

Editorial

Dear Readers

Now its official; summer is over and in every ally of town you can see the first and clear signs of fall. The past summer was beautiful, sometimes very hot and also exiting for WUS Austria. First of all, there were study and training visits to Graz. Just one example: Several persons from the University of Prishtina in Kosovo attended training workshops on the topics of ECTS, student mobility and labour oriented curriculum development in Graz and Vienna. Alongside, the Minister of Energy and Mining of the Republic of Kosovo flew to Graz to attend meetings with political and economic stakeholders. They discussed issues such as energy security and energy production with the help of renewable resources (e.g. Biodiesel). Besides, WUS Austria also had the pleasure to welcome young entrepreneurs from Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina) for an onsite visit of the Technology Centre West in Graz. There they were able to get insights on good practice examples of how small and medium-sized enterprises are organised in Styria.

The summer 2009 really was a time of meetings and networking for WUS Austria and its partner organisations. For instance, two project conferences in the frame of the Tempus IV program were organised and successfully held in Zenica and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (read more about it in the news section below). Despite the "on vacation feeling" one might get during such a beautiful time, all project partners were very focused and committed to the cause at hand. To mention last but certainly not least, many of my colleagues were organising new projects (see thematic article below) and pushing ongoing ones further. All in all, it was a sometimes busy but nevertheless also successful time for WUS Austria. We now are looking forward to a similar active and fruitful end of 2009.

Again, I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and I will send you up to date information regarding WUS Austria and its activities in the newsletter to come. Please note that you can always subscribe or unsubscribe this newsletter any given time you want.

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Thematic Article

Patterns - Lecture Set

Martina Handler, responsible for project development at WUS Austria, answers some questions on the project "Patterns - Lecture Set" funded by the ERSTE Foundation. The recent project succeeds the first project of the same name, which ended in February 2009.

Q: What is the project "Patterns - Lecture Set" all about? What are its aims and goals?

MH: Patterns is a transnational program designed by the ERSTE Foundation that aims at researching and understanding the recent cultural history of 17 countries in South East and Central Europe. Within our new project "Patterns - Lecture Set" we focus on the visual arts and culture of the 1960s until today. There will be a call for scholars from departments or universities in the fields of cultural history, art history and architecture. The goal is to enable these organisations to expand or change their existing curricula with new content.

Q: Who will benefit from "Patterns - Lecture Set"? Who is the target group?

MH: First of all, the universities of the region are the beneficiaries. They will have the opportunity to introduce new course modules or to offer external guest lectures. Second, this also trickles down to the students since they are able to subscribe to new courses and modules. Beside that, the project strengthens the regional cooperation of different universities in the field of cultural topics. From this point of view, the project is a welcome addition to the whole cultural and scientific environment of the entire region of South East and Central Europe.

Q: What are the next foreseen activities in the frame of this project?

MH: The project is still in its planning phase, but I can already confirm that the first call for proposals will start at the beginning of 2010. Approximately 10-15 applications will be granted in the course of this first application phase. The actual implementation is foreseen to start in the winter semester 2010/11. The project will go on until summer 2011. Of course more information will be made available the time given. For now, I am very thankful that the ERSTE Foundation gave us the possibility to prolong this very important and interesting project. I am already looking forward to the hopefully numerous applications.

Recent News & Events

06.10.2009

Creating R&D Capacities - Conference held in Sarajevo



Sarajevo. In the frame of the Tempus IV project "Creating R&D Capacities and Instruments for boosting Higher Education - Economy Cooperations" a conference with all project partners was held from the 28th to the 29th of September in Sarajevo. [read more](#)

29.09.2009

The new projects selected from the 2nd call for the Course Development Program Plus-(CDP+)

On Thursday, September 17th 2009, a 'Selection Panel' meeting for WUS Austria's Curriculum Development Program Plus (CDP+) was held in WUS, Prishtina Office. [read more](#)

22.09.2009

Matching Competences Conference in Zenica



Graz. From September 17-18, 2009, the second conference in the frame of the Tempus project COMPETENCE took place at the University of Zenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina. [read more](#)

21.09.2009

My Country, right or wrong?



Vienna. During her keynote speech "The Balkans - A Future in Present Tense" for the BCC 2009 on the 7th July in Vienna, Biljana Srbljanovic made a clear stand for a different concept of society aside the predominant ideologies of patriotism, nationalism and neo-liberalism. [read more](#)

14.09.2009

Experiencing Europe 2009: Introductory Module and Cocktail in Belgrade



Belgrade, September 14, 2009. From August 31 to September 11, the 49 participants of Experience Europe: Serbian Young Professionals in Austria - Zoran Djindjic Internship Programme attended the Introductory Module in Belgrade.

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