

on fast Internet for researchers and students, public access points and Internet access in schools.

The document of the Portuguese Presidency on the subject is available on the presidency website in all official EU languages <<http://www.portugal.ue-2000.pt/>>. To pick out just a single point: under the heading of „Developing a European research area open to the world“ one of the priority areas is: „Creating a high-speed, low-cost trans-European data transmission network to provide support for the construction of a European research area. This broad-band network will have to support not only the development of European S&T co-operation, but also *co-operation between schools and training centres, libraries and science centres and museums.*“

A related communication on 'Strategies for jobs in the Information Society' by Commissioner *Anna Diamantopoulou* (Social Affairs and Employment) is to be adopted soon. It examines ways of ensuring that more European citizens become fully 'e-literate'. The document focuses on training people to develop their IT skills and promote computer use into schools and companies. The report insists on the social impact of setting an information society in place, and on access to the Internet for everyone.

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