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Date	Assembly Minister/Official/ Division	Event	Objectives	Outcomes
February 14	First Minister	Meetings with Italian Government Ministers and attendance at the Wales v Italy Rugby Game, Rome	Raise the profile of Wales in Italy	
February 17	First Minister	Meeting between European Commissioners Barnier (Regional Policy) and Diamantopoulou (Employment and Social Affairs) and leaders of European governments below the Member State level.	<p>The meeting provides a valuable opportunity for the First Minister to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear at first hand the thinking of the European Commissioners on the possibly shape of the post 2006 EU cohesion policy; • Hear the views of other European politicians • Submit directly to the Commissioners the views and aspirations of the Welsh Assembly Government on this subject. 	
17 – 18 February	Jenny Randerson AM – Culture Minister	Informal Meeting Ministers' Colloquy of the	"The new role and responsibilities of Ministers of Culture in initiating intercultural dialogue, with due regard for cultural diversity"	Such a text could help the Ministers of Culture in their work and be the start of a new European co-operation project.

		European Ministers responsible for Cultural Affairs in Strasbourg (France)	The overall objective was to examine and discuss a draft Declaration on Intercultural Dialogue and Conflict Prevention, which could be adopted at the next Ministerial Colloquy foreseen in Opatija (Croatia) from 20-22 October.	
February 21	Jackie Brown European and External Affairs	Visit from 3 polish government officials.	European & External Affairs Division's State Aids Policy team hosted a visit by 3 central government officials from Poland. The visitors had asked to be given some insights into how the devolved administrations deal with state aid cases in the UK, with their own forthcoming accession to the EU in view.	Benefit to the Assembly: Poland is strategically important country to us, particularly the Silesia region, and it was therefore useful to meet some decision makers from there. Any help we can give to candidate states with the "acquis communautaire" will help us in the long term, as the state aid rules are arcane even to those experienced in dealing with them.
March 3	First Minister	Events for Wales Week in Brussels	Includes a reception at the European Parliament Building to promote Wales in Brussels.	