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**STABILITY PACT**

**TRAINING OF HISTORY TEACHERS**

**Regional Seminar on**  
**“Teaching the beginning of World War II”**

Bled, Slovenia,

Thursday 18 – Saturday 20 October 2001

Information document prepared by the  
Directorate General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport

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## **1. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SEMINAR**

1.1 The Regional Teacher Training Seminar on: "Teaching the beginning of World War II" will be held in Bled, and will begin at 09.30 hours on Thursday 18 and it will end at 19.00 hours on Saturday 20 October 2001.

1.2 The Seminar will be held at:

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## **2. AIMS OF THE SEMINAR**

2.1 The Seminar will be organised jointly by:

- i. The Council of Europe;
- ii. The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of Slovenia  
within the framework of the Stability Pact.

2.2 The aims of the Seminar are to:

- i. Review the events leading up to the beginning of the Second World War with particular reference to South East Europe;
- ii. look at how controversial and sensitive issues of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century are taught in secondary schools (cf the Handbook on 20<sup>th</sup> Century History by Dr Robert STRADLING;
- iii. present the examples of using innovative teaching methods in teaching the history of the beginning of the Second World War in South East Europe;
- iv. disseminate the results of the Learning and Teaching about the History of Europe in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century project and teaching material it has produced;
- v. strengthen relations of trust and tolerance between teachers of neighbouring countries in South East Europe;
- vi. develop of intercultural skills and democratic citizenship by promoting tolerance and cooperation through discussions in working groups.

### **3. PARTICIPANTS**

- 3.1 The Seminar will be attended by about 35 people.
- 3.2 All participants may take the floor during the Seminar. In order to allow as many participants as possible to contribute to the discussions, speeches from the floor in plenary session should last no longer than five minutes.
- 3.3 **Participants are strongly encouraged to bring with them to the Seminar teaching resources and textbooks on the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century for secondary schools in their countries. A display of these materials will be organised during the Meeting.**

### **4. SEMINAR OFFICERS**

- 4.1 The Seminar will be chaired by:

Professor Peter VODOPIVEC  
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- 4.2 The Administrative Organiser of the Seminar will be:

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4.3 The General Rapporteur of the Seminar will be:

Professor Jelka RAZPOTNIK  
President  
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4.4 The Council of Europe Secretariat will be represented by:

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## 5. **WORKING LANGUAGES**

The working language will be English and no interpretation will be provided.

## 6. **THE PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR**

6.1 The draft programme of the Seminar is given in Part II of the present document.

6.2 The Seminar will be opened at 09.30 hours on Thursday 18 October 2001 by:

Dr Lucija ČOK  
Minister of Education, Science and Sports of Slovenia  
*To be confirmed*

6.3 The programme of the Seminar will consist of:

- i. plenary sessions with presentations on specific themes followed by discussions;

- ii. working groups which will be constituted by the organisers. A chair and a rapporteur will be appointed for each working group, and they will be expected to provide a final written report of two or three pages to be presented at the final plenary session of the Seminar. The reports of the working groups will be included in the report of the Seminar.

## 7. **DOCUMENTATION**

The Council of Europe will provide the participants with a selection of publications on its work and, in particular its work on history:

- background information on the Council of Europe;
- the Council of Europe and School History;
- the Consolidated Report on the Secretary General's New Initiative;
- the report of the Seminar on “The preparation and publication of new history textbooks in European countries in democratic transition” (Warsaw, November 1996);
- the report of the Seminar on “The initial and in-service training of history teachers in European countries in democratic transition” (Lviv, June 1997);
- the report of the Seminar on “The reform of history teaching: curriculum, textbooks and teacher training” (Tirana, October 1999);
- the report of the Seminar on “Teaching controversial and sensitive issues in history education for secondary schools” (Sarajevo, November 1999);
- the report of the Seminar on “The reform of history teaching: curriculum, textbooks and teacher training” (Mavrovo, October 1999);
- the report of the Seminar on “Enquiry-based learning methods and enquiry-based learning for history educators” (Tirana, February - Belgrade, March 2001);
- “Teaching 20<sup>th</sup> Century European History by Dr Robert STRADLING;
- The report of the Seminar on “History and History Teaching in South East Europe” (Blagoevgrad, December 2000);
- The report of the Conference on “The initial and in-service training of history teachers in South East Europe” (Athens, September 2000);

- The report of the Meeting of Experts on “The development of history curricula in Albania” (Tirana, February 2001);
- The report of the Seminar on “Active learning methods and enquiry-based learning for history educators” (Belgrade, March 2001);
- The report of the Regional Teacher Training Seminar on “Teaching materials: controversial and sensitive issues, multiperspectivity” (Ohrid, May 2001);
- The misuses of history (ISBN 92-871-4315-3);
- Teaching 20<sup>th</sup> Century European history (ISBN 92-871-4466-4);
- The European home: representations of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe in history textbooks (ISBN 92-871-4347-1);

**PART II**  
**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
**OF THE SEMINAR**

**Wednesday 17 October 2001**

Arrival of the participants

**Thursday 18 October 2001**

09.30 – 10.00      **Plenary Session**

Chair: Professor Peter VODOPIVEC

Opening of the Seminar by:

- i.     Dr Lucija ČOK, Minister of Education and Sports, Slovenia (to be confirmed);
- ii.    Ms Alison CARDWELL, Council of Europe;
- iii.   Professor Bozo REPE, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana;
- iv.    Professor Jelka RAZPOTNIK, President, Slovenian History Teachers Association.

10.00 – 11.00      **Plenary Session**

Chair: Professor Peter VODOPIVEC

Keynote presentation on “Teaching and learning about the history of Europe in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century” by Mr Claude-Alain CLERC, Chair of the Project Group

Keynote presentation on “Southeast European Joint History Project”, by Professor Christina KOULOURI, Chair of the Textbook Committee

Discussion

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 **Plenary Session**

Chair: Professor Jelka RAZPOTNIK

Presentation on the Handbook on “Teaching 20<sup>th</sup> Century European History” by Dr Robert STRADLING, United Kingdom

Presentation of the Teaching Packs produced by the Project Group by Mr Claude-Alain CLERC

Discussion

13.00- 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 **Plenary Session**

Chair: Professor Christina KOULOURI

Presentation on “The Beginning of World War II in Bulgaria” by Dr Valery KOLEV

Presentation on “The beginning of the World War II in Slovenia” by Dr Bozo REPE

Discussion

16.00-16.30 Break

16.30-18.00 **Working groups**

20.00 Dinner

### **Friday 19 October 2001**

09.30 – 11.00 **Plenary Session**

Chair: Mr Claude-Alain CLERC

Presentation on “The Beginning of the World War II in Greece”  
by Dr Christina KOULOURI

Presentation on “The Beginning of the World War II in Croatia”  
by mag. Tvrтко JAKOVINA

Discussion

11.00-11.30	Break
11.30 – 13.00	<b>Working Groups</b>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
15.00 – 17.00	Visit of Bled
16.00 - 16.30	Break
17.00 – 18.30	<b>Working Groups</b>
20.00	Official dinner

### **Saturday 20 October 2001**

Chair: Professor Bozo REPE

09.00 – 10.30	Round Table on controversies concerning the presentations of the World War II in the South East Europe
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations by the rapporteurs of the <b><u>working groups</u></b>
	Comments by the specialists invited by the Council of Europe on the discussions held in the working groups in which they took part
	Presentation by the General Rapporteur of the overall conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar
	Comments by the participants

**Closing speeches of the Seminar by:**

- i. Professor Peter VODOPIVEC, Faculty of Letters, University of Ljubljana;
- ii. Ms Alison CARDWELL, Educational Policies and European Dimension Division, Council of Europe.

Afternoon            Visit of Ljubljana

Dinner

**Sunday 21 October 2001**

Departure of the participants