



ICD-Conference Sofia 2010
Intercultural Dialogue and Lifelong Learning in South East Europe
Research Meets Practice
11 – 12 March 2010, Sofia, Bulgaria

Venue:

National Palace of Culture (entr. Cinema Lumière) - floor 2, Hall Matti'D, 1414 Sofia

Rationale

South Eastern Europe is one of the most remarkable world regions for complexity and broad cultural diversity. The recent historical developments have changed the ways of dialogue and interaction of individuals and groups, the ways and quality of respectful exchange have changed substantially. Several pilot activities in SEE have shown the value of intercultural competence for the SEE societies, practical activities have helped to gain experiences, analytical tools to assess the value of the implemented projects are going to be developed. In the course of the 4th ICD conference (following Vienna, Rome, Stockholm) the main idea of the Sofia conference is to bring together professionals, the active practitioners running projects, and researchers focusing on intercultural dialogue by means of participatory approaches.

The event aims at bringing together experts running projects with an

emphasis on ICD and identifying new approaches for an open dialogue in the context of SEE. We invite researchers dealing with intercultural dialogue, intercultural competencies and the behind standing theories, and we would like to attract also the active practitioners running practical exercises of cultural dialogue in its broad variety. With a strong emphasis on interactive tools and by means of participatory tools the conference aims on one hand to take stock of practical experiences gained in the last decade, and on the second hand it aims at identifying the research needs and white spots of research in the course of intercultural dialogue in SEE. The workshop will strengthen cooperation amongst researchers from South Eastern Europe working on intercultural dialogue related research topics and will bring together experts involved in practical activities in the field.



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ICD Conference

Thursday, 11 March 2010

Starting and Background

13.30 Opening and Welcome Addresses

- Monika Thum-Kraft, Institute for Research on Qualifications and Training of the Austrian Economy / Austria
- Mitko Shalev, Human Resource Development Centre of the Bulgarian Agency of LLL Programme
- Deyana Danailova, Bulgarian Ministry of Culture, Director of "European Union and International Cooperation" Directorate

13.55 Introduction to the conference

Martin Felix Gajdusek, ASO Sofia
Maria Schwarz-Wölzl, ZSI

14.00 Intercultural Dialogue in South East Europe – quo vadis?

Keynote addresses by Savvas Katsikides, University of Cyprus together with Marios Efthymiopoulos, Research Institute for International, European, Atlantic and Strategic Studies, Greece

Intercultural Dialogue: Talking with each other instead of about each other

14.45 The "Carpet of Symbols and Memories"

Object stories of personal memories or experiences from Cyprus, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Turkey

Moderation: Gabriele Stöger

15.45 Coffee break

16.15 The "Living Intercultural Library"

Interactive dialogs between people like you and me with rich and inspiring experiences - Read and talk to a living book

- First round
- Second round

Facilitator: Martin Felix Gajdusek

17.35 Summary – "Living Intercultural Library"

discussion, experiences, lessons learnt

Moderation: Emilia Ilieva

19.00 Reception and dinner

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Intercultural Market Place

9.30 Welcome and wake up

Martin Felix Gajdusek and Maria Schwarz-Wölzl

9.45 "Market Place": ICD and LLL in Research and Practice

Introductory presentation by thematic hosts - bubble of voices

- LLL and Multi-Ethnicity, Emilia Ilieva, Bulgaria
 - ICD and Research, Savvas Katsikides, Cyprus
 - ICD and Religion, Marios Efthymiopoulos, Greece
 - ICD, Gender and Intersectionality, Éva Judit Kovács, Hungary
 - ICD and Participation, Calin Rus, Romania
 - ICD and Ethnicity in Contemporary Urban Space, Emre Isik, Turkey
- Parallel workshops : first round

Moderation: Gabriele Stöger

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 "Market Place": ICD and LLL in Research and Practice

Parallel workshops : second round

11.50 Reports from the "Market Place" & discussion

Moderation: Finbar Lillis

12.30 Lunch

Intercultural Perspectives

13.30 "Fish bowl": Research needs on ICD issues in SEE

Moderation: Emilia Ilieva & Martin Felix Gajdusek

14.30 Wrapping up: Future perspectives of ICD in SEE

Plenary Discussion

15.30 End of the Conference