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Challenges and Perspectives of Citizenship Education in Central and South Eastern Europe

Zagreb, Croatia,
11th-13th September 2009

Location

Hotel Palace, Trg J.J. Strossmayera 10, Zagreb

A European workshop organised by



Robert Bosch **Stiftung**



MitOst Verein für Sprach- und Kulturaustausch
in Mittel-, Ost- und Südosteuropa

In cooperation with



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Programme

The NECE network is inviting experts and involved parties from citizenship education to a workshop in Zagreb to discuss the situation in the field and its role in the stabilisation of democracy in Central and South Eastern Europe.

The social effects of the economic and financial crisis, along with the persistence of right-wing populist and nationalist currents, are posing new and acute problems for people involved in citizenship education and projects in the area. The goal of this workshop is to increase transparency of the special structures of citizenship education in the countries of Central and South Eastern Europe, and define its role in the realm of initiatives in civil society. In a second phase, the workshop will look for new ways of working together in the field within a European context. Based on examples from concrete projects, the participants will then work on and discuss recommendations for new partnerships and projects between both players from the region and between citizenship education experts from Western and Eastern Europe.

The results from the workshop will be subsequently edited and collated for online presentation. The workshop recommendations from "Challenges and Perspectives of Citizenship Education in Central and South Eastern Europe" will also be distributed in the political arena, as well as among the members of the newly-elected European parliament.

The working language of the workshop is English.

Friday, 11 September 2009

Until 04:00 pm	Arrival and Registration / Hotel Check-in Hotel Palace
05:30 pm	Meeting in the Hotel Lobby / Walk to the Restaurant "Klub Knjizevnika"
06:00 pm	<p>Welcome Goran Milas, President of the Scientific Council of the Ivo Pilar Institute, Zagreb Christoph Müller-Hofstede, Federal Agency for Civic Education, Bonn Peter Wittschorek, MitOst Association, Berlin</p> <p>Welcome Address Representative of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Zagreb</p> <p>Greeting Filip Radunović, ERSTE Foundation, Vienna</p> <p>Book-Presentation "Reclaiming Democracy" Joerg Forbrig, German Marshall Fund, Bratislava</p> <p>Podium How can Citizenship Education Contribute to the Sustainability of Democracy?</p> <p>Keynote Vessela Tcherneva, Centre for Liberal Strategies / European Council for Foreign Policy, Sofia</p> <p>Discussion with Miljenko Dereta, Civic Initiatives, Belgrade Srdan Dvornik, ZaMirNET, Zagreb Erion Veliaj, G 99, Tirana</p> <p>Moderation: Caroline Hornstein-Tomić, Ivo Pilar Institute, Zagreb</p>
08:30 pm	Dinner

Saturday, 12 September 2009

Hotel Palace

Room: ZRINSKI

09:30 am

Inputs

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Franziska Blomberg, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)

Ondrej Matejka, Antikomplex, Prague

Daliborka Uljarević, Centre for Civic Education, Podgorica

Discussion

Moderation: **Christoph Müller-Hofstede**, Federal Agency for Civic Education, Bonn

11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:30 am

Parallel Workshops

Citizenship Education and Democracy Learning in Central and South Eastern Europe: Practices - Projects - Partners

In small groups, participants will discuss relevant topics in citizenship education in the region, helping to define the relationship between in-school approaches and mediation and that found in extracurricular activities. Through contrasting scientific and academic insights with the practical aspects experienced by multipliers in the field, participants should come to relevant conclusions and recommendations for present and future work in citizenship education in Central and South Eastern Europe.

In a **first round of workshops** guests will present their individual areas of work and their projects. In the process, they will focus on answering questions that primarily examine the following aspects of the debate:

- What concept of citizenship education and target group definition lies at the foundation of the work?
- How and where is this citizenship education (in schools and adult training measures) positioned?
- What players are active? – country-specific comparisons
- How do academic theory and practice dovetail with one another in respective countries?

Workshop 1: Citizenship Education in ethnically divided Communities

(Room JELACIC)

Ivana Ćosić, Pushlab, Zagreb

Sandra Cvikić, Ivo Pilar Institute, Zagreb / Europe House, Vukovar

Vernes Voloder, Nansen Dialogue Centre, Mostar

Moderation: Caroline Hornstein-Tomić, Ivo Pilar Institute, Zagreb

Rapporteur: Sandra Cvikić, Ivo Pilar Institute, Zagreb / Europe House, Vukovar

**Workshop 2: Personal Engagement - Grassroot Organizations –
Citizenship Education**
(Room ZRINSKI)

Martina Petrović, Youth Takes Action, Belgrade
Aida Vehabović, Foundation “Students Helping to Live”, Sarajevo
Sanja Vuković-Čović, PRONI - Centre for Social Education, Osijek/Vukovar

Moderation: Maja Ignjačević, Freelance Youth Trainer, Belgrade
Rapporteur: Ivana Ranđelović, Freelance Youth Trainer, Belgrade

Workshop 3: Citizenship Education and History Learning
(Room KRLEŽA)

Evelina Kelbecheva, American University in Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad
Thomas Strobel, Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research,
 Braunschweig
Karolina Ujaković, Croatian History Teachers’ Association, Zagreb

Moderation: Christoph Müller-Hofstede, Federal Agency for Civic Education, Bonn
Rapporteur: Hrvoje Klasić, University of Zagreb

01:00 pm Lunch Break

02:30 pm Continuation of the Workshops

In a **second round of workshops** participants will focus on answering and discussing questions such as:

- How can the special relevance of topics (ethnic diversity, extremism, culture of memory) be described in citizenship education work in the region?
- What specific didactic and method-based submissions or offerings are already in place?
- What key qualifications and competencies are being encouraged?
- What framework conditions confront practical work in the field?
- What can we learn from projects to advance democracy: accessibility, sustainability?

04:30 pm Coffee Break

05:30 pm Meeting in the Hotel Lobby / Sightseeing Tour through Zagreb

07:30 pm Meeting in the Hotel Lobby / Walk to the Restaurant “Pod Grickim Topom“

08:00 pm Dinner

Sunday, 13 September 2009

Hotel Palace *Room: ZRINSKI*

09:30 am Exchange and Presentation of Workshop Results and Recommendations

12:00 am Lunch Snack

01:00 pm Departure

Organisational Advice

Hosts:

German Federal Agency for Civic Education / bpb, **Christoph Müller-Hofstede**
 Robert Bosch Stiftung, **Carsten Lenk**
 Ivo Pilar Institute, **Caroline Hornstein-Tomic**
 MitOst Association, **Peter Wittschorek**

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Arrival at Zagreb Airport

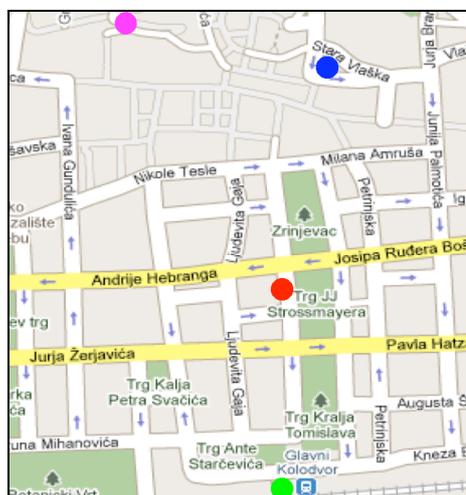
We would like to kindly ask all participants who arrive by plane to use the direct **bus shuttle from Zagreb Airport to Zagreb Central Bus Station / Autobusni Kolodvor** (Terminal Stop). The bus leaves every half and full hour between 8.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. (journey time approx. 20 min.).

Please note: The German Federal Agency for Civic Education cannot reimburse taxi costs.

At Central Bus Station / Autobusni Kolodvor get onto **tram number 2** (direction Crnomerec) or **6** (direction Crnomerec) and get off at **Main Railway Station/Glavni Kolodvor** (3th stop).

Arrival at Main Railway Station / Glavni Kolodvor

Following **Trg kralja Tomislava**, the Main Railway Station is 200 m/5 min. walk from the Hotel Palace Zagreb.



- **Hotel Palace Zagreb**
- **Main Railway Station/Glavni Kolodvor**
- **Klub Knjizevnika**
(Workshop Opening and Dinner
11 September 2009, 6:00 pm)
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- **Restaurant Pod Grickim Topom**
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