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**EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE COUNCIL**  
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*point 6 "Conclusions on intercultural competences"*

**Intercultural competences**

The Council is expected to adopt conclusions on intercultural competences in the context of the initiative to designate 2008 as the European year of intercultural dialogue.

The issue of the intercultural dialogue is one of the main political priorities of the Slovenian presidency.

The conclusions are intended to serve as a platform for the development of intercultural competences as a key factor for strengthening intercultural dialogue.

The European year of intercultural dialogue 2008 aims to promote intercultural dialogue as an instrument to assist European citizens, and all those living in the EU, in acquiring the knowledge and aptitudes to enable them to deal with a more open and more complex environment as well as to raise their awareness of the importance of developing active European citizenship which is open to the world, respectful of cultural diversity and based on common values.