

WUS AUSTRIA IN MACEDONIA

SKOMRAHI: Linking Creativity International Meeting of Students of the Academies of Dramatic Arts

Skomrahi exists since 1988 and contributes to (among others): Strengthening European cooperation of film and drama academies; Creation of a positive attitude towards regional identity, thus also reducing interethnic tensions in Macedonia and SEE (esp. among the former Yugoslav republics); Encouragement of art production acknowledging the function of arts as an important factor of social critique, as a vital factor for a strong civil society and a democratic and peaceful Europe and Strengthening cultural and educational cooperation between Austrian/ EU and South East European art production by applying Bologna principles. Skomrahi is funded by the ADC.



“Serious theatrologists, studying sources from the VI and VII century, where the dates of the Slavic heathen theater experience come from, ran into a group of unserious people from the Balkans who wore roughly woven white, long, baggy clothes, masks and colors on their faces, wigs made of wool and mud on their heads, and did strange things: danced, juggled, hit stretched leather in irregular beats, played music, tamed wild animals, sang: The SKOMRAHS. ... It’s strange that these prohibited and foolish paratheatrical weeds, did something, that five centuries latter, the World recognized as comedia dell’ arte.”



SO FAR:

- **35 schools** (Academies, Faculties, Institutes) participated in Skomrahi
- **120 theater shows** were presented
- **110 hours of film** projections, with over 300 short and documentary films were presented
- **45 lectures and workshops** were held
- **over 1.100** students and professors took part in the meetings
- **over 120.000 visitors** (audience) saw the theater and film shows

Since 2002

WUS Austria has been designing, implementing and managing a number of higher education development projects since 2002.



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WUS Austria implements higher education development projects at and with the University of Skopje:

- Skopje University Business Start-Up Centre (BSC) – Through Networking to Successful Companies
- Students’ Meeting Skomrahi
- MakFood – CIR-CE – Network between Austrian and Macedonian Technology Oriented Companies und Universities in the Field of Food Processing
- Implementation of probably largest students’ case study based competition in Europe – Balkan Case Challenge
- Implementation of One Months Study Visits for academic staff to Austria, financed by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture

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