

**“Cultures on my street” award ceremony and exhibition opening
Meet the four winners from Belgium, Denmark, France and Malta!**

Dear Journalist,

Ján Figel, European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, kindly invites you to join him at the **opening of the exhibition and award ceremony of the “Cultures on my street” photo competition.**

Date: **25 September 2008**

Venue: **Hall on the first floor, Berlaymont building, Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels**

Time: **12h30-13h30**

The “Cultures on my street” photo competition was organised in the framework of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008. For the competition, residents across the 27 EU Member States, young and old, amateur and professional, were invited to shoot and share their vision of intercultural dialogue.

On this occasion, **the three winners selected by an international jury of professionals and the winner of the Public’s Favourite award will receive their prizes from the Commissioner.** The jury features professor and photographer **Chris Wainwright**, film director and screenwriter **Radu Mihăileanu**, photo journalist **Jay Ullal**, writer and photographer **Zsuzsanna Ardó** and photographers **Charles Fréger**, **Ahmet Polat** and **Arja Hyytiäinen**. The Public’s Favourite award has been selected by the European public through an online voting process.

The winning and short-listed photographs will also be on display on the Berlaymont building esplanade in a showcase of the most striking, beautiful and creative visuals that represent the intercultural dialogue landscape in the EU today.

Refreshments and a jazz performance will follow the award ceremony. Please allow plenty of time to clear security in the building; a welcome desk will be open from 12h00.

Commissioner Ján Figel, attending **jury members** as well as **all winners** will be available for one-on-one interviews after the official ceremony, starting **around 13h30**.

For interview arrangements, accreditation and press queries, please contact:

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