan)

Information will also be provided on how to participate and contribute to the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. The Vice President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda, Neelie Kroes, and the Commissioner for Health and Consumers, John Dalli, will participate, as well as ministers, representatives of national and regional authorities, health and social care professionals, industry, insurers and NGOs.

Please note that only registered delegates will be allowed entry to the event. Places at the conference will be allocated on a first come first served basis so it is recommended you register your interest in attending to: [EC-EIP-AHA\(at\)ec.europa.eu](mailto:EC-EIP-AHA(at)ec.europa.eu)



**April 26-27, 2012**  
**6 th Fit to Drive**  
**Torre Agbar in Barcelona (Spain)**

6th fit to Drive congress which the Association of the TÜV (VdTÜV) organises in cooperation with Editorial Tráfico Vial S.A. – ETRASA, the Catalanian traffic government Servei Català de Trànsit (Generalitat de Catalunya), the Spanish Official Psychologist Association (Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Psicólogos) and the Psychonomy Research Unit of the university of Valencia: Details about the preliminary program, the speakers and organisation can be found at the web page [www.fit-to-drive.com](http://www.fit-to-drive.com).

As of now you can register online by using this link :  
<http://www.fit-to-drive.com/registration/index.php>

**May 03, 2012**  
**High Level Conference on EU Health Programmes: results and future perspectives**  
**Charlemagne Building, 170 Rue de la Loi (Wetstraat), BE-1049 Brussels**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/events/ev\\_20120503\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/events/ev_20120503_en.htm)

The conference is organised jointly by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Consumers and its Executive Agency. On this occasion the results and success stories from the first and second Health Programmes will be presented. There will also be the opportunity to share views and build consensus for the future third programme which is currently under discussion at the Council and in the European Parliament.

More than 300 participants are expected, comprising policy makers, key actors from the health sector, NGOs, Member States and European institutions, health programmes' beneficiaries, scientists and academics from EU and third countries, participating in the Health Programme.

During the conference, stands are available where organisations can distribute relevant publications and other material. Interested organisations are invited to send an e-mail to [SANCO-HEALTH-PROGRAMME-CONFERENCE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANCO-HEALTH-PROGRAMME-CONFERENCE@ec.europa.eu) to enroll. Places are limited, therefore enrollment is done on 'first come, first served' basis.

**May 23-25, 2012**  
**6th European Conference on rare diseases and Orphan Products**  
**Brussels**

<http://www.rare-diseases.eu/2012/6th-European-Conference-on-Rare>

**June 14-16, 2012**  
**Mental health europe 2012 conference on social determinants of mental health**  
**Split, Croatia**

[http://www.ephha.org/IMG/pdf/MHE\\_conference\\_call\\_for\\_contributions.pdf](http://www.ephha.org/IMG/pdf/MHE_conference_call_for_contributions.pdf)



**July 18-21, 2012**  
**European Conference on Health Economics ECHE**  
**Zürich, Switzerland**

<http://www.eche2012.ch/>

**September 12-14**  
**European Urban Health Conference- from research to policy**  
**Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

[http://www.urhis.eu/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=71](http://www.urhis.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=114&Itemid=71)

**September 27-29, 2012**

**9th European IUHPE Conference on Health and Quality of Life- Health, Economy and Solidarity  
Tallinn, Estonia**

<http://www.conferences.ee/iuheli2012/>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Innovation Union Scoreboard 2011**

7th February 2012 the European Commission published its Innovation Union Scoreboard 2011. This tool assists in monitoring the implementation of the Europe 2020 Innovation Union strategy ( see also the progress report 2011

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st17/st17229-ad01.en11.pdf>)

by providing a comparative assessment of the innovation performance of the EU27 Member States. While some Member States have improved their innovation performance, innovation performance growth is slowing down and the EU is not closing the gap with "global innovation leaders US, Japan and South Korea". The EU still maintains a clear lead over the emerging economies of China, Brazil, India, Russia, and South Africa, noting that China is improving its performance and is catching up progressively.

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/files/ius-2011\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/files/ius-2011_en.pdf);

**The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) published the first European quality standards to improve drug prevention in the European Union.**

It is designed as a Manual for professionals who, directly or indirectly, contribute to drug prevention.

[http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/attachements.cfm/att\\_145539\\_EN\\_TD3111250ENC.pdf](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/attachements.cfm/att_145539_EN_TD3111250ENC.pdf)

**The Eurydice Network, has published its Key Data on Education in Europe 2012 report**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/key\\_data\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/key_data_en.php)

The report provides a comprehensive picture of the organisation, functioning and management of 37 education systems in Europe and traces the main developments in education over the last decade. The report reveals a number of positive developments, including longer participation in education and a rise in the number of tertiary education graduates. In terms of future challenges, it points to foreseeable teacher shortages and "a growing number of tertiary graduates who appear overqualified for their posts, while they at the same time endure less unemployment and an easier transition into the employment market".

### **The CompHP Project**

<http://www.iuhpe.org/?page=614&lang=en>

The CompHP Project aims to develop competency-based standards and an accreditation system for health promotion practice, education and training that will positively impact on workforce capacity to deliver public health improvement in Europe. In the framework of this project two handbooks have been published: CompHP Professional Standards for Health Promotion Handbook



[http://www.iuhpe.org/uploaded/CompHP/CompHP\\_standards\\_handbook\\_final.pdf](http://www.iuhpe.org/uploaded/CompHP/CompHP_standards_handbook_final.pdf)



The ComHP core Competencies Framework for Health promotion Handbook  
[http://www.iuhpe.org/uploaded/CompHP\\_Competencies\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.iuhpe.org/uploaded/CompHP_Competencies_Handbook.pdf)



### **OECD published a report on Equity and Quality in Education**

[http://www.oecd.org/document/42/0,3746,en\\_2649\\_39263231\\_49477290\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/42/0,3746,en_2649_39263231_49477290_1_1_1_1,00.html)

calling on governments to do more to help students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds to succeed in school. Across OECD countries, almost one in every five students does not reach a basic minimum level of skills. In addition, students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds are twice as likely to be low performers. The report presents policy recommendations for education systems to help all children succeed in their schooling.

### **OSHA published end of 2011 a report on Mental health promotion in the workplace- good practice**

Free download at [http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/reports/mental-health-promotion-workplace\\_TEWE11004ENN](http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/reports/mental-health-promotion-workplace_TEWE11004ENN)

and recently a practical guide on how to create economical incentives in occupational safety and health :

[http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/literature\\_reviews/guide-economic-incentives](http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/literature_reviews/guide-economic-incentives)

### **WHO has recently published an assessment report on environmental health inequalities in Europe**

[http://www.euro.who.int/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/157969/e96194.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/157969/e96194.pdf)

## **CALLS**

### **Call for scientific articles on inclusion of young people marginalised by early school leaving and unemployment - Deadline for submitting articles is 30th of June 2012**

The Foundation P&V has launched a project gathering recent and relevant scientific knowledge on the inclusion of young people marginalised by early school leaving and unemployment.. A maximum of 12 articles will be selected and rewarded with a prize of €1,500 each. Authors will present their work in a conference in December 2012. Articles will be included in a widely disseminated publication via the European Network of the Foundations for Social Economy.

More info at:

<http://www.fondationpv.be/index.php?id=42>

[http://www.fondationpv.be/fileadmin/templates/main/pdf/youngPeople/youngPeopleMarginalised\\_call.pdf](http://www.fondationpv.be/fileadmin/templates/main/pdf/youngPeople/youngPeopleMarginalised_call.pdf)

### **Call for proposals specific PROGRAMME "DAPHNE III" (2007-2013) - deadline 29th March 2012**

To prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk:

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/daphne\\_call\\_for\\_proposals\\_action\\_grants\\_2011\\_2012\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/daphne_call_for_proposals_action_grants_2011_2012_en.htm)

### **Call for proposals under the SAFER INTERNET PROGRAMME - Deadline 29th March 2012**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/sip/funding/projects/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/funding/projects/index_en.htm)

## **Call for proposals VP/2012/001 Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue**

This call include measures and initiatives related to the adaptation of social dialogue to changes in employment and work and related challenges, such as addressing modernisation of the labour market, quality of work, anticipation, preparation and management of change and restructuring, flexicurity, skills, mobility and migration, youth employment, contributions to the health and safety strategy, reconciliation of work and family life, gender equality, action in the field of anti-discrimination, active ageing, active inclusion and decent work.

Deadlines are :

- 17 April 2012 for actions commencing no earlier than 17 June 2012 and no later than 21 December 2012

- 4 September 2012 for actions commencing no earlier than 4 November 2012 and no later than 21 December 2012

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=334&furtherCalls=yes>

## **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing – from Plan to Action**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/innovation/eip\\_invitation\\_commitments\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/innovation/eip_invitation_commitments_en.htm)

All stakeholders who wish to be involved in implementing the Strategic Implementation Plan of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP) have an opportunity to do so through the following means:

### **Invitation for Commitment - The deadline for submissions is 31 May 2012.**

All stakeholders who wish to be fully involved in carrying out the specific actions of the Plan will be invited to submit their commitments by filling in a form online. You will be asked to provide detailed information about your action, based on the principles and criteria defined in the Plan.

### **Invitation for Expression of Intent for Reference Site candidates - The deadline for submissions is 31 May 2012.**

All stakeholders who wish to submit their intention to be a candidate to become a Reference Site of the EIP on Active and Healthy Ageing. Reference Sites are defined as regions, cities or integrated hospitals/care organisations, established in a geographical location in Europe that provide a comprehensive innovation-based approach to active and healthy ageing. They provide concrete examples of existing and successful integrated solutions, based on evidence of their impact in practice.

### **The Marketplace for innovative ideas**

The Marketplace, to be launched in April 2012, is an online platform for cooperation that can help you develop innovative ideas and projects within the EIP on AHA, by enabling you find partners for an initiative, find an initiative to participate in, provide and search for information, get in touch with stakeholders, participate in discussions on the forum, promote events, and create groups and private forums. These activities can help you to develop ideas and initiatives in order to apply to, and participate in, the Action Groups.

### **Innovation support**

All stakeholders, who provide online digital services, and are willing to contribute to the development of the EIP by providing innovation support and acceleration, are welcome to contact us by sending their innovative ideas via email to: [EC-EIP-AHA\(at\)ec.europa.eu](mailto:EC-EIP-AHA(at)ec.europa.eu)

## Second call for the EAPA-Summer school

EAPA organizes a Summerschool for European PhD students and postdocs at Ghent University, Belgium, from the 10th till the 14th of September 2012. The theme is: Internal structure analysis for validation of psychological assessment instruments.  
Organizers: Prof. Dr. Johnny Fontaine & Dr. Mark Schittekatte

The summer school consists of three parts:

- Part one (two days) will focus on confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) and will be taught by Prof. Dr. Yves Rosseel from Ghent University (Belgium).
- Part two (two days) will focus on Item Response Theory (IRT) and will be taught by Prof. Dr. Klaus Kubinger and Dr. Christine Hohensinn from Universität Wien (Austria)
- The final part (one day) will focus on application of the model to own data and doing research and publishing about psychological assessment in a European context. This part will be taught by Prof. Dr. Fons van de Vijver from Tilburg University (The Netherlands), Prof. Dr. Karl Schweizer from Goethe University (Germany) and Prof. Dr. Johnny Fontaine from Ghent University (Belgium).

Participants should do research on construction and/or adaptation of psychological assessment instruments, and should have data from their own research before the start of the summer school. Location: an old abbey close to the city of Ghent, see : <http://www.oudeabdij.be/geschiedenis.html>

Price: 350 € for 6 nights and 5 days of full board (25 € for one extra night)  
Scholarship or bursary possible on request. Max. 20 participants!

Apply before April 16th of 2012, by sending your CV, a motivation, a description of your research, and the data you want to work on during the summer school to Dr. Mark Schittekatte : [mark.schittekatte@ugent.be](mailto:mark.schittekatte@ugent.be)

## Call for joint offices and infrastructure for Associations

EARLI is a scientific association for educational psychologists and EAPRIL is an international association for practitioner researchers in education. The two associations joint forces to share housing / offices, software and other infrastructure in a building in Leuven, close to Brussels.

Call: Associations who are willing to inquire possibilities to share offices and infrastructure with EARIL & EAPRIL in Leuven, Belgium and to create a win-win situation by installing their personnel and archives there, are requested to contact EARLI ([www.EARLI.org](http://www.EARLI.org)). Contact person: Dr. Filip Dochy - [Filip.Dochy@ppw.kuleuven.be](mailto:Filip.Dochy@ppw.kuleuven.be)

## Call for papers for the 4th Well-being in the Information Society conference - Exploring the Abyss of Inequalities (WIS 2012), Turku, Finland, 22-24.08.2012

The conference will be organised by University of Turku – Turku School of Economics and Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association.

The core topic of WIS 2012 is health-related inequalities in daily life. Among others, vision-, hearing- and movement-impaired people have difficulties in accessing services in the modern society, including information-technology enabled services. Yet information technology also offers a multitude of possibilities for improving the life of impaired people. Most often these solutions are well in line with the needs and benefits of everyone. WIS 2012 will review academic contributions on these topics at the intersection of health, ICT and urban way of living, all manifested in the information society context, but also room for industry and third-sector contributions is found in the program. A special track on Age and Information Society will be organized!



At the moment we look for contributions based on high-quality scientific research as well as on practical experience. New deadline for submitting the abstracts is 10 April 2012! Further information can be found at [www.wis.fi](http://www.wis.fi)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Manuscript submission book Sport Psychology: On the Way to the Olympic Games**

The Russian Psychological Society in cooperation with Lomonosov Moscow State University is proud to present an upcoming book "Sport Psychology: On the Way to the Olympic Games"(co-editors Prof. Yuri Zinchenko (Russia), Prof. Juri Hanin (Finland)).

This collection of articles will represent the latest achievements of sport psychology that are to be considered when working with professional athletes. Among the contributors of the book are leading experts in the field of sport psychology (Robert Eklund, Deborag Feltz, Adam Nicholls, Al Petitpas and other honorable experts).

The book is being prepared in anticipation of Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games with its main purpose to bring the latest advancements in international sport psychology together in one volume, to be an up-to-date resource for education of young professionals in sport psychology. The book will be published by MSU Press in both English and Russian and will be sent out to all psychology departments in Russian universities and abroad upon request free of charge. The articles are monographs of both theoretical and applied nature. The length of an article is up to 5000 words.

The book is ready for publication. However, aspiring to make a contribution to the work of Task Force of Sport Psychology of EFPA, the Russian Psychological Society has decided to extend the deadline for manuscript submission for authors from Task Force of Sport Psychology of EFPA member countries. Manuscripts are to be sent to [sportpsy@psy.msu.ru](mailto:sportpsy@psy.msu.ru) until May 18, 2012.

### **A competition for psychology students entitled: Why employ me?**

in conjunction with European Federation of Psychology Students' Association, has organised a competition for psychology students entitled: Why employ me?

They are asking students to design a document to market psychology graduates, including the key skills they learn and how psychology as a discipline can be of value to employers. Rather than merely writing a curriculum vitae we are looking to see what students can create that is distinctive and exciting like a leaflet.

Link to a leaflet which you may wish to circulate among your students:  
[http://www.europlat.org/cmseuroplat/docs/pdf/Students\\_competition\\_leaflet.pdf](http://www.europlat.org/cmseuroplat/docs/pdf/Students_competition_leaflet.pdf)

The competition deadline is 30th April 2012. <http://www.europlat.org/>

### **Public consultation on the Green Paper: Restructuring and anticipation of change: what lessons from recent experience? Deadline 30th March 2012**

The Green Paper aims to identify successful practices and policies in the field of restructuring and adaptation to change in order to promote employment, growth and competitiveness as part of the Europe 2020 strategy.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=333&langId=en&consultId=9&visib=0&furtherConsult=yes>



**10th February the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council of the EU adopted the 2012 Joint Report on the implementation of the “Strategic framework for European cooperation in the field of education and training” (ET 2020),**

together with the priorities for the next work cycle (2012-2014). This report shows that Member States are making sluggish progress towards achieving the European 2020 target to reduce early school leaving rates to below 10 per cent (2010: 14,1%).

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/127945.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/127945.pdf)  
[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/127945.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/127945.pdf).

**15th February the Council of Europe has adopted a new strategy for the rights of the child 2012-2015**

[http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/MonacoStrategy\\_en.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/MonacoStrategy_en.pdf)

**17th February the 27 Employment and Social Affairs Ministers adopted the Council Conclusions on the Annual Growth Survey and the Joint Employment Report in the context of the European Semester**

Meaning the priorities for action in the areas of employment and social policies and political guidance in 2012

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/lisa/128036.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/lisa/128036.pdf)

**The European Commission has put forward a proposal to develop a new instrument - the Programme for Social Change and Innovation PSCI**

which will be used to help tackle some of the EU's most pressing issues, such as high unemployment rates, poverty and social exclusion, and the ageing population. The PSCI will integrate the three existing EU funding programmes: PROGRESS, the programme for employment and social solidarity; EURES, which delivers European employment services; and the European Progress Micro-finance Facility.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=1093>

**On 28 February, the European Commission launched the implementation phase of the European Agenda for Adult Learning**

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/adult\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/adult_en.htm)

The Agenda was adopted by the Council in November 2011 and focuses on providing second-chance opportunities for low qualified adults by strengthening their basic skills, such as literacy, numeracy and digital knowledge

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:372:0001:0006:EN:PDF>

It sets out a long-term vision in this field up to 2020 and establishes a number of short-term priorities to be achieved by 2014. The European Union target for average participation in lifelong learning across the EU is 15% by 2020, for adults aged 25-64.

**29th February the EU Commission communicated its Strategic Implementation Plan of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing**

which sets out concrete measures to improve elderly citizens' lives, helping them to contribute to society as they grow older, and reducing pressure on health and care systems - ultimately contributing to sustainable growth. The Communication identifies priority areas for actions by health authorities, health professionals, businesses and other relevant stakeholders.

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/docs/com\\_2012\\_83\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/docs/com_2012_83_en.pdf)

**1-2, March the European Spring Council concluded that the five targets of the Agenda 2020 remain fully relevant and will continue to guide the action of the European Union:**

to promote employment; improve the conditions for innovation, research and development; meet our climate change and energy objectives; improve education levels and promote social inclusion in particular through the reduction of poverty.

For 2012 the Council endorses five priorities for action at EU and national level to:

- pursue differentiated, growth-friendly, fiscal consolidation,
- restore normal lending to the economy,
- promote growth and competitiveness,
- tackle unemployment and the social consequences of the crisis, and
- modernise public administration.

Touching the question of " a professional card for psychologists", the Council stressed "the importance of making progress on enhancing the mutual recognition of professional qualifications, reducing the number of regulated professions and removing unjustified regulatory barriers."

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/128520.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/128520.pdf)

**The National Development Programme for Social Welfare and Health Care (2012-2015)**

will shift the emphasis from treatment to health promotion and prevention. This is a new programme to reduce health inequalities in Finland.

<http://www.stm.fi/en/pressreleases/pressrelease/view/1578281#en>

**The Committee of (SLIC) has launched its European Campaign 2012 on psychosocial risks at work**

A SLIC working group has developed an inspection toolkit available in 22 languages <http://www.av.se/slic2012/toolkit.aspx>

The Campaign will address especially the health and social care, service, and transport sectors. The results and conclusions will be presented at the Final Conference in Sweden in March 2013.

<http://www.av.se/SLIC2012/>



**The European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention**

This is an international non-profit making organization to develop a strategy for co-ordinated action among organisations active in tobacco control in Europe by sharing information and experience and through co-ordinated and joint projects. <http://www.ensp.org/>

**Would you like to see what a future classroom of the 21 century looks like?**

The Future Classroom Lab in Brussels is created by European Schoolnet to help visualise how conventional classrooms and other learning spaces can be easily reorganised to support changing styles of teaching and learning. <http://fcl.eun.org/> To make an appointment for visiting: [fcl@eun.org](mailto:fcl@eun.org)

