

## Europa-Rat: Erklärung zu neuen Informations-Technologien

The Council of Europe has published his *Budapest Declaration on new information technologies*. This text forms Appendix I to a declaration called „For a Greater Europe without dividing lines“ and can be accessed in English and French at: <http://www.coe.fr/cm/ta/decl/1999/99dec1.htm#01>.

It urges the 41 governments of the Council of Europe member states acting with respect to access to and participation; competence and empowerment; creativity of individuals and cultural industries; diversity of content and language; and protection of rights and freedoms in the new information technologies.

This declaration forms part of the Council of Europe's action plan „New Information Technologies“. Apart from this declaration, guidelines for a European cultural policy for the new information society will be developed including a series of specific appendices on, among others, the following issues: public access and freedom of expression; and training, qualifications and professional profiles.

Further information and documentation at:

*<<http://culture.coe.fr/postsummit/ntil/index.html>>*

