



European Language Day 2008

European Language Day – 26th September

EUNIC clusters celebrate the European Language Day 2008 across Europe.

From Moscow to Dublin and from Lisbon to Stockholm – via Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Warsaw, Prague, Ljubljana and the Western Balkans, the European Union National Institutes for Culture celebrate this year's European Language Day in various aspects – including open Day activities with free language classes, multilingual storytelling marathons, theatre and music performances. *For a full list of activities please see below.*

You are cordially invited to join!

**European Day of Languages – EUNIC activities
26 September 2008**

1. EUNIC Belgrade

Event	EUNIC Belgrade will have a stand at the 53 rd International Belgrade Book Fair. The Fair is a large scale event with numerous activities around language-related issues.
Date	20-26 October
Location	Belgrade Book Fair, Belgrade, http://www.beobookfair.co.yu/
Partners	Österreichisches Kulturforum Belgrad, British Council Serbia, Centre Culturel Français de Belgrade, Goethe-Institut Belgrad, Instituto Cervantes de Belgrado, Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Belgrado
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2. EUNIC Bosnia and Herzegovina

Event 1	The Goethe-Institut will coordinate presentations by the different EUNIC members at the Language Fair at Trg Oslobođenja/Trg Alije.
Event 2	The British Council will run a set of workshops and presentations for teachers, learners and parents of children learning languages, followed by a reception on its premises for EUNIC, local partners and the media.
Date	26 September
Locations	the fair: Trg Oslobođenja/Trg Alije Izetbegovica, Sarajevo BC premises: Ljubljanska 9, Sarajevo
Partners	Goethe-Institut Sarajevo, British Council and others
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3. EUNIC Bratislava

Event	The mayor of the Old City of Bratislava will hold a press conference to present the day's activities. Presentation stands with a variety of activities and games will be set up at Hviezdoslavovo Square. A multilingual programme will be presented on the central stage. Short films from different countries will be presented in Cinema Mladost. In the evening there will be a "Language Café" at Café Studio.
Date	26 September, 10:00-14:00: "Street of Languages" and 18:00-19:30: "Language Café"
Location	Hviezdoslavovo námestie, Bratislava http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hviezdoslavovo_n%C3%A1mestie_(Bratislava)
Partners	Instituto Cervantes, British Council, Goethe-Institut, Institut Français, Instituto di Cultura Italiana, Kulturny institute Madarskeje republiky, Österreich Institut, Polsky institute Bratislava, Bulharsky kulturny institute, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Embassy of the Republic of Portugal, Ruske centrum vedy a kultury v Bratislava and the Council of Europe Bratislava

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4. EUNIC Brussels

Event 1 **The 5th annual Storytelling Marathon** will bring stories and myths from different cultural backgrounds and minorities to the fore. Two non-European cultural institutes will participate (the Kurdish and the Iraqi Institute). "The abduction of Europa" e.g. will be narrated in different languages. This literary journey will be musically accompanied by Vlad Weverbergh (clarinet) and Rui Salgado (contrabass). The storytellers will perform in schools in Brussels and the project will be presented in Amsterdam. There will also be possibility to explore a variety of language courses.

Date 28-30 September
Location t'Kunsthuis Pantalone, Brussels, <http://www.pantalone.be/>
European School, Uccle, <http://www.eeb1.com/>

Partners EUNIC Brussels, Pantalone, EUNIC Netherlands (see 8)
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Event 2 Visitors can take a tour through the Finnish Institute, visit its library and hear about **Finnish culture and language**. Teachers will be available for discussion and there will be opportunity to take a language test. The café and the authentic Finnish Sauna will open their doors as well.

Date 26 September, 16:00-20:00
Location Finnish Cultural Institute 20, Rue du Luxembourg, Brussels,
<http://www.institute.fi/en/benelux.php>

Partners Finnish Cultural Institute, Scandinavian Language School, Finnish Seamens' Mission
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5. EUNIC Kraków

Event An international city of tents will be set up on the market square in the heart of the Old City. Visitors can sample trial lessons in different languages and participate in competitions. There will be several concerts, e.g. from "Ljubi und Bande", who will perform in German, Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian. A costume parade is also planned.

Link <http://www.goethe.de/ins/pl/kra/prj/edj/deindex.htm>
Date 26 September, 11:00-18.00
Location Maly Rynek, Kraków, <http://www.malyrynek.pl/>

Partners British Council, Goethe-Institut Krakau, Institut Français de Cracovie, Institute Cervantes, Austrian Consulate in Kraków, Austria Institute, the Center for Polish Language and Culture
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6. EUNIC London

Event	An exhibition will take place at St. Pancras Intl. in London. A cluster of pods will be set up by the participating institutes. Of interest are the many commuters passing by, since St. Pancras Intl. is the key destination for the Eurostar and high-speed rail in the UK.
Link	http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/index_en.htm
Date	26 September
Location	St. Pancras International, London, http://www.stpancras.com/
Partners	the European Commission's representation in the UK, Goethe-Institut London, CILT, Asset languages/ OCR, Cervantes Institute/ Consejería de Educación, Slovak Centre, and others.
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7. EUNIC Netherlands

Event 1	Le Maison Descartes/ Institut Français will open its doors for children between the ages of 11 and 13, as well as their teachers. The youngsters will receive a short lesson in French, German, Spanish or Italian, followed by a fun activity.
Event 2	The Story Festival 1000 and 2 nights "Europe on journey - stories from Europe" (see above: point 4) will take place in the library Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam on 30 September. Language classes will also be offered.
Link	http://www.ecml.at/edl/details.asp?e=3944
Date	26 September, 10:00-12:30 or 13:00-15:30
Locations	Maison Descartes/ Institut Français http://www.maisondescartes.com/site/ Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam, http://www.oba.nl/
Partners	Open day: Maison Descartes/ Institut Français, Goethe-Institut Amsterdam, Instituto Cervantes and Istituto Italiano di Cultura Story Telling Marathon: EUNIC Netherlands with OBA and the city of Amsterdam
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8. EUNIC Portugal

Event	The "Road-Map" event is aimed at young learners and adults. Visitors will receive a map showing the location of all EUNIC institutes in Lisbon. The individual institutes are organizing activities such as free sample language classes, informative sessions on the institutes and their cultures. The "Proverb Poster" will be distributed, containing a proverb and its translation into many European languages. The Institut Franco Portugais will host a video-conference with live broadcast of the "Etats Généraux du Multilinguisme" which the French are organising as part of their activities related to the French Presidency of the EU.
Date	26 September

Location	Lisbon
Partners	British Council, Goethe-Institut, Instituto Camões, Instituto Franco-Português, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Instituto Ibero-Americano da Finlândia, Instituto Cultural Romeno

9. EUNIC Prague

Event	The institutes will offer short artistic and cultural programs (film screenings, music and folklore shows, theatre presentations and poetry recitations) in one of the newest shopping centres in Prague. Each institute will have its own presentation booth. There will be a quiz with questions related to the participating institutes and their languages. The answers will be found in the store windows throughout the mall. At 18:00 the drawing of lots will take place on the stage.
Link	http://www.ecml.at/edl/details.asp?e=3940
Date	26 September, 11:00-18:00
Location	Shopping Centre Palladium, Prague http://www.prague-life.com/shop/shops_details/283-Palladium
Partners	Goethe-Institut, Austrian Cultural Forum, Bulgarian Cultural Institute, the British Council, National Czech Agency for European Educational Programs, Hungarian Cultural Institute, Romanian Cultural Institute, Lithuanian Cultural Institute, Polish Cultural Institute and French Cultural Institute. The project is supported by NAEP, by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and Palladium.
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10. EUNIC Russia

Event	There will be a three-day trainer training seminar within the component of the English project, titled "Introduction of the Common European Framework of Languages (CFER) and the Language Portfolio in foreign language teaching in Russian schools." The trained trainers will later in the year deliver a 36-hour teacher training course in the Moscow Institute for Open Education.
Date	27 – 30 September
Partners	Goethe-Institut Moskau, Moscow State Linguistic University
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11. EUNIC Slovenia

Event 1	A European breakfast and a quiz are planned. The British Council will have a stall where they will promote their English Global Products as part of the ELOutreach project and their LearnEnglish website.
Event 2	A Multilingualism Conference, originally planned for September with a closing presentation on 26 September, will now take place in November.

Date	26 September, 9:00-13:00: Breakfast and Quiz 27-28 November: Conference
Location	Kongresni trg, Ljubljana, Slovenia http://www.ljubljana.si/en/sights/squares/congress_square/
Partners	Österreichisches Kulturforum Laibach, British Council, Goethe-Institut Ljubljana, Institut Français Charles Nodier, Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Slovenia
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12. EUNIC Warsaw

Event	A variety of activities, involving different languages, will take place.
Date	26 September
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