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CEJI Awarded Gold Prize for Religious Diversity Training

Brussels, 16 June 2008 – CEJI – *A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe* was awarded the European Award for Lifelong Learning in the category Adult Learning.

The European Commission awarded its Gold Prize for Learning to CEJI for its Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Training programme. The prize was presented to CEJI's Director, Robin Sclafani, at an education conference entitled 'Quality in Mobility' in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on June 13.

Recognising CEJI's groundbreaking work on religious diversity and intercultural education in Europe, the prize is a part of the European Awards for Lifelong Learning. Coming first in its category, CEJI is proud of the fact that its expertise was publicly recognised at the conference, which brought together managers of the European Commission's education programmes in the European Union's Member States.

Mr Ján Figel', European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, stated: *'The new training programme...can make a significant contribution to improving the delivery of adult education.'*

CEJI Chairperson Baron Alain Philippon, said: *'We welcome this recognition of CEJI's work, especially by the European Commission, which has graciously supported many of CEJI's projects, including the Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Training programme. This award shows the importance the Commission attaches to intercultural dialogue and the fight against discrimination of all kinds.'*

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CEJI – *A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe* stands with individuals and organisations of all religions, cultures and backgrounds to promote a diverse and inclusive Europe. Our activities include delivering diversity education, enhancing interfaith and intercultural dialogue, advocacy at a European level and facilitating Jewish participation in European affairs.

The training module on Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination aims to address religious diversity and discrimination issues, and is open to people of all senses of religious and non-religious belonging. Using highly interactive and participatory methods that have proven effective in dealing with general prejudice and discrimination, it seeks to provide adult educators with tools for situations where religious diversity and discrimination are a concern. This project was generously supported by the

Ford Foundation and the European Commission. More information on the Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Training project can be found at http://www.ceji.org/education/religious_diversity.php.