

To: mr.Karsten Kristensen
Danish Embassy - Sofia

Dear mr.Kristensen,

Let me first introduce myself. I am prof. Rumen Valchev, from Bourgas Free University and director of the biggest Bulgarian NGO in the field of Civic Education Open Education Centre and former deputy minister of education .

In 2000 and 2001 together with mr.Carl Vilbaek and with the kind support of the Danish Fund of Democracy we did organize two study visits of about 50 Bulgarian educators to Denmark.

By that time we began to explore the idea of a joint Balkan project which will serve the peaceful co-operation between the countries in the region, will be based on the Danish expertise in the field of Civic and Global Education.

We did apply to the Danish Fund of Democracy, but due to the changes, without success and now with the announcement of the Strategic Framework for the Neighbourhood programme we would like once again to present the idea of elaboration of a joint Global Education and European Citizenship curriculum.

As much as I'm aware this is a unique project in the history of the education in our region which could have a chance to develop in a long term sustainable international educational effort.

I do count on your understanding and do hope that if I do have an opportunity for a meeting I will be able to present in more details the idea.

Yours sincerely
Prof.Rumen Valchev

Project proposal

Global Education for European Citizenship
A Project for development of Global Education Curriculum for the countries from
the South-Eastern European Region
/integrating regional and European perspectives/

General background:

As it is pointed out in the Neighbourhood programme "...Europe leaves behind it the 20th century's unnatural divisions of the continent: east and the west are united in a common vision of peace, stability and democracy for the citizens of a whole Europe.."

Education and especially the co-operation between the educators and the joint development of programs are among the most promising futures of the coming new European order.

1. In the last years there are some important developments in the South-Eastern European countries in the field of development of new approaches in the field of Civic Education, Intercultural Education, Education for Human Rights, Peace and Tolerance.

Many projects have been realized and new curriculum has been elaborated.

2. Many developments have become reality because of the support of the Danish Fund for Democracy / educational study visits of educators from Moldova, Albania, Bulgaria to Denmark

3. There is a need in the Region for elaboration of joint approaches, of collaborative efforts in the field of the social studies, of elaboration of materials. Only in this way the intercultural differences should be overcome and the education of the young people in the European spirit and values will become possible.

4. The Global Education topics of Human Rights, Peace, Tolerance, Poverty, Social Justice, new European and world order, communication technologies and cet. Are one of the possible ways to build an common educational approach.

5. Denmark is the country where these approaches in the field of Global Education are the most advanced not only in Europe.

The joint work of educators and curriculum developers from SEE and from Denmark could have for a result a manual on Global Education and European Citizenship relevant for SEE which could be a solid foundation for further co-operative efforts.

Objectives:

1. Development of a Global Education and European Citizenship curriculum relevant for SEE based on the efforts and the experience of the educators from the Region and on the support and on methodologies developed in Denmark.

2. Elaboration of a co-operative model of work between the educators from SEE Europe and initiation of a network of educators in the field of Global Education.

3. Fruitful transfer of experience from Denmark to SEE.

4. Involvement of the young people in the process of elaboration of Global Education and European Citizenship materials

Participants:

The participants should be chosen with the support of the local NGO's and higher school institution with the involvement of the ministries of the Education in the all stages of the project realization.

Serbia - Ecolibri-bionet dr. Jovan Angelis,

Albania -European Dimension Association - dr.Astrit Dautaj and Zana Lita

Romania - Intercultural institute - Timisoara- dr.Calin Rus

Moldova - Kishinau University - prof.Elena Prus

Montenegro -Podgoritsa University - prof.Bojka Djukanovich

Macedonia -Skopje university - prof. Kiril Temkov

Kosovo - Human Rights center - dr.Neshad Aslani

Bosnia Hertsegovina -CIVITAS dr.Rachela Dzidic

Bulgaria -Open Education centre - prof.Rumen Valchev

Croatia- Croatian site of Citizenship - dr.Rajka Pticek

We do expect in the project to be involved about 20 experienced curriculum developers.

We count on the participation of 50 high school students who will not only attend the summer camps but as well with co-operation with the curriculum developers from their countries will develop student materials to be used in the schools in the Region.

In the national dissemination seminars and in the international Conference we do expect to be involved vice ministers of education from the participating countries.

On Danish side we count on the involvement of educators from Viborg county . The Bjerringbro Folkhighschool will serve as a coordinating center and mr.Carl Vilbaek, educator with broad international expertise who contributed for more than 30 international study visits to Denmark under the Danish Fund of Democracy grant

Expected outcomes:

Global Education and European Citizenship Curriculum in English and translated to all the national languages.

Compact disc with the curriculum in English.

Students book on Global Education and European Citizenship in English.

Network of Global Educators from South-Eastern Europe

More than 1000 teachers from South-Eastern Europe trained in Global Education

Possible topics.

Human rights

Peace and social justice

Intercultural co-operation

European and Universal values

European citizenship and the young people from South-Eastern Europe

Our common Cultural Heritage

Democracy and intraregional co-operation.

The prospects of the Young people in the Region

The emergence of the Civic Society in South-Eastern Europe

Environment, Pollution and our future

Sustainable development for peace and stability

New communication technologies .

Biotechnologies

Western and Eastern Europe - toward a common future in our European home

Agenda:

1st month

Selection of the participants / they should be selected mainly by the group who have visited Denmark in the cases of Albania, Bulgaria, Moldova/

Work via internet on the topics. Gathering of the relevant materials in each country

2nd month

First seminar in Bulgaria where all the curriculum developers will be presented and Danish coordinator

There will be a short training in the basics of Global Education.
The design of the project and the specific developments in each participating country will be discussed
The final content will be agreed/topics, approaches, format, authors/.

3rd -5th month

Elaboration of the materials in each country

6th month

6 day Study visit to Denmark.

There the outlines of the materials will be presented

The Danish teachers and specialists will be introduced to the materials and

Joint meeting and discussions will be organized.

The participants will be acquainted with the Danish accomplishments in the field

7th -10th month

Further elaboration of materials

Organization of a students camp / 6 students from each country/ where the materials will be tested

Second meeting of the curriculum developers group

11th - 14th month

Final elaboration of the materials.

Third meeting of the Curriculum developers team

Elaboration of the compact disc

The students together with the national teams of curriculum developers will prepare student's materials

15th -18th month

Translation of the materials into each national language

Publishing of the materials into English

Presentation of the compact disc

19th - 22nd month

National dissemination seminars in each country

24th month

Students camp

International conference under the auspices of the Danish ministry of Foreign affairs

Budget:

Seminar in Denmark 20 part. X 60euro x 6 days

7200

Travel	20 x 400	8000
Three seminars in Balkan countries	20 x 40 x 4 x 3	9600
2 summer camps	50 x 20 x 6	6000
Travel students	40 x 50	2000
Curriculum English	2000 copies x 5euro	10000
Students book in English	2000 copies x 2 euro	4000
Curriculum in own languages	1000 x 3euro x 10	30000
Stypends authors	20 x 500	10000
Fee editor in chief		2000
Fees trainings	24 days x 100 euro	2400
Fees summer camps	3 trainers x 6 x 50euro x 2	1800
Translation curriculum from English	8 x 1200	9600
Costs Denmark coordinator		12000
Administrative costs		
Coordination	24 months x 400	9600
Accounting , secretarial	24 months x 200	4800
Materials	24x 400	9600
Coordinator trips to participating countries Denmark		7000
International conference	2 days 30 part. 40 euro	2400
Travel Inter.conference	20 participants x 200euro	2000
National workshops	30 part. X20 euro x 2 days x 10 countries	12000
Compact disc with the curriculum in English		8000
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