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## Latest News

### A tentative European Reading List

The Economist has published a reading list for everyone who wants to learn more about the European Union. Have a look at [http://www.economist.com/blogs/charlemagne/2010/04/european\\_reading\\_list](http://www.economist.com/blogs/charlemagne/2010/04/european_reading_list)

### European Citizen's Initiative (ECI)

The ECI aims to increase direct democracy in the European Union. It was born out of the Lisbon Treaty.

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/secretariat\\_general/citizens\\_initiative/docs/com\\_2010\\_119\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/secretariat_general/citizens_initiative/docs/com_2010_119_en.pdf)

## Jobs, businesses and knowledge

Events we have attended in March

In March we have attended the Enterprise Show in Leeds as well as a celebration of the new Garforth Library and One-Stop Centre.

The Enterprise shows are designed to help anyone wishing to start or develop a business. Attendees had access to business advice and information from a diverse range of support organisations and attend a range of seminars and talks.

The event in Garforth aimed for expert advice, ideas and practical support about changing careers, starting a business, volunteering, new skills, money advice and lots more besides, both in the UK and in Europe.

We see our attendance as part of our action to support the Lisbon Strategy which has as one of its aims "to make the EU the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion".

Find out more:

<http://www.theenterpriseshow.com/>

<http://www.businessandpatents.org>

<http://newgarforthlibrary.blogspot.com/>

[http://europa.eu/lisbon\\_treaty/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/lisbon_treaty/index_en.htm)



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## Don't Miss Out Hot Topics in Europe this month

UK General Election  
Schengen visa rules  
Surveillance

## WebNews Monthly Picks



We like these links...

Spring Day for Europe  
<http://www.springday2010.net>

The 2 winners of the European Information Association's prestigious "Award for Excellence in EU information provision":

Presseurop  
<http://www.presseurop.eu/en>

EuroAcademy  
<http://euroacademyonline.eu/>

## Sing Along!

The Eurovision Song Contest 2010

Yes, it's that time of year again... And if you already follow us on twitter and Facebook you will know that we are getting ready to celebrate!!!

2010 sees the 55<sup>th</sup> installment of the Eurovision Song Contest - with 39 countries participating, two semi-finals (25 and 27 May) and a grand final on 29 May. This year's competition, with the theme "Share The Moment", will take place in Oslo, Norway, after Alexander Rybak won last year's competition.

Eurovision is one of the longest-running television programmes in the world. In 2003 the Junior Eurovision Contest was born, and in 2007 the Eurovision Dance Contest followed. The Eurovision website states: "The competition has been broadcast throughout Europe, but also in Australia, Canada, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Jordan, Korea, New Zealand and the United States, even though these countries do not participate. In 2010, the format will be launched outside of Europe so that various other parts of the world will be introduced to the concept behind the show."

As you know Norway is not part of the European Union but is part of the European Economic Area (EEA). And this is one of the great things about Eurovision: it unites Europe, European Union and non-European Union countries, citizens from across the continent!



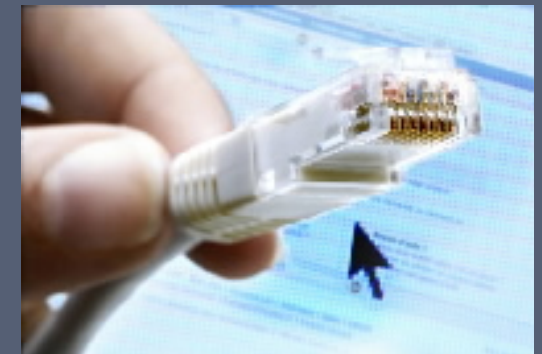
Join our discussion about Eurovision on Facebook: <http://twf.mx/R4ys>

Find all the information you need on the Eurovision homepage: <http://www.eurovision.tv>

## This Month's Q&A

**Q: What can you do for schools?**

A: We are actually working on an offer for schools which will include topic sheets and activities. Until we publish this you can have a look at our website ([http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page\\_id=60](http://europedirectleeds.org.uk/?page_id=60)) and the Teacher's Corner on the Europa website ([http://europa.eu/teachers-corner/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/teachers-corner/index_en.htm)) for more information.



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