

One week to highlight minorities' representation in the media

The third edition of the European Week of Media and Minorities
took place from the 20th March to the 26th 2006

Dedicated radio broadcasting, media monitoring activities, seminars and conferences, sensitization campaigns, TV shows and interviews. Those and many others are the initiatives undertaken in 12 EU countries by 19 different organizations that joined the European Week of Media and Minorities, from 20th March to the 26th 2006. The objective of the different activities was shared by all the participants: promoting public dialogue about representation of minority groups in the European media and empowering minority audiences.

The European Week of Media and Minorities (EWMM) was launched three years ago by Online/More Colour in the Media, the European network for media and diversity based in the Netherlands.

Herewith an overview of the main events which have been staged:

Austria

- *Mediamatik*, a conference about media education, media practices and community media took place in Vienna from the 24th to the 27th of March. It has been organized by Teichenberg. The contact person is Sabine Maierhofer-Alberti: sabine@teichenberg.at

Finland

- Islamophobia in Europe, a European seminar and discussion forum about the most recent developments in the European social situation took place in Helsinki on Monday 20th March. The seminar has been organised by the *International Cultural Centre Caisa*. The contact person is Ahmed Akar: ahmed.akar@hel.fi
- *KSL Radio* launched a three-week campaign to support the role and the importance of minorities in the media. The contact person is Ike Ude-Chime: ike.chime@ksl.fi

Germany

- *Parallelgesellschaften - Intermedia Pilot Seminar*, is a four day workshop about media and minorities taking place in March and April in Darmstadt. The contact person is Andreas Linder: linder@lmk-online.de

Greece

- *Dimitra* and the *Journalists' Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers (Northern Greece)*, organised several activities during this year's edition of the EWMM such as: radio broadcasting, TV shows on ETR3 (a cooking program and talk shows), a presentation of films about racism and anti-racism, a concert. They also jointed their activities with the students of the University of Thessaloniki and, finally, undertook a Media Monitoring Day.
For more information you can contact: Anna Famellos, *Journalists' Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers (Northern Greece)*, famellos@esiemth.gr or Evi Chatzi, *Dimitra*, chatzi@dimitra.gr

Hungary

- On the 22th of March, one day after the International Day Against Racism, *Civil radio* organised a full-day specialized radio broadcasting. For more information you can contact: Gergely Gosztanyi: gosztanyi@civillradio
- *Bogárd és Vidéke*, local independent newspaper, published, on their issue of the 23th of March an interview with a Roma family about their family's history, everyday life and habits and also about the difficulties they may encounter because of their origins. To know more about this you can contact Virag Hargitay: hargitai.kiss.v@freemail.hu
- Esther Holbrook from the *Roma Press Center*, was one of the guests speakers at Radio Café's program "*Legal Aliens*" (98.6 FM) broadcasted on Tuesday 21st March. The *Roma Press Center*

- also reported and interviewed people at the *Roma Program* that took place at Millenarus Park of Budapest, again on the 21st March. For more information: romapres@axelero.hu
- *Puszta Radio* broadcasted a radio show about life and work conditions of Roma people and immigrants living in Hungary. The contact person is: Lucy Szilágyiné, luz@freemail.hu

Italy

- *COSPE Bologna* presented on the 24th March, "A permanent Observatory for the monitoring of local media and their treatment of immigration related topics". For urther information: Jonathan Ferramola, ferramola@cospe-bo.it
- *COSPE Firenze* organised the presentation of the book: "Migrantemente. Il popolo invisibile prende la parola" ("Migrantemente. The invisible people starts to talk") on the 2nd of March. The contact person is: Valentina Lombardo, lombardo@cospe-fi.it

Slovenia

- *Peace Institute/Mirovni institut* of Ljubljana undertook a Media Monitoring initiative. For more information you can contact: Brankica Petkovic, brankica.petkovic@mirvni-institut.si

Spain

- *XenoMedia* and *Mugak/SOS Arrazakeria* presented a wide range of activities during the Antiracist Week "Racismo Social, Otro Muro a Derribar/Gizarte arrazakeria, Beste Harresi Bat Botatzetke/Social Racism, Another Wall to Knock Down" organised in the frame of the EWMM. The main event has been the presentation of this year's Media Monitoring research's results, but there have also been a seminar about migrant children and a film screening. For more information please contact: Raul Martinez xenomedia@gmail.com

The Netherlands

- On the 20th of March, *Perslink* organised a media training for spokesmen of migrant's organisations in the Region of Rijnmond (Southern Holland). The contact person is: Giovanni Massaro, gimass@miramedia.nl
- "*Digitales*", a training for the students of the Albeda College in Rotterdam, took place on the 23rd of March 2006. Contact person: Giovanni Massaro, gimass@miramedia.nl
- *Surya Radio* organised a special broadcast on the occasion of the EWMM. For any information please contact: Dhirem Gangaram Panday, info@suryamedia.nl

United Kingdom

- The *Media Diversity Institute* of London produced a series of diversity related articles, written by several Easter European countries' local journalists who attended the Media Diversity Institute's diversity courses. For further information contact: Ana Baresic, ana.baresic@media-diversity.org

More detailed information about these initiatives, including results and media coverage, are available on the Online/More Colour in the Media website in the "European Week of Media and Minorities/Empowerment Network" section (www.olmcm.org)

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