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Update on EMIL

Over the past few months, great efforts have been concentrated on the final planning and organisation of the 2nd EMIL steering group meeting(s). Our time in Lisbon, at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundations' headquarters, was well spent as we had a very successful few days with over 20 EMIL partners participating in a number of discussions and exchange.

Since then, the main focus has been to follow up on a number of action points from these meetings, including: a revised EMIL membership structure, confirmation of a management and conference planning committee, development of thematic partnerships, and re-design of the EMIL website.

The next few months will be dedicated to improving the graphic design and content of the website for its re-launch in February, facilitating thematic working groups to produce some innovative outcomes from the project, promoting the learning network at various EU conferences and planning of the 2012 conference.

Finally, a very sincere thank you to our funders – The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, for being such gracious hosts.

For more information about this project, contact Julie Melville at EMIL@bif.org.uk



EMIL Thematic Working Groups

During a roundtable discussion in Lisbon, EMIL Partners decided to break into smaller groups to develop a concise, but in-depth, list of 'themes' that network members were interested in exploring and could work on together to develop key action points and future outputs (including discussion/position papers, scoping papers, and brief policy reports). Additional time was spent within these groups formulating relationships and ideas on how to move these themes forward. These thematic working groups are significant for EMIL in supporting both common (collective) and individual (national) goals and objectives, as well as developing a unique method for describing and commenting on key EU debates from an intergenerational perspective.

A few examples of future resources the groups aim to develop include a concept paper on "What is a Learning Network", exploring how to transform public spaces using an IG approach, and list of funding opportunities at a EU level for individual projects.

Current list of themes:

- Doing IG work;
- IG Community Development and Settings;
- Effective Networks;
- Labour Market & Employment;
- Political Context for IG Cooperation/Social Contract.

For more information about these thematic working groups and for, please contact the EMIL project facilitator EMIL@bif.org.uk

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European Projects & Programmes:

The ROMEO Project

ROMEO (to Reinforce the Organizational competences of young salaries and women by enterprise Mentor) has developed a set of online training modules for both target groups, to test them in every partners' countries and to disseminate and valorise the project outcomes as widely as possible. ROMEO is a transfer of innovation project, starting from source projects which have developed a set of modules and an open learning and context base learning model, with a Mentors guidebook and a Tutors guidebook.

Click [here](#) for more information about this project

CoNet: Exploring Current Approaches to Strengthen Social Cohesion in Neighbourhoods Across Europe

The Cohesion Network (CoNet) collects, reflects and improves the knowledge about integrated approaches to strengthen social cohesion in neighbourhoods. This knowledge is implemented in innovative local projects, especially in the fields of community life, education, economy and employment. Local Action Groups have been established in all 11 CoNet cities which bring together people to work on Local Actions Plans.

Click [here](#) for more information about this project.

Essentials of the Generation Paradigm and the Generations Forum -The Netherlands

The Foundation *Rijp en Groen* was established in 2009 to explore and develop generation theories in The Netherlands as a contribution to the debate on social cohesion. *Rijp en Groen* sees its generation model as a paradigm, a vision of sociological, psychological, personal and societal aspects of generations. The generation paradigm illuminates various personal problems within generations and can provide insights to solve these problems, as well as illustrating the importance of generations for each other and wider society.

For more information about the foundation, [click here](#).

Towards a Latin America for All Ages. Plan to Develop the Intergenerational Field.

Last November this research project was completed. Thanks to the funding granted by [RIICOTEC](#) (Latin American Inter-governmental Network for Technical Co-operation), a team of 26 researchers have spent a whole year gathering and analysing information to map out the current status of intergenerational practices in 11 countries of this region. Final products for this research, currently available in Spanish, are now available and consist of three main items: a report on current intergenerational policies, research and practices in Latin America; a medium & long term plan to develop the intergenerational field in the region; and a research agenda listing key intergenerational items to be looked at in future studies. This project has the potential to inspire European researchers to implement a similar effort.

For more information, contact Mariano Sanchez (marianos@ugr.es) member of the research team

IntergenerationALL Programme– Great ideas for Intergenerational projects.

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation has launched 11 outstanding intergenerational ideas addressing isolation and loneliness, migration and the environment. To follow the projects' stories, share ideas and download learning gathered along the way, access their [website](#). The first results of the project are presented [here](#).

“Generations” - Bulgaria

“Generations” is a newly established association of experts in Bulgaria working for many years in education and adult learning, with extensive experience in project management of various EU programmes. The founders of this association aim to follow ‘the common European idea of Lifelong Learning’.

For more information about this association and their main objectives, contact them on generationsbg@gmail.com

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EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT CENTRE – Sofia, Bulgaria

The European Management Centre (EMC) is a leading training and consultancy in management and development of Bulgarian companies and organisations and works closely with leading European institutions. EMC offers ongoing programmes and complete business solutions through training and professional development of human resources. Founded in 1999 as a consulting and educational firm, EMC has brought together specialists from Austria and Bulgaria to prioritise their customers, providing high quality services in training in management and human resources development and has established a network of Bulgarian and foreign specialists who have appropriate expertise for projects according to customer requirements.

EMC is currently working on a project “Qualified for the Job” – a new module programme for a Senior Professional Qualification that will address the needs of older workers (ie, how to lead a team of different generations, how to identify a qualification and the needs of older workers). Therefore, EMC is developing, and will offer clients training in the management and development of older employees, management skills for management of teams with employees across the age range, and managing a work-life balance for older workers that will enhance productivity.

Click [here](#) for more information on EMC and their related [case studies](#).



EMIL CASE STUDY COLLECTION

One of EMIL’s aims is to develop ways of exchanging and distributing resources, ideas, knowledge and expertise in the field. Therefore, over the duration of the project, EMIL will collect and disseminate a set of practice case studies, provide relevant and useful lessons learned which others across Europe can use in their own learning and implementation processes. EMIL endeavours to highlight factors involved in both the successes and barriers each case encountered, as well as possible solutions.

This collection of case studies will provide a resource for practitioners, policy makers and researchers in the field to support the future development of intergenerational learning and ensure that existing practices are well documented.

A few recent examples added to our collection include:

- “Is old age an appropriate topic for Intergenerational Learning?” – Slovenian Third Age University, Slovenia
- “Empowerment – learning processes to promote solidarity” – Bulgaria
- “Finding common ground and content(s) for an intergenerational learning practice and making it come true” - Slovenia

To read more about EMIL’s Case Study Collection or to submit a case study of your own, [click here](#).

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Resources

“Generations, Intergenerational relationships , Generational Policy: A three-language compendium”

This document suggests that agreeing on the terminology used is absolutely essential and as such, makes suggestions for this task and shows how key terminology can be understood or defined and classifies them in a systematic theoretical framework. The document concludes by discussing some policy implications.

[Download a copy of this report.](#)

Intergenerational Solidarity – Strengthening Economic and Social Ties

This volume analyzes intergenerational solidarity from diverse interdisciplinary angles within the social sciences. It provides analytical tools to advance research and documents how societies are adjusting to major changes that affect the core of the social fabric. With a focus on the areas of youth, family and ageing, contributions seek to advance understanding and promotion of intergenerational solidarity

To order this book, [click here](#).

Intergenerational Solidarity: Policy Challenges and Societal Responses

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research has produced this policy brief, available in English, Spanish and German, addresses inter-generational policy challenges and appraises the progress made so far within international policy frameworks (from UN and the EU Commission) while also reporting on the opinions of EU citizens on the challenges of intergenerational solidarity. The results are drawn from the Flash Eurobarometer survey of 2009, conducted by the GALLUP organisation, sponsored by the EU Commission.

[Download a copy of this policy brief here.](#)

Research Report – Impact of transnational exchange experiences on senior volunteers and organisations.

This new report of the European project SEVEN (Senior European Volunteer Exchange Network) is now available in English, French, Italian and German. In this report, the learning impacts of trans-national exchange programmes for senior volunteers were analysed from two perspectives: the senior volunteers participating in the projects and the organisations which sent and hosted the volunteers or coordinated the exchange. SEVEN is an international network of 29 organisations promoting senior volunteer exchanges.

[Download a copy of this report.](#)

Ageing and Intergenerational Relations: Family reciprocity from a global perspective.

This exciting book explores the exchange of support between the generations and examines variations in contemporary practices and rationales in different regions and societies around the world. It draws on theoretical perspectives and empirical analyses to discuss both newly emerging patterns of family reciprocity and more established ones which are affected by changing opportunities and pressures in contemporary societies. The book is split into two parts: the first reviews key theoretical and conceptual debates in this field, while the second offers new insights and an understanding of exchange practices based on case studies from different regions and different relationships. To order this book, [click here](#).

Age-Friendly Cities & Communities – ‘Special Issue’

Many have argued that making cities age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic ageing. More specifically, age-friendly community benefits all residents, young and old alike.

The theme of the next EMIL newsletter will explore various approaches across Europe for developing and supporting age-friendly cities and communities. The purpose of this edition is to raise awareness of the good practice initiatives already taking place. If you are involved in, or know of any anyone involved in various projects or research in this area, please let us know (EMIL@bjf.org.uk).

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News & Events:

European Year of Volunteering 2011 – EU Tour

EU countries will be toured over a one-year period. Each stage of the tour in each member state will last approximately 10 days, and will provide volunteers with an opportunity to exhibit their work, meet one another, engage with policy-makers and the general public, convey their energy and enthusiasm, and discuss key issues for the future of their work. For those interested in contributing to the programme and want to promote the intergenerational work they are involved in, [click here](#). Here you will find the tour schedule and the addresses of the National Coordinating Bodies.

Summer University in Social Work: Gender and Intergenerational Relationships June 20th – July 1st Lausanne, Switzerland.

This course offers a unique opportunity to address social problems and professional challenges in a new way by focusing on the intersection of questions on gender and intergenerational relationships from a comparative and international perspective. During these 2 weeks, participants will be invited to discuss these issues with international specialists and to develop their more specific interests in small groups during the workshops. Lectures will be given in English or French. Field visits will be organised in Lausanne, Geneva, Fribourg and Valais. Registration closes March 15th, 2011.

For more information on the programme, click [here](#).

The European Mentoring and Befriending Charter launched

The organisations making up the European Mentoring and Befriending Group presented its European Mentoring and Befriending Charter to the European Parliament in Brussels.

For the group's shared definition of mentoring and befriending, their eight ethical principles governing good practice and other information, [click here](#).

Generations United 16th International Conference: July 26-29, 2011

Generations United invites you to embark on a unique journey to transform the future of intergenerational programming, practice and policy across the world. This will not be a typical conference; all participants will have the chance to rethink and revitalize the future of intergenerational connections. For more information, visit their [website](#).

InterGeneracionces Conference: Feb 25-27, 2011 - Krzyzowa, Poland

This conference consists of keynote speeches on the topic, country reports & discussions on methods for multigenerational exchange, introduction of EU networks concerning intergenerational dialogue, survey of EU fundraising for intergenerational exchange, presentation of best-practice projects and workshops on different aspects of the issue. For more info, visit their [website](#).

Learning in LaterLife – Generational Cooperation Seminar: May 25-29, 2011 Cyprus

This training seminar has taken place successfully for 3 years and provides an ideal opportunity to meet, learn from and network with other practitioners from across Europe. For more info, visit the [website](#).

NGO Coalition on Intergenerational Solidarity welcomes EPSCO decision to declare 2012 European Year for Active Ageing & Solidarity between Generations

AGE Platform Europe are pleased that the EPSCO Council supported the call and has decided to extend the title for the proposed European Year 2012 to be "Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations". The final designation of the EU Year 2012 is expected from Brussels early spring 2011.

For further details, go to the [AGE Platform Europe website](#).