

## Newsletter Spring 2007

IUC-Europe welcomes you to another year full of interesting projects and activities, and in particular we are pleased to inform you that we recently received a grant for the **Waves of Democracy Project 2007** from the European Parliament DG Information to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Rome Treaty. Below you will find brief presentations of this major project and of some of our other activities. Also please consult our projects page.

### Projects/activities:

#### MEP BSR Öresund

In the Nordic/Baltic region we are continuing our work on implementing the network with our partners to develop modules in the fields of *global education and European citizenship* based on the experiences gained through our youth parliament work. In the spring MEP BSR Öresund (a cooperation between Malmoe, Landskrona and Copenhagen in the Sound region) will host a conference for participants from Finland, the Baltic States, Sweden, Poland, Germany and DK with guest delegations from other parts of Europe. Young Europeans will discuss European topics and come up with resolutions for the youth parliament. IUC is the administrative coordinator of the organisation. Next sessions will most likely take place in Latvia and Finland in 2007/08.

#### MEP at Brandbjerg

A Danish network of high schools has been set up to continue the work which was developed last year linked to the pause of reflection in the EU/Vi mødes i tænkepausen. The first youth parliament in this context: MEP at Brandbjerg will take place in May for 3 high school classes from Åbenrå Gymnasium, Egå Gymnasium and Rosborg Gymnasium. See programme and topic issues on the news page.

#### EUNET INTEGRATION NETWORK

This project is a European Union (EU) funding programme for preparatory actions promoting the integration in the EU member states of people who are not citizens of the EU. Its aim is also to promote dialogue with civil society, develop integration models, seek out and evaluate best practices in the integration field and set up networks at European level. IUC-Europe is a partner in this project with EUNET organisations from The NL, Portugal, Germany and SOS Malta. In May the project partners and representatives from national organisations working in this field will meet for a major conference in Copenhagen. Please see programme on the newspaper.

#### Waves of Democracy – North/South Dialogue

A major EU funded project organised by House of Europe Rhodes, New Europe and IUC-Europe DK for 100 young people from all over Europe aged 18-30. The project is linked to the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome and has the following elements:

- *The project establishes youth parliaments in 2 regions in Europe based on the methodology/guidelines of The Model European Parliament(The MEP concept)*
- *The project addresses and puts into perspective the history of the Rome Treaty from 1957 to 2007*
- *The project establishes a genuine European/international setting in each region*
- *The project links the 2 regions to an international network of Europe Houses The project presents a joint Citizens Agenda*
- *The project aims at educating youth ambassadors/cultural entrepreneurs to form a permanent link for the future – an EUNET youth task force.*

Recruiting has started and if interested in participating or for further information ,please contact the IUC-Europe office to enrol. Please read more on the newspaper.

## Networks:

IUC is engaged in a number of networks within and outside of DK. Here I will just briefly mention 2 important European networks, which we are involved in actively at the moment: **DARE** ([www.dare-network.org](http://www.dare-network.org)) and **EUNET** ([www.european-net.org](http://www.european-net.org)).

**DARE** is a network for Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe, in *principle a learning community of practitioners of EDC and HRE*. The network operates in a number of European countries and brings together researchers and practitioners in the field, some working formally as partners within the Grundtvig programme, others linked to the network in a more informal manner meeting at conferences and seminars. Within its short lifetime DARE has grown from 13 members in 11 countries to 36 members in 24 European countries. At the moment we are looking for further funding from the Grundtvig programme. DARE has published *Why DARE*, which gives an introduction to the work and lists/describes the organisations affiliated and also publishes an electronic newsletter.

**EUNET – European Network for Education and Training** - is another very important network for IUC. We were among “the founding fathers” of the organisation of Europe Houses and international organisations in 2004 and have been very actively involved in the development of the network. Nina Nørgaard is Vice-president on the board and coordinator for the Committee on Content and Method. The above mentioned project **Waves of Democracy** is developed with partners from this committee and will take place in Rhodes, Greece and Brandbjerg DK in the last week of September 2007. EUNET has its base in Bonn and has recently got an operational grant for the next 3 years with Thomas Heckeberg as permanent secretary. A new interactive website will be launched later this month to describe activities etc. The next General Assembly coming up will be in the beginning of October in Salzburg, Austria.

Further information about our activities and partners can be found in our websites. Please also notice that as of July 2005 we have **a new office address in Svendborg: A.P.Møllersvej 31, DK 5700 Svendborg.**

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