

## Act on European Community Colleges, reactions

We have had a lot of very positive reactions on the Act on European Community Colleges. On behalf of the group behind the Act on European Community Colleges and as a chairman of the ACC, I would like to thank you for these messages. I would also like to introduce you to some of the reactions arriving to the ACC International Programme Office per e-mail and common letters.

It is obvious on the background of these reactions that we have to continue working on, improving and manifold the Act. We are convinced that the Act will be debated in many forums all over.

We hope in particular that the Act will be seen in the context of the Youth2002, which is still occupying a lot of the resources of the ACC. It is our main endeavour of 2002 to make the Youth2002 into another showcase, and to prove again that European Community Colleges and the concept of learning and living together should be a model for a European common, decentralised and non-formal educational school system.

"On behalf of Commissioner Viviane Reding, I would like to thank you for your letter of 13 January concerning the sending of the "Act on European Community Colleges" Mrs Reding has immediately forwarded your document to the Directorate General for Education and Culture for further study".

EU-Commissioner Viviane Reding/Raf Chanterie

"Many thanks for your letter of January 1st 2002. Your proposal is a very imaginative and inspiring one (and set out in a very convincing (unofficial journal!) I will seek ways to spread your idea. Please accept my sincere best wishes and encouragement for your lobbying efforts."

Baroness Sarah Ludford, MEP, Liberal Democrat.

"Thank you very much for your mail. I have forwarded it to two of my colleagues in the Commission: Mr. Gerard Legri, who is in charge of the "Debate on the Future of Europe" and to Mr. Anders Hingel, who is one of the leaders of our Education department."

European Commission; Directorate-General for Press and Communication, Director Niels Jørgen Thøgersen

"... It is a very inspiring initiative, and I wish you all the best with future activities! I have forwarded the information to the relevant people within the Ministry of Education... and the Ministry of Justice..., asking them to inform their respective national agencies and other organisations which might like to take an active part."

Camilla Lindstroem, Ministry of Education, Sweden

"...En relacion con su escrito de enero del 2002, por el que se nos remite el proyecto de ley de creacion de los European Community Colleges, le comunico que el Ministerio de Educacion, Cultura y Deporte ve con agrado el proyecto, y le anima a seguir adelante."

La Directoria del Gabinete, Pilar Martin-O Laborda y Bergasa  
(Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport)

"Thank you"

Minister for European Affairs Bertel Haarder, DK

"Thank you for your message and the innovative idea on "The Act on European Community Colleges""

Denise Hizette, Belgium

"The lack of awareness of European Issues demonstrated by the citizens of member states is a significant problem for the European Union. The project you propose promises to work towards remedying this deficiency, and thus I wish it well."

Roy Perry, MEP; European Peoples Party-European Democrats; member of Committee on Culture, Youth, Education, the Media and Sport

"In the European Parliament we are very supportive of life-long learning. I therefore welcome this initiative. It is an important step towards developing a sense of European citizenship, which is essential for European integration. To confront students with other European cultures and identities is crucial to create awareness of the European diversity, a key element of the European identity. I therefore think the initiative merits support."

Marieke Sanders-Ten Holte, MEP; Group of the European Liberal, Democrat and Reform Party; member of Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities

"I am very grateful for such interesting information on this Act on European Community Colleges. From Spain best regards, and good luck on this wonderful work."

Susana Cascajo, Spain

"Your beginning is very interesting, how we can get involved in it?"

Zviad Pochkhua, deputy editor of Georgian Times

"Many thanks for your e-mail. I really did find it interesting. I am personally inviting you to come to Malta. Please keep me informed with relevant e-mails."

Joseph Miscallef, Malta

As the director of the Amsterdam-Maastricht Summer University I find your message very interesting.

Jaanneke Lootsma, director of Amsterdam-Maastricht Summer University

"This is indeed a very good example of active citizenship and a very interesting proposition in the area of non-formal education. Congratulations on taking this initiative!"

Roisin McCabe, Policy Officer for Citizenship and Lifewide Learning, European Youth Forum (EYF)

"I appreciate your efforts very much, particularly as you are young and your idea is to change and to improve education as one of the fundamental issues in creating the future of Europe."

Vinko Zidaric, Croatian Andragogic Society

"I was very interesting by the mail that you sent me. As Head of Euro Info Centre Halle-Vilvoorde I am looking very positive to such an initiative."

Christophe Veys, Head of Euro Info Centre Halle-Vilvoorde (Belgium)

"I found out about the plans for the new education system and I think it to be a wonderful idea and a great opportunity for everyone to enrich their knowledge and meet different people from all over Europe."

Alexandra Delcea, student in Paris