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Religious Diversity & Anti-Discrimination Training for Adult Educators Held in Rome

Brussels, June 1 2007 – CEJI – *A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe* has just held a five-day Religious Diversity & Anti-Discrimination training session for Adult Educators in Rome. The training aims to tackle issues related to the increasing religious diversity in Europe by providing adult educators with the tools to recognise, respect and understand religious diversity and confront prejudice and discrimination.

Developed by CEJI in co-operation with partners from six European countries and with the support of the Grundtvig Programme of the European Union and the Ford Foundation, the training was initially launched in October 2006 at the Multifaith Centre in Derby, U.K. It is open to people of all senses of religious and non-religious belonging and employs interactive and participatory methods that build on participants' experiences to address practical situations.

Hosted by the Bahá'í Studies Centre in Acuto from 27 May – 1 June, the training welcomed thirteen participants from ten European countries. It culminated in the presentation of certificates to participants by Rome Mayor's Delegate for Intercultural and Interfaith Events, Franca Coen, at a reception at the Sant' Egidio Community in the heart of Rome on Piazza Trastevere. Local religious leaders attended the ceremony, which took place on Thursday 31 May at 20:30 and was followed by a dinner.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

- The next Religious Diversity & Anti-Discrimination Training will take place in November 2007 in Berlin, Germany, and is open to adult educators from throughout Europe. Contact training@ceji.org to register.
- The Religious Diversity & Anti-Discrimination training programme is the product of co-operation between CEJI – *A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe* (Belgium) (lead partner), Partners Bulgaria Foundation, Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby (UK), Scarman Trust (UK), Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association, Islamic-Christian Study Centre (Denmark) and Ligue de l'Enseignement (France).
- While CEJI is also at the forefront of a new Jewish-Muslim dialogue initiative, the Religious Diversity & Anti-Discrimination training is not designed as a form of interfaith dialogue, and does not propose itself as an expert in the variety of religious traditions. Instead, it is designed in the spirit of anti-prejudice diversity education: to facilitate dialogue and sharing of experiences in the area of religion and culture; to recognise, respect and understand individual religious diversity; to confront prejudice and discrimination and to develop individual skills and institutional strategies for creating inclusive intercultural environments.
- CEJI offers effective, high-quality educational programmes created to address the specific needs of schools, young people and public authorities, which are supplemented by training modules addressing particular thematic needs. The programmes are adapted to various national contexts, and are adjustable to the needs of the target community. See www.ceji.org/education for further details.
- Photographs of the training can be found at: http://s196.photobucket.com/albums/aa164/CEJI_photos/Religious%20Diversity%20Training%20Rome%20June%202007/. Please e-mail communications@ceji.org for permissions.

About CEJI:

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. CEJI works to combat prejudice and discrimination and to promote social cohesion through training and education, dialogue initiatives and advocacy at a European level.