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Entrepreneurship education - turning ideas into action!

Dear Reader,

Creativity, innovation, critical thinking, sense of initiative and risk taking are fundamental competences for personal and professional development as they enhance citizens’ well-being and provide career opportunities.

In times of rapid technological change and economic uncertainty, these transversal competences make all the difference; they refer to an individual’s ability to turn ideas into action - to be entrepreneurial!

Entrepreneurship is not solely about business creation. It’s about behaving differently. Because education is key to shaping young people’s attitudes, skills and culture, it is vital that entrepreneurship education is addressed from an early age.

At the request of the CULT Committee, Policy Department B is organising a workshop on “Entrepreneurship through education and training” to debate this topic with experts.

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State aid to banks and credit for SMEs
Policy Department on Economic and Scientific Policy

Access to finance has become more difficult for SMEs during the crisis, so should lending to SMEs be one of the conditions for a bank to qualify for state aid? By analysing relevant cases both qualitatively and quantitatively, this study assesses whether a condition which requires ailing banks that receive State aid to maintain or provide additional access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises is legally justified and economically beneficial.

Disaster resilience for sustainable development
Policy Department on External Policies

The EU is actively engaged in the negotiations over a new global framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be adopted by the international community in March 2015 in Japan. DEVE and ENVI Members and experts address the challenges on the road to a new global framework on disaster risk reduction. The debate covers the current state of international negotiations and the possible EU contribution, as well as the concrete EU experiences with disaster management in internal and external policies.

Cross-border parental child abduction in the EU
Policy Department on Citizens’ Rights and Constitutional Affairs

In cases of parental child abduction, obstacles to consistent application by national courts of the legal framework and frequent interventions of CJEU and ECHR can be seen. This study aims at analysing the international, European and national legal framework applicable to cross-border parental child abduction, with a view to proposing recommendations for the improvement of the current system. The authors propose a remedial mediation scheme and active cooperation of specialised national courts.

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Around 83% of the total EU revenue comes from two resources which are, in fact, financial transfers from national budgets (GNI- and VAT-based resources). The Member States’ structure of revenue is stable over time and their sources of revenue are diversified. Moreover, the size of the MS’ budget is generally increasing. Conversely, the financing structure of the EU has changed over time and the sources of revenue are not diversified. The EU budget size is levelling off.

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