

Project Application

Name of Project

**Round Table on Educational
Collaboration between Former
Republics of Yugoslavia**

**(Textbooks and curricula of History, Geography, Language and
Literature and Civics)**

Hosting Foundation

East East Program Coordinator

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Project Dates

Participants to arrive on
Participants to depart on

September 13th 2002
September 15th 2002

Project Location

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Project Description

Please provide a complete description of this project, including

(i) *Project objectives and goals*

The main goal for this gathering and our project is to provide materials for potential curricula changes. We would like to reduce the amount of prejudice about other nationalities

in the various educational curricula within the region of former Yugoslavia. We advocate for the development of co-operative activities and mutual respect in our common region.

Our second goal, since the project is conceived to last for three years, is to lay the groundwork for future co-operation between educational institutions and experts of the former Yugoslav countries. We believe that changes in the curriculum and the text books could lead to the improvement of the co-operation, tolerance and good relation with our neighbours in the future, and in this way to facilitate to process of post-settlement reconciliation and maintaining peace.

There is a need for change in school subjects communicating “political matters”, values and attitudes toward other nations. The project concentrates on History teaching, specifically the period when the former Yugoslav nations were leaving together in common state. Thus, a special goal would be to discuss standards for the History curriculum development acceptable to all participants. This goal is of the utmost importance, since at all countries in this region have "nationalised" history. We would like to achieve a discussion about how to present in the curriculum and the textbooks the common past of the people that lived and are living in the area of ex-Yugoslavia, and that in describing the common, as well as the specific past of every nation, hate speeches, prejudice and exclusiveness in interpretation are not used. Also the first phase of the project – *The round table* will initiate a discussion about other school subjects relevant to the development of democratic awareness of the young, such as Geography, History, Literature and Civics. For instance, civic education should not only consist of sporadic and detached courses. We hope to achieve an agreement about what should be included in the curriculum of the participating countries as a cultural and historical heritage that young generations of the neighbour countries should be introduced with.

(ii) Complete description of project

We consider education to be one of important factors in the democratization of society and facilitator in the process of regional reconciliation.

We also seek to create a tolerant atmosphere in the multiethnic and multicultural school environment through teaching and practicing human rights, multi and inter-culturalism and the peaceful solution to conflict. We plan to carry it out with additional education of the teachers especially through the projects: Street Law, Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking etc. We also understand it as an effort to enhance the suitability of the young to the process of European integration.

In order to achieve our first goal, to prepare materials for curriculum changes, we are organising a round table in September 2002. The experts participating in the event are all engaged in this area of education. They will give their recommendations for changes needed, based on the results of recent research, regarding the following problems:

- **The portraying of one’s own national culture/history and other nations history and culture**
- **The necessary changes in the curriculum for national history, geography and literature and native languages**
- **Civics as a subject implemented in all participating countries' educational systems**
- **The necessary changes in the curriculum for history and culture of national minorities**
- **The necessary changes needed in already established educational goals**
- **How to conceptualise teacher's training**

In order to achieve our second goal, to establish the groundwork for future co-operation, we will undertake the following activities: realisation of common research projects, exchange of publications and visits by teachers and experts. After the round table the participants will, in their own countries, develop discussions about the conclusions that were reached – which will

also be published, and based on which second and third phase of the project will be developed. The discussion should result in concrete initiatives for curriculum and textbooks changes as well as their implementation in the classroom. As an introductory discussion the Roundtable will also serve as a base for development of a range discussions on issues in particular school subjects.

Representatives from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Serbia and Macedonia together with representatives from European countries Germany – Georg Eckert Institute for example, will participate with the intention of promoting wider regional co-operation. We anticipate that there will be about six or eight representatives from each country, including: one theoretician and one teacher, person from representative institutions, as well as publishers, ministry representatives, NGO-s, parliamentary councils for education, and representatives of the education institutions of national minorities. international experts.

(iii) Background, context and reasons for project

During the war in the former Yugoslavia, links and collaboration between existing institutions of higher education were destroyed. Currently, experts suffer from a lack of information exchange about education in other newly established countries. Unfortunately, ethnic conflicts have influenced education and teachers in the re-interpretation of our common past.

(iv) Expected results of project

The realisation of common educational reform projects will establish co-operation, mutual understanding and good relations among neighbours in former Yugoslav countries, as well as promote efforts to establish long-term peace in the region.

(v) *Follow-up and/or long-term benefits of project:* Discussions and conclusions of the round table will be published and presented to the (professional) public of the participating countries, and will be the basis of the future discussions. In the second and third stage of the project on the basis of the discussions held until then and the conclusions reached, work on the improvement of the curriculum and textbooks will start as well as the practical usage of these changes

(vi) *Public influence or impact of project?* All suggestions presented in discussions will be included in the working materials and scientifically verified.

(vii) *Discussion topics and agenda:* History, Geography, Civic Education and Literature curricula in educational system of participating countries (Ex YU).

2002 – round tables and discussions.

2003 – changes in curricula according to the reached agreements

2004 – implication of the new curriculum as a pilot project in two elementary and secondary schools in every participating country

The working language(s) of this project is/are

Participants' native languages (Former Yugoslavia participants understand each other if each speaks in its own language).

Translation will be provided in English – for foreign observers and those participants from EX YU countries that are not able to follow the work of the round table)

Comments/Project Evaluation by Hosting Coordinator.

This project is to be announced to East East Program coordinators in which foundations in the network?

Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia and Croatia.

Participation

Please provide complete information about participation in this project, including

(i) Who is the target audience of the project?

Policy makers in education, educational experts, textbooks writers, teachers and other stockholders in the field of education.

(ii) What is appropriate specialization's or disciplines for the project?

Education.

(iii) At what level will the project be conducted?

Regional – South East Europe

(iv) What are criteria for participant selection?

Participants would be selected among educational experts, those working in the practice and policy makers.

(v) What will be expected of participants?

To establish criteria for curriculum and textbooks changes and find a ways of its implementation in educational practice.

(vi) How will participants be able to participate actively in the project?

Trough their researches and practical experiences.

If participants are suggested, please provide complete and detailed information about each participant, including,

(i) Name and title

(ii) Professional responsibilities

(iii) Reasons suggested to participate

(iii) Contact information

We are still creating our list of participants. Here is the first version:

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A visa is required of participants from which countries?

Serbia, Kosovo,

Participants will be met at the airport/train station?

Airport

Deadline for confirmation of participant support to this project is:

Signature: **Vesna M. Puhovski**

Title: **Executive Director (Forum for Freedom in Education)**

Date: **August 20, 2001**

***Financial Commitment
to be completed by Hosting Coordinator***

Please specify hosting and sending foundation support for participants according to the outline.

The East East Program of the /HOSTING FOUNDATION/ will support

- (i) **Accommodations** of participants yes no

Single or double room accommodations?

Name, address and telephone/fax of accommodations

- (ii) **Meals** for participants yes no

Please specify which meals are supported during the project

- (iii) **In-country travel** for participants yes no

If yes, please explain travel route

- (iv) **Other expenses** for participants

nb. please specify

The East East Program financial commitment to send participants to this project is

- (i) **Round-trip travel** yes no

Travel requested from home country to

Is this the final destination of travel? yes no

If in-country travel is required, please describe complete travel route from city of arrival to project location. Please specify who is responsible for any in-country travel.

- (ii) **Travel stipend** yes no

Amount of money for participant to have on arrival recommended by hosting coordinator =

plus amount of money for a participant to use during travel to/from project r
ecommended by sending coordinator

- (iii) **Pocket money** yes no

Amount of pocket money which participant should bring with him/her to be used for miscellaneous expenses during the project recommended by hosting coordinator =

- (iv) **Per Diem** yes no

If yes, please specify amount and expenses to be covered by the per diem.

- (v) **Living Expenses** yes no

If yes, please specify amount and expenses to be covered by living expenses.

Please provide additional information as necessary.

***Preliminary Budget Form for Project to be Hosted in the East East Program
to be submitted with Project Application***

Project
Hosting Foundation
East East Program Coordinator
Dates

	Number of Participants	Cost per Participant	Budget
(a) Accommodations			
(b) Meals			
(c) In-country travel			
(d) Facility Rental			
(e) Translation			
(f) Printing/publication of project results			
(g) Administrative expenses of organizer to prepare project			
Telephone/fax			
Postage			
Preparation of project materials			
Other			

(h) Other expenses

nb. Please specify

Please specify other sources of financial support and/or in-kind contributions to support this project.

Please provide additional information as necessary.

Total Budget:

Signature:

Title:

Date: