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Taking on the challenge

Presentation of Swedish Presidency priorities
and events 1 July–31 December 2009



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”The European Union is facing a crucial period. Together we must deal with the economic crises and unemployment, but also unite the world to tackle climate change. The Swedish Presidency is ready to take on the challenge.”

Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt



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Vision for Europe second half of 2009

- **Strong and effective – common responsibility to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow**
- **Open, responsive and results-oriented Presidency**



Two main overarching challenges

- **Economy and employment**
 - the EU should emerge from the economic crises in a stronger position
- **Climate change**
 - the EU will continue to take responsibility for the climate threat



Other important challenges

- **Stockholm Programme**
 - Safeguarding security and the rights of the individuals
- **Baltic Sea Strategy**
 - A cleaner marine environment and a more competitive region
- **EU, its neighbourhood and the world**
 - Strengthen the EU's role as a global actor
 - Continued enlargement process



Presidency priorities within the education field

Draft agenda for the Council 26 November

- **Schools for the 21st Century: Development for teachers and school leaders – conclusions**
- **Migrants and education – conclusions and debate**
- **The knowledge triangle – conclusions**
- **(Poss.) Debate on aspects of the modernisation agenda for universities**



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Meetings in Sweden 1(2)

Meeting of the High Level Group

Date: 3–4 June (and 19 October in Brussels)

Informal Meeting of Education Ministers

Date: 23–24 September, Place: Göteborg

Meeting of the Bologna Follow-up Group

Date: 28–29 September, Place: Stockholm

Meeting of the Directors-General for Higher Education

Date: 6–7 October, Place: Kalmar



Meetings in Sweden 2(2)

Meeting of the Directors-General for Vocational Education and Training

Date: 10–13 October, Place: Västerås

Meeting of the European Network on Teacher Education Policies

Date: 15–16 November, Place: Uppsala

Meeting of the Directors-General for School Education

Date: 1 December, Place: Stockholm

Meeting of the Education Committee

Date: 14–15 December, Place: Stockholm



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Presidency seminars and conferences 1(2)

Seminar: “Building a European knowledge society – a strategy for European knowledge building institutions”

Date: 3 July (Time: 9.30 am–14.30 pm), Place: Swedish Perm. Rep.

Conference: “The Knowledge Triangle Shaping the Future of Europe”

Date: 31 August–2 September, Place: Göteborg

Conference: “The Role of VET in Meeting the Challenges of Today and Tomorrow”

Date: 12–13 November Place: Stockholm



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Presidency seminars and conferences 2(2)

Conference: “Gender Differences in Educational Achievement”

Date: 17–18 November, Place: Uppsala

Closing conference of the 2009 European Year of Creativity and Innovation

Date: 16–17 December, Place: Stockholm



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Other events within the official Presidency calendar, e.g.

Conference: “Erasmus – the way forward and the Green Paper on mobility of young people”

Date: 5–6 October, Place: Lund

Conference: “Learning by leaving – a joint conference for European mobility networks”

Date: 19–20 November, Place: Uppsala

Seminar: “Quality evaluation of e-learning within higher education”

Date: 7–8 October, Place: Sigtuna

Meeting: Standing Group on Indicators and Benchmarks

Date: 2 December, Place: Stockholm



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Events outside the official Presidency calendar, e.g.

Conference: “Improving Education: Developing an Evidence Base from Secondary Analysis of International Studies”

Date: 30 November–1 December, Place: Stockholm

ENQA-VET Conference: “Quality VET in the Recession: luxury or necessity for survival?”

Date 3–4 December, Place: Stockholm

For further information about events, news etc. please consult the Presidency website: www.se2009.eu