

Intercultural Dialogue: Examples of Policies and Programmes

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Belgium / Flanders	Knowledge centre interculturalization is part of Ministry for Culture, Youth, Sports and Media.	Some municipalities have integration centres, services or even cultural centres.	Action Plan Interculturalization, presented in 2006 by Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports to implement diversity in these three sectors.	The action plan integrates the intercultural dimension in culture decrees; fixes quota for advisory bodies and assessment committees and the boards and staff of several types of public institutions; provides project subsidies for experimental projects Cordoba & Antena: programmes combining training and work experiences for non-western board members and staff	The public broadcaster VRT has signed a diversity charter (2003, renewed 2007) explicating its engagement to reflect and promote diversity in society.	Many municipalities have a budget for the support of local organizations and projects. The support can take different forms, subsidies for activities, grants for projects or logistical support.
Bulgaria	National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Demographic Issues (NCCEDI); Ministry of Culture – National coordinator for EYID 2008; <i>Department for Cultural Integration</i> ; Ministry of Education and Science	Local authorities' departments in charge with education, culture, social affairs, youth etc.	National Action Plan on Social Inclusion 2006-2008; National Action Plan on the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015; National Action Plan against Discrimination (2007).	- National Project HOUSE for the EYID 2008 (www.dialogue2008.bg) - Project ' <i>Human Rights and Peace on the Balkans</i> ' as part of ' <i>All different – All equal</i> ' campaign of Council of Europe. - OSI - Legal Programme (support of juridical reform), Roma	International Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations (IMIR) project <i>Social Perception and the Impact of Media on the Minority Candidates for the Local Elections 2003</i>	Programmes aiming at ethnic and social inclusion, on promotion of cultural diversity, e.g. Days of intercultural dialogue (Kurdzhali Municipality – May 2008), workshops, round tables, exhibitions, shows, happenings in cities and counties in Bulgaria.

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			<p>National implementation strategy for EYID 2008;</p> <p>Strategy for Educational Integration of Minority children and students (2004), supplemented by a follow-up action plan for the school year 2008/9</p>	<p>Programme (supporting civil initiatives for change, establishment and inclusion of Roma NGOs and individual experts in the process of policy-making for the integration of Roma people);</p> <p>- Next Page Foundation, Sofia - project of a "Romani Library":</p> <p>- <i>IMIR project INTERCULTURE</i> - Material / Module for the Training of Specialized Executives in the Approach of Problems of Intercultural Communication in the Field of Local Community http://www.interculture-project.net/ Etc..</p>		
Canada	Department of Canadian Heritage: Aboriginal Affairs Branch, Multiculturalism Program, Official Languages Program,	Many large metropolitan cities have programs in support of intercultural dialogue	No single national document but included in: Gathering Strength: Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan, Anti-Racism Action Plan,	Department of Canadian Heritage: Exchanges Canada, Anti-Racism Program, Celebrate Canada Program: events for 4 national Days in June: Aboriginal, St Jean	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (national) Provincial education television authorities	Toronto: City of Toronto Access and Equity Grant Program Vancouver: City of Vancouver Celebration Grants

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	Exchanges Canada, Arts Policy Branch National museums and galleries Many provincial governments are also involved, e.g. Department of Citizen Relations and Immigration and the Intercultural Affairs Bureau in Quebec		Multiculturalism Promotion Program, Action Plan on Public Education and Outreach: Promoting Diversity, Respect and Connections	de Baptiste, Multiculturalism, Canada), Community Partnerships Program Canadian Heritage Portfolio: exhibitions in Canadian Museum of Civilization, National Gallery of Canada, Museum of War, Library and Archives Canada Multicultural Resources/ Services <i>Provincial museums/galleries</i>	Cable television community services Aboriginal Peoples Television Network Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC) Arts Presentation Canada - festivals, showcases	
Croatia	Governmental Office for Minorities; Ministry of Culture	-	Constitution (1990, rev. 2001) and Constitutional Law on National Minorities (2002).	National Programme for Roma, (Governmental Office for Minorities)	-	-
Estonia	Office of the Minister for Population and Ethnic Affairs	The City of Tallinn has formed commissions in charge of local integration programs.	<i>Estonian Integration Program 2008-2013</i>	The quasi-governmental <i>Non-Estonians' Integration Foundation</i> administers a set of programmes targeting different areas.	Russian-language public radio channel (Radio 4). Discussions over the creation of a public TV channel in Russian have not yet led to any decision.	The City of Tallinn has initiated a grant programme for the promotion of intercultural understanding.

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Finland	Ministry of Education and Culture, National Board of Education; Finnish National Gallery (National co-ordinator for EYICD 2008)	City/Municipal cultural boards and centers responsible for cultural services and supporting of artistic and cultural activities.	Intercultural dialogue is not defined as such an objective in any major official document. The relevant documents still deal with minority and immigrant issues, cultural tolerance and anti-racism. Intercultural dialogue was first presented as a major issue of letters between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Grand Committee of Parliament, which is informed by the Government and Ministers/Ministries about activities centering around significant EU decisions, meetings and initiatives. In the due course the implementation of	We can take as an example the programme design by the National Board of Education for the EYICD 2008. The programme consisted of three interactive network components: - - "Ampiainen (Wasp) Remix 2008", meeting of young people with architects and designers to ponder together the ethnicity of Finnish design culture; - "Living library" where the young people can borrow instead of books living persons belonging to often discriminated groups; - "the European chez nous"; national museum event displaying the European layers of Finnish culture and everyday life, - artists' visits and workshops which provide children with varying views to the world .	The multicultural programme Bazaar by the Finnish Broadcasting Company has at the same time been for immigrants and minority groups a media platform and a training ground for program producing and pilot testing- Bazaar has been presented as a case study for illustrating the Finnish compendium text.	Helsinki city multicultural centre Caisa has been presented as a compendium case study and it has served as a model for other Finnish cities

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			the action plan for the activities of the year were delegated to the National Board of Education and the Finnish National Gallery, which is also the co-ordinator of the year.			
Georgia	<p>Ministry of Education and Science is responsible for promoting intercultural education.</p> <p>The Law on Secondary Education(2005), grants rights to all schools to teach in minority languages and to teach the history of minorities without any discrimination regarding the content or the financial support offered.</p>	-	<p><i>No single national document.</i></p> <p>Ministry of Education and Science regards the issue of intercultural dialogue as important for educational policy in Georgia.</p>	<p>Caucasian House- Center for Cultural Relations of Georgia is a cultural, educational and peacekeeping institution. The priorities of the <i>Caucasian House</i> is to protect human rights and establish religious and ethnic tolerance, promote peaceful co-existence of different cultures, support cultural integration of and collaboration with the Caucasian people. http://www.ccrghouse.ge/</p> <p>The Public Movement Multinational Georgia has developed an alternative package of recommendations and has</p>	Public Service Broadcaster	<p>TbilisiMunicipality supports cultural centres (Russian, Azeri and the Caucasus House), sponsors and finances the Petros Adamyan Tbilisi State Armenian Theatre, Tbilisi State Azeri Drama Theatre and A. S. Griboedov Academic Russian Drama Theatre.</p> <p>Ministry of Culture, Monument Protection and Sport carries out different cultural events, festivals, conferences and days of culture (Armenian,</p>

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	Intercultural education is a part of the National Curriculum of Georgia.			introduced intercultural education as a part of the general school curricula, within the civil education discipline. www/pmmg.info		Azeri, Lithuanian, Israel(exhibition dedicated to the 26 centuries old history of the establishment of Jewry in Georgia, which covered the history of the peaceful coexistence of Georgians and Jews)).
Hungary	Kulturpont Iroda (Hungarian CCP)	-	No national document	Exhibition on « The other » organised by the Artemissio Foundation www.amasik.hu Year of Bible, exhibition at the National Széchenyi Library (all kinds of religious) www.bibliaeve2008.hu International network of folk dancers promoting intercultural dialogue www.folkdacenet.eu	Tilos Radio, theamtic programmes and parties on intercultural dialogue (One World) www.tilos.hu	Not known
Italy	Ministry of the Interior Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Policies	Regional laws for the social integration of immigrants also aim at supporting “intercultural education and	“Charter of Values, Rights and Integration” (April 2007)	Brera National Picture Gallery, Milan: “A Brera anch’io” project National Ethnographic Museum “Pigorini”, Rome: READ ME	National broadcasting programmes targeted to migrant communities: “Un mondo a colori”, and “Shukran” on TV, “Permesso di soggiorno” on radio. New minority languages have no	City of Turin, Department for Cultural Heritage Education: “A heritage for all” programme to increase the

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	<p>Ministry of Education</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Ministry for the Heritage (national coordination body of 2008 EYID)</p> <p>Council for Italian Islam (adv. body)</p> <p>Youth Council for Religious and Cultural Pluralism.(adv.body)</p>	<p>communication” and the “safeguard of cultural identities” (e.g. Emilia Romagna <i>Regional Law 5/2004</i>)</p> <p>Many North-Central local authorities have programmes in support of intercultural dialogue</p>		<p>(Réseau Européen des Associations de Diasporas & Musées Ethnographiques”) and “Saperci fare” projects (both with the support of the EU)</p>	<p>access to national TV and radio networks. On the other hand, they are broadly catered for by private local radio stations and newspapers specifically targeted at immigrant communities (for the most part run by NGOs), which have reached 1,5 million readers in 2007</p>	<p>intercultural competence of local museum and the cultural participation of “new citizens”</p> <p>Province of Milan, Culture Department: “House of world cultures” to create a space for intercultural exchange and interaction</p> <p>City of Rome, Department for Education and School Policies “Intermundia” programme for intercultural education</p> <p>Province of Rome/Archivio dell’Immigrazione: Network of immigrant communities archives</p> <p>World culture / multicultural festivals supported by several municipalities</p>

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Latvia	Secretariat of the Special Assignment Minister for Social Integration; The Latvian Society Integration Foundation	-	<i>State Cultural Policy Guidelines 2006 – 2015; Social integration policy (adopted 2001)</i> – though intercultural dialogue is not a priority of these documents.	Riga Russian Theatre, and Russian language productions in Daugavpils City Theatre and Latvian Puppet Theatre	2007-2008 there were 12 series of broadcasts on the 1st channel of the Latvian Television <i>Etnosi.Tolerance.lv</i> , related to the topics of tolerance and ethnicity (supported by European Commission). There are news and broadcasts in Russian on state TV and radio.	-
FYR of Macedonia	ICD has been on the agenda of all the ministries and government agencies, especially the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Secretariat for European Affairs, the Agency of Youth and Sport etc.	-	- <i>Constitution</i> - <i>the Ohrid Framework Agreement, 2001</i> - several national strategies including the National Strategy for Culture; the National Strategy for Education; the National Strategy for Youth etc.	-	-	-
Poland	National Culture Centre as the institution coordinating celebrations of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue in Poland	none	Poland's National Strategy for the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, otherwise none.	none	none	none, some only related to the EYOID in 2008

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San Marino	The Government through the competent Secretariats of State; at international level the action carried out by the Secretariat of State for Foreign Affairs is significant and intense.	The Government through the competent Secretariats of State and the support of local authorities.	The relevant activities and decisions implemented by the State refer to the Government agenda of the current legislature (October 2008). On 9 November 2008 the general elections will be held and the new Government appointed will express its orientation and view in this regard.	-In 2007 a competition was promoted for the project of a sculpture to be placed in a very symbolic place. The project awarded is "Different / Equal"; -In 2008, a conference was held on the Christian Communities in the Mediterranean region at the University of San Marino. A historic book on religious and cultural diversities was published.	Awareness raising and advertising campaigns regularly broadcasted by San Marino State television and radio.	-Etnofestival; -Festival of Democratic Citizenship.
Slovakia	Ministry of Culture (National Coordination Body)	-	Slovak National Strategy of EYID implementation	National Education Centre (project Animation of European Citizenship in Local Culture)	web site for intercultural dialogue promotion, information and activities www.medzikulturnydialog.gov.sk	Slovakia
Slovenia	No general authority, but Office for Nationalities, which offers assistance to Italian and Hungarian minorities and is in charge of special rights for the Roma	Community and City Councils where Italian and Hungarian minorities and Roma live which have representatives of these minorities.	Legislation and resolutions on the rights of traditional minorities (Italian, Hungarian, Roma): The Programme of Measures for Assisting the Roma (1995)	<i>Europian classes</i> : four-year project of the Ministry of Education and Sport, which ends in 2008 and of which the main innovation is the introduction of European and global dimensions, interculturality, multilinguality, authenticity, project approach and project work (for gymnasiums and	Slovenian national radio and television transmits in different channels special programmes for Italian and Hungarian minorities and Roma: Italian Television Koper Capodistria, Radio Koper Capodistria,	-

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	<p>community living in Slovenia.</p> <p>Government Commission for the two national communities and the Government Commission for the protection of the Romany ethnic community</p> <p>National Assembly commission for the national communities (Italian and Hungarian)</p>		<p>The Roma Community Act (2007) defines the scope of special rights of the Roma Community, the jurisdiction of state authorities and the local community authorities in exercising those rights, and the organisation of the Roma community in order to implement their rights and obligations as set out by the Act.</p> <p>Self-Governing Ethnic Communities Act defining the special rights of Italian and Hungarian minorities was adopted in 1994 already.</p> <p>The Resolution in the situation of Italian and</p>	<p>professional secondary schools);</p> <p><i>Studying the mother tongue for children of migrants</i>: this encourages strengthening of awareness of their own identity and culture (Albanian, German, Russian, Macedonian etc.);</p> <p><i>Support for the organisation of festivals</i>, the purpose of which is the encouragement and promotion of the creative work of youth and raising awareness of cultural diversity – Francophone Festival, Festival of Spanish Theatre, Rusijada etc.);</p> <p><i>Adult education</i>: Andragogic Center of Slovenia and people's universities coordinate a number of projects in the sphere of intercultural dialogue;</p> <p><i>Cooperation in EU programmes or initiatives</i>: European language recognition and European Day of Languages, Europe in schools</p>	<p>Hungarian □endava Studio Programme,</p> <p>Muravideki Magyar Radio,</p> <p>Studio D</p> <p>(Novo mesto),</p> <p>Romskih 60 on Radio Murski Val</p> <p>Radio SLO1: Naše poti (Roma)</p>	

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			<p>Hungarian minorities entered parliamentary procedure in 2007.</p> <p>The Programme of efforts and activities on the implementation of the Roma Community Act is under the preparation.</p>			
Spain	<p>Ministry of Culture and regional governments.</p> <p>Creation in 2007 of the <i>National Committee for the Promotion of Intercultural Dialogue</i> as the national body for institutional representation and co-ordination of the action undertaken by national, regional and local levels, as well as civil society</p>	<p>Many city councils have programs in support of intercultural dialogue)</p>	<p>Cultural diversity is one of the three central lines of action at the Ministry of Culture since 2004. At the national level, the <i>Strategic Plan on Citizenship and Integration (2007-2010)</i> promotes intercultural dialogue.</p>	<p>National Commission for the Promotion of Intercultural Dialogue: preparing the “European Year of ICD 2008”.</p> <p>Other plans and programmes to promote intercultural dialogue at the regional level.</p>	<p>RTVE Corporation State Radio and Television Corporation support the social integration of minorities.</p> <p>State-funded Catalan television was the first Spanish broadcaster to create a Diversity Committee. Its many aims include the multilingual subtitling of emblematic programmes, the adaptation of its broadcasting language, coverage of the daily lives of new citizens on Catalan channels and the broadcasting of programmes that are of particular interest to new citizens.</p>	<p>Barcelona: Universal Forum of Cultures (2004).</p> <p>Barcelona: Intercultural Dialogue programme for 2008</p> <p>Alcalá la Real (Jaén): Etnosur Festival</p> <p>Granada: International Festival of Music and Dance</p> <p>Guaro, (Málaga): Luna Mora Festival</p> <p>Elche (Alicante):</p>

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	<p>in all actions aimed towards making the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue visible.</p> <p>The Ministry of Labour and Immigration and the regional organisms responsible of these themes are also involved in intercultural dialogue.</p>					International Festival of Ethnic Music and Culture and Cross-cultural Exchange, Mestival

Source: Council of Europe/ERICarts, Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe, 10th edition, 2008.

- Note:
1. Could also include inter-ministerial committee mandated to study or examine intercultural dialogue as part of a government wide initiative; council or advisory bodies to facilitate the participation of representatives from national cultural minority or immigrant groups in cultural policy making processes;
 2. Main government strategy, policies or programmes, government decisions, white papers, etc, of the Ministry responsible for cultural affairs to promote intercultural dialogue in the cultural field;
 3. Government funded programmes to help public cultural institutions promote intercultural dialogue;
 4. State broadcaster has training programmes for journalists to sensitise them to intercultural issues or those of importance either to national minority groups or large immigrant groups.