



Second International workshop

“Participation to the Community programmes in the fields of education and training- an important tool for European integration”

Sofia, 30 September- 1 October 2005

Background

In accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding* signed by the SEE ministers of education and higher education, the **Secretariat of the Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE)** has included in its 2005 working programme, activities for developing capacity building for an efficient participation of the SEE countries in the future Community programmes. In this respect, two workshops have been envisaged to be organised in 2005.

The first workshop has been organised in Bucharest, on 6-7 May 2005 with the support of the Romanian Agency for Community programmes in the field of education and training and had the objective to introduce the main elements that characterizes participation into Community programmes and preparation for participation to the LLL programme.

As was highlighted during the first workshop, in the region there is a solid experience from the acceding countries - Bulgaria and Romania, that are participating in the current Community programmes in the field of education and training- Socrates and Leonardo da Vinci. Also, the expertise of the donor countries for the activities developed by the ERI SEE Secretariat is valuable for the preparation of the SEE ministries of education.

Objectives of the workshop

1. To train the experts of the SEE ministries of education on project cycle management

2. Information for preparing the participation into the LLL programme- two key phases: dissemination and selection
3. To disseminate best results, experiences and best practices, as well as ways to avoid mistakes

Expected outcomes

1. An understanding of the principle of project cycle management for establishing the institutional framework necessary to support participation into LLL programme
2. Draft action plans for preparing the phases of dissemination and selection
3. Examples of best practices and practices to be avoided
4. Increasing cooperation within the network of experts.

Organizers

The workshop will be organised by the ERI SEE Secretariat with the support of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science.

Target group

The workshop is addressed to the representatives of the Ministries of education from the Western Balkan countries and Moldova **that have been participating to the first ERI SEE workshop on Community programmes.**

The participants to the workshop are representatives of the ministries of education from the Western Balkan countries and Moldova, representatives from Romania and Bulgaria, the Task Force Education and Youth/Enhanced Graz Process, the European Commission, the Netherlands, Norway and other international experts..

Language of the workshop

The working language is **English.**

Organisational details

The ERI SEE Secretariat will support the cost of participation for 2 representatives of the ministries of education signatory of the Memorandum, respectively: transportation, accomodation, subsistance and visa costs.

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