

Editorial

Dear readers,

We jump right into the middle of the winter semester 2013/2014 - so many things have already happened since the beginning of this academic year! We have held workshops and trainings and participated in meetings in Kosovo, Tajikistan, Armenia, Germany, Finland and Romania; we won 9 new projects and have invested several nights to write new project applications.

One of the highlights so far - and maybe of this year - has been the organization of the Children's University which was held in September in Mostar, BiH. You will find a more detailed account of this flagship project of ours below.

As always, we provide a selection of our recent activities in the news section in the third part of the newsletter.

Enjoy reading!

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Thematic Article

"Education is for everyone!" - Children's University in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ninety boys and girls participated in the **Second Children's University in BiH 2013** under the slogan "Education is for everyone!". This time round, the Children's University (CU) was held at the University of Mostar. Children from nine primary schools in Banja Luka, Sarajevo, Doboje, Krupana Vrbasu and Mostar had the opportunity to experience what it is like to be a student. Through short lessons and workshops they were - with games and lots of fun - introduced to the world of research, education opportunities, and also acquired information about the variety of potential professions.

The "Children's University in Bosnia and Herzegovina" is coordinated and organized for the second time in BiH by WUS Austria, to strengthen the role of civil society, human rights and democratic principles through participation of all groups of society in higher education. The project brings together children from across the country, who are important multipliers in the present and the future, in order to promote higher education cooperation between the primary schools and universities, and to build a common future through lecturing on various topics that are fully adapted to children aged 10-12 years. The Children's University aims to increase children's interest in science, research and technology through exciting, interactive experiences from an early age. In this fashion children develop professional talent and creativity in their personalities and deepen their curiosity and critical thinking.

Within the program which lasted from September 23-26, 2013, the children participated in workshops and listened to lectures held by faculties from the Faculty of Health Studies, Academy of Fine Arts, Faculty of Science and Education, and the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Mostar. As a guest lecturer from Sarajevo professor Arma-Tanovic Brankovic from the Academy of

Performing Arts organized an interesting drama session for her young participants which they tremendously enjoyed! Apart from lectures at the faculties, the children also participated in “extra - curricular” activities, such as a visit to the Old Bridge in Mostar, Eco village in Blagaj, interactive workshop by Sparkasse Bank, and a visit to CineStar Mostar to see an animated 3D film. After a four-day dynamic and enlightening program the Second Children’s University was officially ended by awarding of diplomas to all participating children who left Mostar richer in experience and knowledge.

This year the CU in BiH was financed through the **Robert Bosch Foundation**; further sponsors and partners of Phase II of the CU include: **Sparkasse**, **Hotel Bristol**, **CineStar Mostar**, **Merkur Osiguranje**, **Prodravkad.o.o.** and **RelaxTours**. The CU in BiH is also part of the **European Children’s University Network** which was founded in 2008, and which provides a platform for exchange and cooperation amongst different children’s universities in Europe and beyond.

Find out more information about the Children’s University in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the [project website](#).

Recent News & Events

07.11.2013

EQADE: Training and 3rd Consortium meeting in Galati, Romania



Galati. Introductory Training for External Assessors and the Third Meeting of the Project Consortium were held in Galati, Romania, **March 28 - 31, 2013**. A warm welcome and introduction to the training was led by Prof. Moraru, Prof. Praisler, and Prof. Ripa, the host representatives from the University Dunarea de Jos of Galati. The attendees of the training were the representatives from each and every [EQADE project](#) partner institution. [read more](#)

15.10.2013

Gender Book Tour -Sarajevo: Presentation of the book "Gendering Post-Socialist Transition. Studies of Changing Gender Perspectives"



Sarajevo. The last stop of the „Gender Book Tour“, a project initiated by ERSTE Foundation and implemented by WUS Austria, was Sarajevo. On the 4th October 2013 a presentation of the book "*Gendering Post-Socialist Transition. Studies of Changing Gender Perspectives*" was organised at the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies - University of Sarajevo.

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07.10.2013

QUADRIGA_project meeting in Khorog, Tajikistan



Khorog. Khorog State University in Tajikistan invited participants of the Tempus projects QUADRIGA and MEDIATE to Khorog, capital of the autonomous province Kuhistoni Badakhshon, "Mountainous Badakhshan" (GBO). The visit took place from 30th September to 3rd October 2013.

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27.09.2013

Second Children’s University in BiH organized at the University of Mostar

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