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# A Letter from Brussels

The European Emergency Number Association shares news from abroad.

## Launch of the 1-1-2 Foundation

EENA is delighted to announce the launch of the 1-1-2 Foundation. The 1-1-2 Foundation was created to save lives by promoting the knowledge and appropriate use of the European emergency number 1-1-2. The 1-1-2 Foundation was proposed and established by EENA—the European Emergency Number Association—in cooperation with its Advisory Board. Its main objective is to offer free campaign materials to all citizens and organizations willing to inform and educate on the 1-1-2. “When every second counts, knowing how and when it’s appropriate to call the 1-1-2 is essential. The education efforts of the 1-1-2 Foundation will enhance the knowledge of citizens and save lives,” said Mike Amarosa, TruePosition’s Senior VP Public Affairs and President of the Board of Directors of the 1-1-2 Foundation.

The new 1-1-2 Foundation’s Web site was launched in the framework of the European 1-1-2 Day (2/11/2009) and is now available at [www.112foundation.eu](http://www.112foundation.eu).

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Cartoon by Belgian Cartoonist Philippe Geluck.

## 1-1-2 Awards Ceremony

The 1-1-2 Awards Ceremony was successfully organized on February 10, 2009 in Palais d’Egmont, Brussels, on the eve of the European 1-1-2 Day (2/11). The event was held under the patronage of the Belgian Secretary of Foreign Affairs Olivier Chastel and the Czech EU Presidency. The 1-1-2 Awards Ceremony was attended by several political personalities, representatives of EU institutions, emergency services and solution providers. 1-1-2 awards were handed to individuals and organizations that contributed to a better knowledge and/or functioning of the 1-1-2.

To view the official pictures of the Awardees, their stories and learn more about the 1-1-2 Awards Ceremony, visit [www.112awards.eu](http://www.112awards.eu).



112 Awards Ceremony, Palais d’Egmont, Brussels, Belgium.

Photo courtesy of EENA.

## EU Celebrated the European 1-1-2 Day on February 11

The EU Institutions signed on February 11, 2009 a tripartite convention establishing February 11 as the European 1-1-2 Day. Promotional actions will now be organized every year on the same day to educate citizens on the 1-1-2.

Several events were organized on that date:

- The Region of Murcia (Spain) had a stand in the European Parliament and a rescue demonstration was organized jointly with the Firemen of the European Parliament.

- The European Commission organized a workshop for representatives from the

Member States which was not open to the public.

- Among others, promotional actions were organized in Ireland, Denmark, Czech Republic, Finland and Romania.

During the European 1-1-2 Day, The 1-1-2 Foundation presented the 1-1-2 Anthem performed by Nara Noian and a children choir in English and French within the European Parliament in the framework of the European 1-1-2 Day Citizens’ event.

For more information, visit [www.112day.eu](http://www.112day.eu) and [www.112foundation.eu](http://www.112foundation.eu).



From left to right: Gary Machado and Olivier Paul-Morandini, EENA; Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice-President of the European Parliament; Cristina Gutierrez-Cortines, Member of the European Parliament; Viviane Reding, Commissioner – Delegation of the Czech EU Presidency.



Nara Noian, the musicians and the kids’ choir. Photos courtesy of EENA.

## EENA Advisory Board

Following a successful 2008, EENA is delighted to announce the structure and objectives of the EENA Advisory Board for 2009.

The EENA Advisory Board was created to gather the main emergency communications stakeholders including politicians, professional users’ associations, international organizations and associations as well as solution providers. The EENA Advisory Board will work in three committees:

1. NG1-1-2 & 1-1-2 Excellence Centre Committee, focusing on technical issues
2. Legal Committee, focusing on legal issues
3. Communication/PSAP Outreach Committee, focusing on the promotion of the 1-1-2 and sharing of best practices among emergency services

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