

# Newsletter Spring 2008

2007 was a great year for IUC-Europe with participation in 2 major projects: **EUNET INTI** with 4 European partners and 25 immigrant networks and **Waves of Democracy 2007 – A North South Dialogue** with New Europe and The House of Europe in Rhodes. For both projects we received generous support from the EU Commission, The European Parliament and other funds. Both projects are now finished; please read about the results (Citizens' Agenda, YouTube video, leaflet and handbook) on the news page and links page. Follow ups are being discussed and planned at the moment.

Also 2007 was the year when IUC's Nina Nørgaard was elected **president of the EUNET network** (European Network for Education and Training) for a 3-year period with Wico Bunskoek and Hanns Christhard Eichhorst as vice-presidents. This took place at the EUNET General Assembly in Salzburg in October. Please read more about the network at [www.european-net.org](http://www.european-net.org).

In March 2008 we carried out the project **MEP** (The Model European Parliament) at **Brandbjerg** – a youth parliament conference for 65 Danish high school students run by 5 European students from IUC's network. They dealt with European topic issues, and the working language was English to prepare students for future conferences and studies, which will often be in English. Further description is to be found on the projects page.

At the moment we are planning the activities for 2008 and 09, some of

which will be preparations for the **European Parliament election in 2009** and will be described on the projects page in the near future.

Many activities will be EUNET related – and in mid-March the EUNET board will meet in Berlin to continue and set up the work in 3 committees: **Committee on Development, Committee on Content and Methodology, and the Youth Committee**. All committees will meet prior to the board meeting and present programs and work plans to the board. In November the next EUNET General Assembly will take place in Slovakia with a visit from EU Commissioner Figel.

IUC also acts as administrative coordinator for the MEP BSR (Model European Parliament Baltic Sea Region) – youth parliament conferences in the region around the Baltic Sea (participating countries are: Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and St. Petersburg, Russia). The conferences in 2008 will take place in Helsinki (spring) and St. Petersburg (autumn). For further information please consult [www.mep.se](http://www.mep.se).

This is just a brief outline of some of our activities and focus points – for further information please consult our web pages and the office.

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