

THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY FOR ENLARGEMENT

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The European Commission published in March 2002 its first report on the implementation of the communication strategy for Enlargement, covering the period since the launch of the strategy in May 2000. The following is an update of that report. It lists the various activities carried out as part of the communication strategy for enlargement in the candidate countries and member states, and provides background material, such as opinion polls. For more information on the situation of public opinion, please see the section on the enlargement web site at <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/opinion/>

For more information on the activities of the Commission delegations and Representations, see [http:// europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/contacts/index.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/contacts/index.htm)

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Austria

Parliamentary Enlargement ratification procedures

- The Federal Parliament of Austria (Nationalrat) closed its first session of the XXII. period on the 11th of July, having passed a day earlier the first step of the Ratification procedure of the accession treaty. To complete ratification, the treaty will have to be a) once more adopted by the Nationalrat with the same two-thirds majority of a 50% quorum and b) be voted upon by the Federal Council (Bundesrat).

Role of the media on the 1st round of EU-Enlargement ratification

- In principle, all major print media, from the Presse, Standard, Salzburger Nachrichten, Oberoestereichische Nachrichten, Kleine Zeitung, Wiener Zeitung have been delivering a fair amount of continual journalistic coverage concerning Enlargement as such. Concerning ratification procedures like the positive outcome of the plenary session on the 10th of July the extent of media coverage was much smaller.

Bulgaria

Visit of EP Rapporteur on Bulgaria

- In mid-July Geoffrey Van Orden, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur on Bulgaria visited Bulgaria at the invitation of the Atlantic Club. On the agenda of his meeting with Foreign Minister Passy was the enlargement and future of the EU and others.

EU-Bulgaria Association Committee meeting

- On 16 July the EU-Bulgaria Association Committee meeting was held in Brussels. This happened in a moment when Bulgaria's accession was a hot topic in the national debate, particularly after the visit of Commissioner Verheugen and his strong messages concerning the urgently needed reform of the judiciary. The media covered the event extensively, including the national TV.

Czech Republic

The communication environment

- After the referendum on 13/14 June the media turned their attention away from the debate about the advantages and disadvantages of EU accession. Contributions in the media now focus on likely changes after accession, the absorption capacity

of structural funds as well as general issues like the proposed future European Constitution. The content of requests in the EUIC and at the DEC is becoming increasingly specific and detailed. This trend is expected to continue.

Press releases

- 10.7.2003 – press announcement on visit of Commissioner for Regional Policy and Institutional Reform, Michel Barnier, to the Czech Republic on 11.7.2003.
- 10.7.2003 – press invitation to press briefing following visit of HoD Ramiro Cibrián to Prague Mayor, Pavel Bém, on 14.7.2003.
- 15.7.2003 – press release on EU funds support to limit impact of industrial wastes, to improve waste management, and to improve quality of air (limiting air pollution) – twinning programme for Czech Environment Ministry.
- 18.7.2003 – press release and press invitation on the closure of Czech-Finnish twinning partnership for auditing Czech Republic's ability to implement EU social welfare norms.
- 21.7.2003 – press release on EU funds support to improve quality of water in Bečva River.
- 29.7.2003 – press announcement of press officer Dusan Ondrejicka leaving the Delegation and Katharina von Schurbein being appointment as new press officer

Internet

- 27.404 people visited the Delegation's web page during July, web-surfers made an additional 2.361 visits to <http://www.eu.tiscali.cz>, which includes content from <http://www.evropska-unie.cz>.
- Internet survey from 7.7 – 31.7: Do you think that the EU needs its own constitution?
- EUIC staff added 45 new articles to both the Czech and English language pages of the DEC/EUIC web-site, increasing the overall number of articles to 2.593.

Publications

- Completed Publications – The DEC oversaw completion of re-print the Czech version of Working for the Regions during July 2003.

Produced Promo Items

- EU-themed stickers (EU Flag, Flags of EU 25) and production of a portion (three-quarters) of an order for EU motif pens were completed during July 2003.
- The EUIC lent all its exhibition panels to Czech regional partners during July 2003.

Information Centre

- Visitors: The total number of visitors for July figured at 801 persons. (568 drop-in visitors in addition to 233 participants at events organised at the EUIC.)
- Questions: EUIC information officers answered 232 requests for information by e-mail and phone. 55 individual packages with publications and info materials have been sent to EUIC clients.

Networking events

- European Year of Education through Sports: EUIC agreed on co-operation with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports on the European Year of Education through Sports 2004 (promotion, participation at the National committee, provision of premises for press conference etc.)

Team Europe

- 11.7.2003 Lecture by Pavel Černoč at the EUIC on the Czech EU Accession

Estonia

Public opinion

- According to an opinion poll conducted by EMOR in July, 53% of Estonian citizens supported EU accession, 42% rather or definitely objected to accession, and 6% had not made up their mind. 67% intended definitely to participate in the referendum. Among them 62% would have voted in favour of accession and 38% against. The biggest changes towards a positive decision have taken place among females, non-Estonian citizens, over 50-year-olds and people with the smallest income. At the same time support among younger people has dropped. It is likely that the attitudes of women and elderly people were influenced by the joint “yes” statement given at the end of June by President Arnold Rüütel, Estonian Parliament Speaker Ms Ene Ergma and Prime Minister Juhan Parts.

Press releases and coverage

- On 4 July, a press release was issued on EU support for the preparation of Estonian civil servants for the implementation of the Structural Funds through Phare SPP++. The news was published in national daily newspapers and in online news portals.
- On 7 July, the Delegation issued a press release about a Monitoring System for Agri-Environment that is set up with the support of the EU. The objective of the 11-month twinning project is to develop and complete the whole monitoring and evaluation system for agri-environmental measures.
- On 28 July, the Delegation issued a press release about an infotainment bus tour, “Eurobus”, which commenced its journey through all Estonian counties to distrib-

ute EU information. The news was covered on TV, in the national dailies, online news portals and radio stations.

Internet

- In July, the Delegation's website <http://www.euroopaliit.ee> received over 48,000 visits and 800,000 hits, which shows that interest in EU issues has increased more than ever before. The most frequently visited links on the website were News, Europe from A to Z and Estonian-EU relations.

Information activities

- On 31 July, the month-long Eurobus tour, disseminating EU-related information throughout Estonia, started its journey with a kick-off event. Journalists from all three TV channels, as well as from all major radio stations and newspapers, were present and covered the event widely.
- Preparatory meetings with Member State embassies: On 3 July – meeting with French Embassy, On 7 July – meeting with Hungarian Embassy, On 11 July – meeting with British Embassy, On 18 July- meeting with Danish Embassy

Publications

- The Delegation issued a special 8-page pre-referendum newspaper “Estonia and the EU”, which is being distributed free of charge at post offices all over Estonia and during the bus tour. A circulation of 79,000 newspapers was distributed by Estonian Post in 550 post offices and a circulation of 15,000 is distributed by the EUIC and during the Eurobus tour. The newspaper puts emphasis on the implications of Estonia's EU accession, e.g. in the fields of employment, health, pensions, education, security, money, prices, wages, etc.
- On the last page of the above mentioned pre-referendum newspaper “Estonia and the EU”, there is a coupon for people to order EU information brochures and publications. The EU Information Centre has received over 140 applications from people all over Estonia during the first weeks after the publication of the newspaper.

Use of the media

- EU inserts in local newspapers: The Delegation is issuing 4-page inserts to be distributed in local newspapers during the Eurobus tour. The inserts include county-based information and provide information about the Eurobus events.
- TV programme “Summer Talks about Europe”: On 23 July, the first programme of the series “Suvejutud Euroopast” (“Summer Talks about Europe”) was broadcast on TV3. It is a weekly prime-time talk show where informal opinion leaders talk about Estonia's joining the EU. On 23 July, the show's guest was world-famous Estonian conductor Mr Eri Klas, who according to surveys is one of the most trusted opinion leaders in Estonia. The first programme received an audience rate of almost 90,000 viewers

- EU themed series of broadcasts on Radio 4: A series of broadcasts of EU-themed radio programme “Gallop Through Europe” was aired on Russian language state radio station Radio 4. The purpose of the informative-entertaining radio programme is to introduce the implications of Estonia’s EU accession to the Russian-speaking population.
- EU pages in Elukiri magazine for senior citizens: The fourth article in a series entitled “Me and the EU” was published in Elukiri magazine for senior citizens. In the article, well-known journalist Ms Reet Valing explained her reasons to vote “yes” at the referendum.

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- European Union This Week newsletter: During the reporting period, the EUIC released 5 weekly electronic newsletters European Union This Week.
- EUIC beach events: On 18 July, the EUIC distributed information materials at Pärnu beach. On 23 July, the EUIC distributed information materials at Pirita beach in Tallinn.

Lectures by Team Europe Estonia (TEE)

- On 12 July, TEE held a lecture on Estonia’s preparations for EU accession for “Stiilester Women’s Club” at their Summer Days in Kernu.
- On 12 July, TEE participated at the Kauksi Water Party. TEE members organised an EU tent with information materials and discussed with participants.
- During the reporting period, the EUIC responded to 158 requests for information from the public.

Germany

The communication environment

- Reporting on enlargement increased around the time of parliamentary votes on ratifying the accession Treaty. The prospect of enlargement to include Turkey remains a very hot issue here.
- Both houses of the legislature voted in favour of ratifying the Treaty (Bundestag on 3 July and Bundesrat on 11 July).

Media coverage

- Much attention, however, was directed to Commissioner Verheugen’s visits to Berlin in the beginning of July, where he observed the debate on the ratification of the EU enlargement treaty in the Bundestag. The ratification vote in the Bundestag and Bundesrat itself found a surprisingly low echo in the media, only the national broadsheets and TV news mentioned it. Verheugen met prominent members

of the government and the opposition and gave several interviews to newspapers and TV stations.

- Only brief reports came up on the unified acceptance of EU accession in the Cypriot parliament and various fringe aspects of enlargement in relation to Poland and the Czech Republic.

Use of the media

- On July 9th, the Representation in Berlin organised in Co-operation with public Radio Deutschlandfunk, EP, Tagesspiegel and Embassy of Slovenia the panel discussion: "10 plus - Ein Europa. Slowenien und die Nachbarn auf dem Balkan". One-hour-panel discussion broadcast by Deutschlandfunk as part of a one-week-lasting serial on Slovenia including political, cultural and society reports. Approximately 130 guests attended the discussion that took place in the Representation.

Information events

- On July 7th, the "Initiative pro Erweiterung" has organised a second speech in a school in Münster (North-Rhine-Westphalia) as part of the series "Enlargement in schools". This time, Daniel Bahr, member of the German Bundestag, discussed with 50 students about enlargement and its impact. Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Münstersche Zeitung and Westfälische Nachrichten reported about the event.
- On 31 July 2003 the "Region Nuremberg" (an Association to promote the region of Nuremberg) in co-operation with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce for Middle Franconia and "Wirtschaftsförderung Nürnberger Land" in Altdorf near Nuremberg organised an "experience exchange" for small and medium-sized enterprises. The Head of the Representation in Munich contributed with a speech on "Chances and risks relating to enlargement for founders of new businesses". Other speakers were a representative of a private consultant firm as well as a representative of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Nuremberg. Approximately 70 people (including the head of the district authority and members of the Deutsche Bundestag) attended the conference.

Information Centres and Relays

- A promotion campaign in railway stations to inform travellers about the EU-enlargement was started on 11 July by Prime Minister of Lower Saxony Christian Wulff in the main station of Hanover. During the day about 4.500 visitors were attracted by a huge poster at the information stall. The people picked up brochures and leaflets about the EU-enlargement and took part in the quiz game about enlargement. Moreover they got answered questions about apprenticeship, studying and working in Europe countries. The campaign is organised by the European Information Centre of Lower Saxony and Deutsche Bahn AG.

Other information activities

- The Munich antenna of the European Students Association (AEGEE) organised under the auspices of Commissioner VERHEUGEN from 28 June to 05 July a summer university on the topic "Enlarge EU'r minds". On this occasion the Head

of the Commission's representation in Munich, Jochen KUBOSCH, participated on 03 July in a panel discussion held in the University of Munich and titled "Europe's new face" together with the consul generals of Poland, Hungary, Romania and a representative from the Czech Centre in Munich. Approximately 80 students from a lot of different European countries attended the discussion.

- Commissioner VERHEUGEN visited Tutzing on 05 July to attend the Political Summer Club titled "Europa und die Weltfriedensordnung" (Europe and a global system for peace). The event took place from 04 to 06 July was organised by the Protestant Academy Tutzing. Dr. Edmund STOIBER, Minister President of Bavaria, Prof. Dr. Mustafa B. HAMARNEH from the Institute for Strategic Studies at the University of Amman, Ulrich KIENZLE, journalist and Middle East expert, Dr. Heiner GEISSLER, former Federal Minister and Head of the Political Club, and others attended the event. The regional newspaper Augsburgener Allgemeine reported about Mr Verheugen's speech and the TV news channel n-tv broadcast parts of the event.
- On 11 July 2003 the information week "The new face of Europe – 10 EU acceding countries are presenting themselves" organised by the Info Point Europe in Nuremberg was opened in the town hall of Nuremberg. A meeting with the press attended by the consul generals of the Slovak Republic, Poland, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Hungary as well as the Head of the Commission's representation in Munich followed it. For a whole week, the IPE provides detailed information on the 10 acceding countries for interested citizens.

Information activities related to the Convention

- In the framework of the "New Europeans Democracy Marathon" a panel and auditorium discussion took place in Bonn on 9th July. The purpose of this initiative is to discuss the future of Europe with citizens in 100 European towns. The result of this discussion will be presented in an international congress in October 2003 in Paris.

Greece

Analysis of the Enlargement publicity

- In July 2003, the publications on Enlargement and the Future of Europe represented 3,31% and 6,94% respectively of the total number of publications related to EU issues. According to the available data, EU publications fell under the following categories: Enlargement: 61, Future of Europe: 128 and other EU issues: 1844.

Media coverage

- The main subjects that captured the attention of the Greek media in July were the following: The assessment of the works of the Convention for the Future of Europe and the draft Constitutional Treaty in the context of the Thessaloniki European Council.
- Apart from Cyprus' EU entry, particular stress was laid on Turkey's efforts to proceed to the necessary legislative reforms in order to satisfy the political criteria for EU membership. Press reports pointed discussed relations in Turkey between the government and the military.

- The European Constitution, perceived as the main outcome of the Convention for the Future of Europe, was the issue that captured most of the attention of the Greek Press. The draft Constitutional Treaty was mainly analysed in the political press. Information was provided regarding the form and the main provisions of the draft treaty as well as its cultural impact on the Member States.

Hungary

Research and measurement

- Support of EU accession: According to a representative survey, of 26,678 students of 414 secondary schools, published in July, 79% of the respondents are in favour of accession. Of the respondents, 45% plan to study a couple of months and 20% a couple of years in an EU country; 37% would like to work abroad for a couple of years and 53% for a couple of months.
- Opinion on the convention: According to a Eurobarometer Flash survey of 25,000 people in 25 EU member states and acceding countries, an average of 45% of the public heard about the Convention and its work. However, Hungary was among the three countries, with Britain and Latvia, where the ratio fell below 30%. At the same time, public support in Hungary for a genuine EU Constitution was over 80%, just like in Spain or Italy – it was as low as 45% in Britain, Sweden and Denmark.

Press releases

- Joint Phare CBC visit of Heads of EU Budapest and Bucharest Delegations, Juergen Koeppen and Jonathan Scheele
- 2003 Tour de France in the colours of the enlarged Europe
- Commission takes action on the financial mismanagement of EUROSTAT
- Opening of the eFactory incubator house
- EU Commissioner David Byrne visits Hungary on 18 July 2003
- Eurobarometer surveys show convergence of views on major issues in current and future Member States
- EU Cohesion Policy in Hungary: negotiations on the Community Support Framework started yesterday in Budapest
- European public opinion is still hazy about the convention
- Visit of Commissioner Verheugen
- EU tent at the Island Festival

Press conferences

- Joint press conference of HoD Jürgen Köppen and HoD Jonathan Scheele
- Opening of the eFactory incubator house
- Press Conference of Commissioner David Byrne
- Joint doorstep of Commissioner Verheugen and Minister Kovacs

Interviews

- Jürgen Köppen`s interview to Duna TV
- Tom Whiley`s interview to Dutch Financial Economic Times
- Commissioner Byrne`s interview to Hungarian Television
- Commissioner Byrne`s interview to Figyelo

Information activities

- 30 July-6 August, Island Festival, attendance average on the week: 5-6000 visitors, 20 information officers worked in the tent daily. The tent was open each day from 14h to 20h. The organisers were: EC Del – EUIC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Euline, European Information Points), EUKK (European Union Communication Public Foundation), Tempus Public Foundation, Culture Point Office, Pillar Club (Civil Youth Organisation) and TeleStart Ltd. (TeleHáz).
- EU trial test for the Concours by EUline: tests were collected from EPSO and other sources in 3 languages (French, English, German). One test consisted of 10-15 questions, which required minimum of 20 minutes to be filled and checked. Results were satisfying – 50-60% correctness in general and some outstanding 80-90% were found as well.
- EU Market, Language lesson and EUIC`s giant board game was conducted by Pillar Club: helped visitors to get used to a multicultural environment EU membership provides in a playful way.
- Internet access to the websites of partner organisations by TeleStart Ltd.: This year we could provide the visitor with free internet access to EU websites and showed 2 films in connection with the roundtable discussions (DVD).
- Information Desk: free information materials from the organisers and EU 15 + CCs.
- Media appearance: The tent was highly dealt with in the electronic media and press. Interviews with Attila Benedek (EUIC) were shown on TV (Duna TV, MTV and others).

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- Visitors of EUIC in July and August: 1590
- IC and Delegation with Hungarian partners took part in the Budapest Island Festival, an annual event that attracts several hundreds of people from Hungary and all over Europe.
- IC was present with a stand at a high-level Roma conference held in Budapest, organised by the Budapest Open Society Institute (OSI) and supported by the European Commission and other international organisations.
- IC and Delegation took part with a stand at an international cultural festival for young people. Also participation of member states embassies and candidate countries.
- IC participated with a stand in the opening event of a European poster exhibition.
- IC was involved in the programme and had a stand at a very successful Europe Day organised by the 11th district of Budapest. IC staff was moderating parts of the programme. The event was very well attended and interest in EU material was high.
- An interview was given to Hungarian TV on educational programmes.

Latvia

The communication environment

- On 9 - 10 July Minister of Foreign Affairs Sandra Kalniete as the representative of the Latvian government participated in the final plenary meeting of the European Convention in Brussels.
- 23rd Latvian Song and Dance Festival concludes with the Grand Concert on 6 July. During the Grand Concert Government pre-referendum information campaign management group and NGO Movement of Europe disposed their information tents.

Use of the media

- Supplement to major Latvian business newspaper ‘‘Dienas bizness’’:
 - June 17, the insert about European Union Convent.
 - July 1, the insert about European union future.
 - July 14, the insert about EU support to science.
 - July 29, the insert about possibilities of gain and trade in EU

Press releases

- July 2, EuroHouse in Talsi
- July 3, Seminar in EUIC
- July 7, Wider Europe
- July 8, Italian EU presidency representation at EUIC
- July 8, Representation of EU Parliament in Latvia
- July 9, EuroHouse in Jēkabpils
- July 14, ECD greetings to Cyprus
- July 15, EuroHouse in Kuldīga
- July 21, Informative action in co-operation with book shop Valters & Rapa
- July 23, EuroHouse in Gulbene
- July 23, Announcement of Small project competition winners
- July 23, Visit of Mrs. Joy Bryer, European Youth Orchestra
- July 24, Post release about informative action in co-operation with book shop Valters & Rapa
- July 28, Seminar in EUIC “EU funding”
- July 29, EuroHouse in Alūksne

Press conference

- Press conference of representation of EU Parliament in Latvia has been organised

Information activities

- Regional EU Information points
- July 19 – July 27, Educational trip for co-ordinators of EUIP’s to France
- Map promoting EU financial instruments was developed and printed on the basis of previously printed map (Phare/ISPA Infrastructure projects in Latvia). Distribution is on going. The objective of the project is to increase visibility of EU funded projects in Latvia showing the role of EU in the development of Latvia. The main target group for the project is rural community, elderly people, youth and regional decision-makers.
- The map promoting SAPARD contribution to Latvia has been developed, printed and distribution is on going (10 000 copies). The objective of this activity is to in-

crease visibility of the EU funded projects in Latvia showing the role of EU in the development of Latvia. Target group - rural community, elderly people, youth and regional decision-makers.

- Organising the seminars “EU funding” in EUIC. First seminar took place on July 30.

Radio programmes

- In July five discussions have been held on topics: EU farm policy reforms, exception in EU constitution in cultural sector proposed by France, Employment. How to create new work places in Latvia?, EU bureaucracy and retransmission of one of the previous discussions. Overall listenership of every programme is 95 000.
- Radio 100 FM PIK (second largest radio station broadcasting in Russian): In July five discussions have been held on topics: Criminal situation and fight with the underworld in EU, Immigration policy, EU and the tolerance to the minorities (incl. sexual) and two general discussions For and Against. Overall listenership for the programme is 59 000.

Internet

- Web site: www.eiropainfo.lv: Number of the home page visitors: November – 1717, December – 1062, January – 1281, February 1850, March – 2206, April – 2522, May – 2404, June – 1584, July – 1536, August - 1179, September – 2154, October – 3208, November – 3595, December – 2873, January - 5044, February 6030, March – 6803, April – 6435, May – 7384, June – 4813, **July - 3414**.
- Interactive map showing enlargement of the European Union has been prepared and placed along with the new address by the director EUIC.

Publications

- Informative materials/fact sheets: Prepared and printed 30 fact sheets on negotiation chapters explaining the EU policy in respective sector and showing Latvia’s situation.
- Publications “Find out!” - All the brochures (“10 wrong statements about the EU”, “Useful to know!”, “Hello Europe”) has been printed.
- Advertising of the whole series “ Find out!” in “ Lauku Avīze” and “ TV Diena”.

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- Seminar for Latvian Association for Testing and Laboratory Research was organised in EUIC on 04.07.2003 in co-operation with Latvian Association for Testing and Laboratory Research. Seminar included lectures about testing and laboratory research in EU and Latvia and what will change for laboratories in Latvia after May 2004.

- Information Day dedicated to the Italian Presidency in EU was organised on 09.07.2003. It has become the tradition to organise such events at the EUIC. Information Day consisted of the lecture of the Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to the Republic of Latvia, Opening of the Information Stand dedicated to the Italian Presidency and small reception in honour of this event. State Servants, representatives of the embassies in Riga as well as representatives of the media and others participated in the event. Information day of the Italian Presidency in the EU at the EUIC has once more showed the necessity for such events, which gives the possibility to get to know about the current events in the EU.
- Lecture for the Law students from German and Latvian Universities were organised on 22.07.2003. Lecture included information about EUIC, European Commission Delegation in Latvia Communication Strategy and current issues in EU – Latvia relations.
- Seminar: “What should be done to Receive Money from EU Funds?” has taken place at EUIC on 30.07.2003. Idea of the seminar was to give practical information about EU funds – where to receive information, how to apply and to get information about receiving funds from those, who already received money. The seminar received enormous interest from the public. The EUIC could host only 46 people in its conference room. More than 150 applications were received. More seminars in order to satisfy interest will be organised in the EUIC.

Luxembourg

événements informatiques

- Deux voyages de presse - en Hongrie du 2 au 6 avril et en Pologne du 25 au 29 mai - ont chacun attiré une vingtaine de journalistes luxembourgeois de pratiquement tous les organes de presse et ont fait l’objet de nombreux reportages de qualité. Des voyages de presse sont prévus dans l’ensemble des futurs Etats membres, le prochain étant programmé pour septembre.
- La Représentation a organisé un concert gratuit avec une grande chorale luxembourgeoise, interprétant des chansons populaires des pays candidats et des Etats membres le 9 mai au soir, concert qui a obtenu d’excellentes critiques. Initialement, ce concert devait servir de manifestation de lancement de la campagne d’annonces.
- La ‘Fête de l’Europe’ a été placée entièrement sous le signe de l’élargissement. Toutes les 28 ambassades des Etats membres et des pays candidats étaient représentées, le samedi 10 mai, dans l’Eurovillage en plein centre de la ville de Luxembourg.
- Un stand d’information entièrement a été consacré à l’élargissement sur la ‘Foire de Printemps’, qui a eu lieu du 10 au 18 mai. Selon les organisateurs, quelque 88.0000 personnes ont visité cette foire.

Publications

- En janvier et en mai, la Représentation a publié deux encarts consacrés à l'élargissement dans les deux hebdomadaires les plus populaires au Luxembourg, l'un présentant la carte de l'Europe élargie et les 13 pays candidats, l'autre expliquant les tenants et aboutissants de l'élargissement. Ensemble, les deux magazines ont une diffusion de plus de 80.000 exemplaires, soit à peu près la moitié des ménages luxembourgeois. La Représentation a fait imprimer 10.000 exemplaires supplémentaires – en FR et DE - pour diffusion dans le cadre de manifestations publiques et dans les écoles du secondaire.
- La brochure 'EuroPlus', réalisée en 2001 par la Représentation à Londres, a été actualisée et traduite en allemand; elle est actuellement à l'impression. Elle sera distribuée gratuitement à tous les élèves des lycées luxembourgeois, âgés de 13 à 15 ans.

Autres événements

- La presse luxembourgeoise commente amplement les visites officielles de Jean-Claude Juncker en Roumanie et en Bulgarie.
- La presse fait état des entrevues bilatérales entre la Ministre des Affaires étrangères Lydie Polfer et son collègue turc Abdullah Gül le 15 avril 2003 à Luxembourg. Lors de l'entrevue, la question chypriote a été abordée.
- Le Luxembourg a sorti les grands appareils pour accueillir le président de l'Estonie, qui a exprimé sa reconnaissance à l'égard du Grand-Duché, l'un des premiers pays à soutenir dès 1997 la candidature de l'Estonie.

Poland

The communication environment

- The government adopted the National Programme for Preparation to the EU Membership and a new information programme preparing Poles for EU membership. Preparing for the use of EU funds is one of the most important points of this programme. The operation implementation system for the structural funds would be ready by the end of this year. The information campaign will be focusing mainly on farmers, entrepreneurs and people in self-governing structures. The Office for the European Integration, responsible for implementing the info campaign, plans to spend about 2mln PLZ in 2003 mainly for publications. The Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy will finance until the end of the year regional EU information structures, created before the referendum, in those regions ("gminas") where the local authorities agreed to be in charge from 2004 onwards.
- President Aleksander Kwasniewski ratified the EU accession treaty on 23 July, after the Supreme Court had ruled on the 16 June that the Union accession referendum was valid.

Public opinion

- CBOS Agency presented results of a July-survey on hopes and misgivings of EU integration. Among hopes are: fall of unemployment and bigger opportunities to work abroad (43% respondents are of that opinion), improvement of living conditions and increase of welfare (14%) and overall economical situation in Poland (16%), better perspectives for young people and next generations (22%), borders opening and free travelling across the EU countries (8%), improvement of political standards (7%). The main worry concerns increase of goods and food prices (26%), growth of unemployment (10%), the worsening of living conditions and society impoverishment (8%).

Press releases and media coverage

- Commissioner David Byrne, responsible for Health and Consumer Protection, who paid a visit to Warsaw on 17 July 2003. Adoption of European veterinary legislation, modernising food processing plants and appropriate control on Poland's eastern border were listed by the press as top priorities.
- Director-General Silva Rodriguez of the Directorate General for Agriculture came to Warsaw for a two-day visit from 15-16 July.
- A press release at the occasion of the visit of Director General Mingasson of the Directorate General for Enterprise was prepared by the Ministry of Economy, Labor and Social Policy in co-operation with the EC Delegation, mentioning the European Charter for Small Enterprises and the activities of Polish government for the benefit of small enterprises.
- The Head of Delegation had several meetings with journalists in July, amongst which one interview with the Economist, and one with the Italian newspaper "Il sole 24 ore". Interviews were also given by staff of the Delegation concerning Phare programmes on the eastern border of Poland, Sapard and animal transportation.

Information Programme of the Delegation

- Three 4 minute-long emissions dedicated to EU related issues such as social policy, education, family, work were broadcast within TV programme for women "Babiniec" in July.
- "Open Doors", a television magazine aiming at catholic audience, had a final broadcast on 1. July on the role of contemporary Catholic Church in Western Europe
- Co-operation with Studio Europa of the private television channel TVN 24 continued throughout the month of July
- In "Pani domu", a weekly women magazine, a final article on pre-accession aid for Poland was published in July 28.

- A TV programme on the trip of “Euroquiz” winners to Brussels, Amsterdam, Hague and Luxembourg was produced and broadcast in TVP 2, on July 2.

Info Point

- In July, the Info Point received 480 visitors, answered 627 phone calls and sent 180 e-mails. The most frequent asked questions concerned job opportunities in the European Institutions as well as transitional periods on the labour markets of EU-member states.
- 65 sets of publications on the European matters were sent to regional info centres, including the Official Journal C132A concerning competitions for lawyer linguists.
- The “Rzeczpospolita’s” Euro Barometer of the month of May indicates that 56% (2% increase since March) are firmly determined to participate in the referendum, and 10% are decided not to do it. 21% declare “rather yes” and 7% - “rather not”. 81% of those voting would say “yes” (8% increase). In general, 72% of Poles support EU membership (11% increase) and 16% are against.
- The turnout of a pre-referendum which took place in the small self-government entity (gmina) of Głuchołazy was only 21,8 %, but 85,9% of those voted in favour of Poland’s accession.

Portugal

Media coverage

- The last visit of the Portuguese President of the Republic to an accession country took place in the beginning of July to Slovakia. This event, the visit of the Turkish Prime Minister to Portugal and an interview with the Romanian President of the Republic attracted the interest of media in Portugal. On the whole, these were good opportunities to inform Portuguese public opinion on the views of the political leaders of those countries on their future accession and on their future relations with Portugal.
- The most important weekly news magazine ('Visão') has published a work on the general consequences of enlargement for Portugal. 'Pública' (Sunday supplement magazine to the daily newspaper 'Público') has done a work with citizens of the accession countries that live in Portugal.
- As for businesses, media refers to a study carried out by AIP (Portuguese Industrial Association). On this subject the Portuguese Finance Minister has spoken to businessmen underlining the fact that enlargement represents an opportunity that Portuguese economic agents can not miss.

Information Centre

- Dinner debate on Romania directed to businessmen (EIC Aveiro)

- Conference to publicise the results of the visit of Portuguese businessmen to Romania and Bulgaria that took place in June (EIC Aveiro).

Romania

The communication environment

- The main EU-related event was the Conference of European information multipliers, that raised the level of awareness as regards the need for disseminating EU-related information and prompted for actions, especially at local level.

Research and measurement

- On July 9th, the National Audio-visual Council (CNA) published the ranking of national-coverage TV stations, based on audience evaluation. According to it, the public TV station “Romania 1” ranks first, followed by the private stations Pro TV and Antena 1. Some 400 000 Romanians do not have access to TV programmes as they are out of the range of TV stations. Romanians spend more hours in front of their TVs than any other Europeans. The number of viewers in rural areas is two times lower than in urban ones, and most of the rural viewers can only watch the public TV channel, as it is the only one available in the area.
- At the same time was made public the UN Report on World Welfare, where Romania went down 9 places, to rank 72 of 175 countries covered. Romania is also part of the 54 countries that are poorer than in 1990 (as reference level).

Media coverage

- Total number of articles and broadcasts: 6611 (national newspapers, local press and broadcasts on A/V media)
- 2961 articles were published in the national newspapers: 2040 news, 538 stories, 133 commentaries, 73 analyses, 109 editorials, 17 feature stories/investigations and 51 interviews
- 3004 articles were published in the local press: 2228 news, 404 stories, 97 commentaries, 25 analyses, 186 editorials, 11 feature stories/investigations and 53 interviews

- 646 broadcasts on A/V media

- The main topics covered by articles and A/V broadcasts:

- | • Topic | No. items |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| • EU Institutions / reactions | 966 |
| • EU assistance programmes | 1021 |

• Romania's accession process	3569
• EU enlargement process	487
• New member states	558
• Corruption (Romania's actions in tackling this issue)	207
• The Delegation of the European Commission	363
• Total	7171

Press releases

- 01.07 - European Commission - Strengthening co-operation with the new neighbours
- 04.07 - HoDs from RO and HU visit the border region – Arad & Bihor counties
- 08.07 - EU support for reducing Danube pollution in Braila
- 10.07 - “A Children's Home is not a Home” - Public Awareness Campaign against child abandonment and institutionalisation in Romania – meetings with professionals
- 11.07 - 13.8 - MEuro for SMEs under the RICOP Programme
- 11.07 - Networking Europe – National Conference of European information multipliers
- 17.07 - The National Contest “Edelweiss” for children from the public childcare institutions
- 22.07 - Press statement on multi-annual programming for NGOs
- 22.07 - Euro Barometer results show similar opinions in current MS and CCs
- 23.07 - EU support for reducing pollution of Jiu waters
- 23.07 - Publication of Euro Barometer on JHA matters
- 24.07 - Launch of the 2001 PHARE project “Young Professional Scheme”
- 24.07 - European Commission supports language diversity
- 25.07- Publication of Flash Euro Barometer on the Convention on the Future of Europe

Press interviews

- 08.07 - HoD statement on borders and accession deadline – Radio Romania Actualities

- 09.07 - Commissioner Verheugen on accession of Romania and Bulgaria - BB
- 10.07 - Commissioner Verheugen on functioning market economy status and new Director General for DG Enlargement – Radio Romania Actualities
- 11.07 - HoD on Italian Presidency of EU – daily Nine o’clock
- 11.07 - HoD congratulations for Border Police anniversary – monthly Border Police Magazine
- 22.07 - HoD on accession – Radio Romania International
- 25.07 - HoD on accession process – daily Gardianul
- 25.07 - HoD on next steps in the accession process – daily Evenimentul zilei
- 25.07 - HoD on general accession issues – daily Gazeta de Sud, Craiova
- 29.07 - Statement on civil society programming – weekly Capital
- 29.07 - Background info on civil society programming – daily Romania Libera
- 29.07 - PIO on info campaigns – Radio Romania Actualities, Timisoara
- 30.07 - HoD on general accession issues – daily Monitorul de Cluj, Cluj-Napoca
- 30.07 - PIO on info on EU accession – daily Telegraf, Constanta

Visits to/of the media

- The media tour the HoD initiated in April, to major publications’ editorial boards, continued, at the beginning of the month, with dailies Curentul and National and weekly Academia Catavencu, and with English daily Nine o’clock, at the end of it.
- On July 22nd, the HoD and PIO met with a delegation of Italian journalists that were visiting Romania.

Information events

- July 1st – International seminar on “European Constitution - essential moment for the future of Europe”, organised in Bucharest. Participants included the Director of the Centre for European Policies, Giovanni Grevi, the Adviser to the Irish PM, Margaret Kafi, as well as representatives of the diplomatic milieu. On behalf of the Secretariat of the Convention on the Future of Europe, Mr. Etienne de Ponce made a presentation that focused on the principle of equality, applied in the Convention, between current and future member states.
- July 8th – Conference on "Romania on the threshold of EU accession”, organised by the European Institute of Romania. Main guest was Mr. J.Fuentes Monzonis-

Vilallonga, Ambassador in charge with EU enlargement matters with the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Spain.

- July 9th – Debate on "Taxation in Romania, in the context of EU accession", organised by the Forum for European Integration – Euroforum, took place in Bucharest. Participants included representatives of the employers' associations, trade unions, business and academic milieus. The aim of the debate was to provide a clear image of taxation framework in Romania, as well the finding of solutions for improving it.
- July 9th - Summer Academy organised by NATO House, where Romania's Deputy Chief-Negotiator, Leonard Orban, presented a lecture on „Romania, EU and PESA”. The event took place in mountain resort Cheia.
- July 10th - Romania's Chief-Negotiator, Vasile Puscas, attended the launch seminar for the “Study of the preparation level of the companies in the candidate countries”, organised by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania.
- July 10th - 11th – Romania's Chief-Negotiator, Vasile Puscas, as well as the Head of EC Delegation in Romania, attended the forum on “Role of NGOs in the European integration process”, organised by the Foundation for the Development of Civil Society, at the EU Business Centre, Bucharest. Representatives of the civil society, as well as of the governmental sector attended the forum.
- July 10th – 13th – First edition of the “Central and South East European Academy for Public Relations and Lobbying in favour of European Integration” took place in Timisoara, Aquatim Hall. The topic for the meeting was “Challenges, reforms and new opportunities arisen from the works of the European Convention. Ways for implementing PR and lobbying strategies in the new Europe”. The event was organised by Foundation “Eurolink - House of Europe”, together with Timisoara City Hall, Maduria Local Council (Italy), Eurostep (Belgium), Global Contract Foundation (Germany), Institute for Political Studies “Otto Suhr” / University of Berlin (Germany), Institute for Free Enterprise (Germany).
- July 10th – Summer School “Romania of the 21st century”
- July 17th – International seminar “Multicultural harmony = European integration”, organised by the Women's Association from Romania, took place in Bucharest, at the Intercontinental Hotel. Participants from Italy, Portugal, Moldova Republic, Canada and Romania attended the seminar.
- July 21st – The European Institute of Romania organised a conference on “Romania's targets in the European integration process”, in Bucharest. The conference was attended by the Romanian Foreign Affairs Minister, Mircea Geoana, by the Italian Ambassador to Romania, Stefano Ronca, and by the Head of EC Delegation to Romania, Jonathan Scheele.
- July 21st – 26th – 6th edition of the Summer University Izvorul Muresului on the topic “Romanians abroad and European integration” was organised by the European Centre for Studies Covasna-Harghita, National Foundation for Romanians Abroad and association “Despartamantul Astra", and financed by the Romanian

Government. The debates were focused on European integration and economic co-operation in the Balkans. The Summer University was attended by Romania's Chief-Negotiator with the EU, by Romania's Special Envoy in charge with European integration, co-operation and sustainable development, as well as some other 100 participants from abroad and in country.

- July 21st – 22nd – Student and Youth Festival Félisziget, taking place in Targu Mures, organised debates on the topic “Yes to Europe!”, where were invited to give lectures Romania's Chief-Negotiator, Vasile Puscas, State Secretary Victor Ponta (leader of the young social democrats), and from Hungary State Secretary Szabo Vilmos (Administration Ministry) and State Secretary Barsony Andras (Foreign Affairs Ministry).
- July 22nd – seminar on the topic “Romanian Border Police in the context of Romania's accession to the EU”, organised at the Parliament Palace.
- July 22nd – 25th – The summer session of the Balvanyos University, taking place in Tusnad, was dedicated to topics dealing with European integration and the foreign policy of the EU.

Internet

- Number of visits to the site of the Delegation: <http://www.infoeuropa.ro> registered during the month was 26,200, up by 19.5%, as compare to the previous month, and by 52.0% as compared to July 2002. The most active day was July 24th (with 1,490 visits / day). Most high-ranking events referred to the release of the issue 13 of the Infoeuropa Newsletter and the launching of the “Young Professionals Scheme”. The most downloaded file was “FAQ – Europa Fund 2003”. The most visited page was “Europa Fund 2003”, under the “Financing Opportunities” section.

Publications

- the June issue of the newsletter (no.13) was produced (2,500 copies) and distributed to around 1100 addresses
- the policy booklet on agriculture was reprinted (3,000 additional copies were produced) and distributed to the participants in the Networking Conference
- the promotion / presentation card for the Europa centres was produced and distributed directly to the Centres, as well as at the Networking Conference (12,000 copies)
- the collection “European Issues” was updated with the title “European Union”
- the “Manual for Visual Identity” was updated (to incorporate feed back and latest stipulations on visibility guidelines) and published on site

Other products

- Materials for the Networking Conference (6 x 2 m banner, 300 folders, 300 notebooks, 300 bags);
- Exhibition of information tools for the benefit of the participants in the Networking Conference (it included all materials used so far under the DICP programme, as well as those produced / used by the information centres in the network; it also included pictures from previous events and three computers displaying the sites designed under the programme: infoeuropa.ro, 15-25.ro and Extranet);
- Products for the 15-25.ro promotion campaign: TV spot was produced and its broadcasting begun; it was done for free, as social campaign, following agreement given by the National Audio-Visual Council; Radio announcement and T-shirts, stickers, posters.

Information Centre

- The Information Centre received 524 clients and provided them with customised information services; the staff answered 305 phone queries, 84 e-mails and mailed 1,636 copies (83 kgs) of publications.

Networking

- The EC Delegation, in co-operation with the Government of Romania, organised the first annual conference dedicated to the multipliers of European Information, that took place on July 14th and 15th, in Bucharest. The Conference “Networking Europe” represented the corollary of the EC Delegation’s efforts, spread over more than a year, in creating and developing a network of information multipliers, at local and regional level. Currently, the network consists of more than 250 people who have assumed the role of information multiplier; they have different backgrounds and they belong to four target groups: public administration, local and national media, local European information centres and networks of non-governmental organisations. Senior EU and Romanian officials attended the two-day event, along with around 280 information multipliers from throughout the country.

Extranet

- An update of the structure of the discussion groups on the Extranet was carried out, following the opening of new channels with NGOs and participants in the Networking Conference. The currently existing groups are: team-european (potential speakers on EU issues), strategy-european (Ministries and other bodies with relevance for European information process), functionar-european (PA), reporter-european (media), centrele-europa (Information centres), ong-european (NGOs), multiplicatori (all Extranet members).

Regional visits

- The Head of the Delegation paid a visit to Arad and Bihor counties, between July 7th – 9th. Within this visit, the EC Delegation in Romania, together with the EC

Delegation in Hungary, succeeded in organising, for the first time, a CBC (Cross-Border Co-operation) Day on both sides of the Romanian-Hungarian border.

- On July 7th, CBC Day, the two Heads of Delegation visited the Cargo Terminal in Arad, a well designed 2 MEuro worth EU-funded project. The mirror CBC project, on the Hungarian side, was located in Gyula: the “Development of Flood Prevention System on the Körös (Cris) Valley” (EU contribution 2.1 MEuro). The two HoDs also met with young Romanian and Hungarian college students (see above – youth campaign) and jointly held a press conference, at the Gyula City Hall. The CBC Day was a success and it was decided to repeat the format of the event, for the Romanian – Bulgarian border.
- On July 8th, the Head of Delegation officially launched the European Information Centre in Arad (funded under the Small Projects Programme – Europa Fund) and met the local authorities. He also visited the interlocking system at the railway station; a power station and two projects funded under the economic and social cohesion programmes.
- The HoD paid an unannounced visit to the CBC-funded “Centre for temporary accommodation for illegal immigrants” in Arad that was set up at European standards, but has not been used so far. The press conference was well attended and the main issues discussed referred to: the aim of the visit and the projects visited; the importance of the CBC Day; statement on the use of EU funds.
- In Bihor County, the Head of Delegation also met local authorities and visited the Romanian side of the CBC project: “Development of flood prevention system on the Cris (Körös) Valley” (EU contribution 1.1 MEuro). He also visited two projects financed under the economic and social cohesion programmes (a tea factory which exploits a market niche and also gives indirect employment to the Roma community and a excellent SME project producing machine tools and selling them mostly to the EU, now with 70 employees). The HoD visited the CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) in Oradea and a Life-funded project, in Pestera Ursilor (Bears’ Cave).
- The press conference brought together journalists from both national and local media. The main topics discussed were place and role of the Western region of Romania in the pre-accession process and the use of EU funds.

Slovenia

Public opinion

- Different public opinion polls showed that the Slovenes are very much in favour of the euro. In connection with the IGC, they are also strongly in favour of the new post of the EU Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Media coverage

- The opening of the Business Zone in Jesenice (a Phare project) received a lot of coverage, especially in the local media in the Jesenice region.
- The Head of Delegation gave an interview to the second biggest daily in Slovenia Vecer on the Commission's position regarding Croatia's intended declaration of an exclusive economic zone and the upcoming monitoring report.

Information events

- The Delegation organised a press briefing (working breakfast) for journalists who cover EU issues at the main media in Slovenia. The Head of Delegation explained the position of the Commission on the IGC.

Information Centre

- Statistics for July, August, September (visitors, enquiries, etc.), Number of visitors: 1129, Number of visitors in the library: 62, Number of questions answered: 98, Number of events: 23

Turkey

The communication environment

- In July, the month was largely dominated by the debates on the legislation of the EU harmonisation packages. Especially, the positions within the Military and oppositions to the content of the packages were largely debated.

Public opinion

- In order to evaluate the success of the “Turkey-EU Seminars in the Pre-Accession Process” carried out under Europe Horizons Programme, a survey consisting of questions on EU membership, contribution of the seminars in the knowledge of participants and seminar organisation in general, was conducted at the seminars. The percentage rate of returned questionnaires was almost the half of seminar participants.
- According to the evaluation of questionnaires, 83% of survey participants in Kars thinks that Turkey must become a member of the EU. This rate is 99% in Erzurum followed by 97% in Van.
- In general, the EU membership has more than one meaning for survey participants and covers political, economic and social life.
- The survey results on the meaning of EU membership indicate that economic improvement is on the top of expectations in Kars and Erzurum. In Van, rising of democracy and human rights standards has the highest percentage. Improvement of social conditions ranks second in Kars and third in Van whereas a better future comes second in Van and third in Erzurum. Rising of the democracy and human

rights standards ranks second in Erzurum and third in Kars (the first three options were taken into consideration in explaining the ranking above).

- As far as the evaluation of seminars is concerned, survey participants think that the information received at the seminars have increased their knowledge on EU and Turkey-EU relations.
- Survey participants also want to receive a regular flow of information on these issues. The related percentages are 81.40% in Kars, 94.3% in Erzurum and 89.4% in Van.
- Questionnaires also show that information on the EU is mostly preferred to be conducted via mass communication instruments such as newspapers, radio, television, Internet and seminars.

Press releases

- 10.7.2003 - The European Commission Supports Turkish - Greek Civic Dialogue through a Micro-Project Programme
- 31.07.2003 - Statement by Günter Verheugen, Member of the European Commission / Adoption of the 7th reform package and amnesty provisions by the Turkish Parliament

Internet

- Various information published on the Delegation's web site: The Turkish National Programme for the adoption of the acquis (NPAA)
- June-July issue of the Güncel Haber - Representation's Newsletter published on the web-site
- Draft Treaty establishing the Constitution for Europe is published
- Constitution : Citizen's Handbook and its translation in Turkish are published on the web as background note
- Information on Italian Presidency put on the web site

Publications

- GH monthly Newsletter (No.32, June- July issue) was produced and distributed in mid-July. 15,000 copies of the newsletter were distributed to target groups, including business and trade representatives, NGOS, academicians, universities, students, MPs, media throughout the country.
- A background note on the Draft Constitution: Citizen's guide was translated into Turkish.

- Weekly E-Bulletin Güncel Haber: An electronic newsletter was produced and disseminated to some 1500 addresses electronically. The product is produced in ENG and TR on a weekly basis.

Information Centre

- Fact sheets on topics including the benefits of EU membership, national sovereignty in the EU, EU funds for Turkish SMEs, Education for university students, consumers' rights and useful addresses have been produced.
- This month, the EUIC in co-operation with nation-wide CNBC-e TV started to broadcast a TV program focusing on the EU: "Avrupa Yolunda".

Information events

- 10 July 2003 - Luigi Narbone, Head of Political and Information section, delivered a speech during a conference on TAIEX held in 4 June in Ankara. He also made a speech during the opening of a conference on Freedom of Religion organised at EUSG.

Europe HORIZONS Information Programme

- Economic Development Foundation (IKV) organised three seminars in July (7 July in Kars; 8 July in Erzurum at Erzurum Chamber of Commerce; 17 July in Van).
- The seminar in Kars was realised with the participation of around 110 persons, in Erzurum with around 170 persons. The highest level of participation was obtained in Van with 473 persons.
- Seminar related news were broadcast on nation-wide CNN Türk whose team was present in three seminar cities. Turkish Daily News published an article about the seminars indicating that project is supported by the EU with the aim of giving information to the Turkish public, etc.
- History Foundation "PEACH project": EU related articles continued to be published in "Toplumsal Tarih". Magazine. 4000 copies of the book called "Beyaz Perdedeki Avrupa" have been printed.

Activities of EU Regional Information Networks

- Statistics: Total number of promotional materials distributed: 1692, total number of visitors of the EU information relays: 63
- 2 July 2003 - Mersin relay: Local Sun TV made broadcasting on EU Funding
- 8 July 2003 – Antalya Relay attended the 6th framework conference organised by TOBB

- 18 July 2003 - Bursa relay, EU-Turkey Relations Seminar, speaker Mustafa Mente, IR expert of TÜSİAD. The activity attracted media attention. 5 local newspapers made publicity about the meeting
- 22 July 2003 - İzmir relay organised a seminar on Intellectual Property Rights, speaker: Kemal YAMANKARADENİZ
- 23 July 2003 - Antalya relay organised a Conference on History of the EU and EU –Turkey Relations, speaker Prof. Dr. Haluk KABAALIOĞLU