



EU Affairs Monthly Snapshot- February 2010

The links below provide a snapshot of recent EU developments of relevance to EFC members.

- **EFC activities**
 - Act now to support our campaign for a better representation of civil society in EU consultative body
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/Actnowtosupportcampaignforabetterrepresentation.aspx>
 - Advancing participatory democracy at European level
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/PromotingthedevelopmentoftoolsforparticipatorydemocracyatEUlevel.aspx>
 - European Year on Poverty and Social Exclusion launched. Get involved!
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/EuropeanYearonPovertyandSocialExclusionlaunched.aspx>
 - 2009 Forum conference on "Philanthropy, a growing asset for research": Presentations available online
[http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/2009ForumconferenceonPhilanthropy,agrowingassetforresearch"Presentationsavailableonline.aspx](http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/2009ForumconferenceonPhilanthropy,agrowingassetforresearch)
 - EFC's views on the future policies of the EU
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/FutureoftheEUafter2020.aspx>
- **Members' News**
 - Bertelsmann Foundation's panels on "Rethinking well-being: How to keep Europe on the sustainability track"
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/RegisterforupcomingBertelsmannStiftung'seventson>
- **On the European Commission Agenda**
 - European Commission sets its views on biodiversity protection beyond 2010
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/EuropeanCommissionsetsitsviewsonbiodiversityprotectionbeyond2010.aspx>
 - Experts call for immediate action to solve Europe's skills deficiencies
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/ExpertscallforimmediateactiontosolveEurope%27skillsdeficiencies.aspx>
 - Europeans are broadly satisfied with their lives but less satisfied with economy, public services and social policies
<http://website/News/Pages/Europeansarebroadlysatisfiedwiththeirlivesbutlessatisfiedwiththeeconomy,publicservicesandsocialpolicies.aspx>
- **European Parliament**
 - Parliament gives its approval to the new European Commission
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/EuropeanParliamentgivesitsapprovaltothenewEuropeanCommission.aspx>
 - Intergroup on services of general interest adopt work programme
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/EPgroupadoptedit'sprogrammeonservicesofgeneralinterest.aspx>

- European Parliament monthly roundup: Haiti earthquake, gender equality and EU enlargement.
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/EuropeanParliamentmonthlyroundup-outcomesofJanuary-FebruaryDebates.aspx>
- **EU Presidency and Ministerial Meetings**
 - EU presidencies' priorities 2010-2011
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/JointSpanish,BelgianandHungarianpresidencies'priorities.aspx>
 - EU ministerial meetings: Greek deficit, future of education and training and EU2020
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/EUMinisterialmeetings-JanuaryandFebruary2010.aspx>
- **Give your Input: EU Consultations:** : air passengers' rights, nanotechnologies plan, personal data protection and SMEs' financial reporting
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/ChecktheLatestOpenEUConsultations-February2010.aspx>
- **Register for the Upcoming Events**
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/UpcomingEUEvents-February2010.aspx>
- **Check the Latest Funding Opportunities**
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/OpenEUFundingOpportunitiesandCallsforExpressionsofInterest-February2010.aspx>
- **EU Reading Corner**
<http://www.efc.be/News/Pages/EUReadingCornerLatestPublications-February2010.aspx>

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