

Workshop

ICT and Scientific Diaspora

Using Modern Information and Communication Technologies to Harness the Potential of Southeast Europe's Scientific Diaspora

Organisers

- Austrian Science and Research Liaison office (ASO) Ljubljana (& Sofia)
- Center for eGovernance Development for SEE CeGD, Ljubljana
- Regional Cooperation Council RCC, Sarajevo
- UNESCO Venice Office

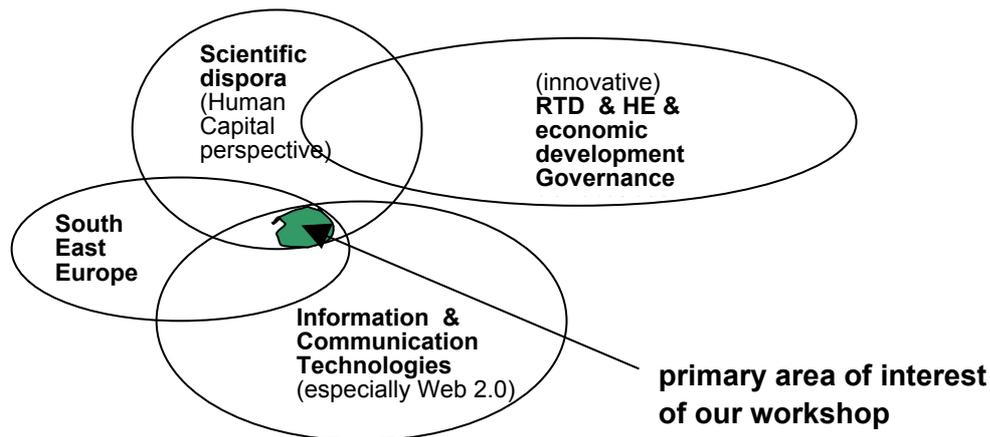
Date

Wednesday June 10th 2009; 09.00 – 17.30

Venue

Regional Cooperation Council RCC, Meeting room, Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1/V, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rationale:



- Mobility of human resources in science and technology (HRST) – brain drain from SEE countries
- RCC – OECD competitiveness study -> SEE lacks human capital
- Potentials and Limitations of Brain gain programmes - Virtual mobility and diaspora knowledge networks a new option?
- ICT and Web 2.0 offer great opportunities for cross sectoral and international e-collaboration
- Using Web 2.0 applications in RTD governance as a new way / new culture of participatory and interactive delivery of public services with great efficiency and effectiveness gains
- SEE Regional Cooperation potentials: Would Web 2.0 communities of practice make sense?

Aim of the workshop and Who should attend:

The workshop aims at getting an overview of status quo with regard to networking of scientific diaspora from SEE countries as well as regarding their use of ICTs for cooperation with their countries of origin.

Another important aim of the workshop is to raise awareness among

- o RTD & HE policy makers,
- o development cooperation experts and
- o others dealing with scientific diaspora issues

from SEE region about the great potentials of innovative use of ICT in activities aiming at utilisation of human capital of scientific diaspora for the socio-economic development and for the strengthening of human capacities of scientific landscape of SEE countries.

The workshop will be of an exploratory nature, looking at opportunities for joint project development in EU RTD Framework programmes and/or Official Development Assistance funding schemes as well as for projects on national level with national (cross-sectoral) funding. In addition to these practical goals the workshop has the goal of laying the foundation for a (UNESCO, to be confirmed) publication on the issue of ICT and scientific diaspora in SEE which shall combine scientific analysis with hands-on experience and policy recommendations.

Draft Programme (Note: some speakers didn't confirm their participation yet)

Tuesday June 9th

19.00h, Lobby of Hotel Holiday Inn Sarajevo (address: [Zmaja od Bosne 4](#)) **Informal Get-together**

Wednesday June 10th, RCC meeting room (address: Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1/V)

09.00 Welcome/Introduction/policy context/regional cooperation

Emira Tufo/Mladen Dragašević	Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo
Miroslav Polzer	ASO Ljubljana
Blaž Golob	Centre for eGovernance Development, CeGD Ljubljana

09.20 Tour de Table

09.45 Thematic Introduction (brain drain/brain gain, data for SEE countries, diaspora networks approach)

Andreas Breinbauer	Vice rector at the University of Applied Science (FH) of the bfi Vienna
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10.00 UNESCO and ICT facilitated networking with SEE scientific diasporas

Sinisa Sesum	UNESCO Venice Office - Antenna Office in Sarajevo
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10.15 Presentation of brain gain /scientific diaspora programmes of SEE countries and their use of ICTs

Dino Mujkić, Regional Manager B&H Sarajevo	WUS-Austria Braing gain programme
N.N.	Unity through Knowledge Fund, Croatia
Razvan Florian, director of Ad Astra	Ad Astra, online project for the Romanian scientific community

11.00 Coffee break

11.20 Presentation of brain gain /scientific diaspora programmes of SEE countries ctnd.

Djordje Prstojevic, Ministry for Diaspora, Republic of Serbia (to be confirmed)	Serbian network of knowledge
Božidar Matic, (organiser of BiH scientific diaspora conferences)	Bosnian Academy of Sciences and Arts networking BiH scientists abroad
Bernard Zeneli (UNDP Albania)	Brain Gain Albania

12.10 Networks of Austrian Scientists in North America and Canada and their use of Web 2.0 applications

Philip Marxgut, Austrian attaché for Science and Technology, Washington	Office for Science and Technology, Washington
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Discussion

12.45 Lunch break

13.45 Diaspora and Web 2.0 in Development Processes

Yaelle Link	Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC)
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14.00 How to link diaspora relevant RTD governance programmes with diaspora networks and individuals through Web 2.0 initiatives – General Remarks and Concrete Suggestions

(relevant reading: IPTS: Web 2.0 for government: Why and how? <http://ftp.jrc.es/EURdoc/JRC45269.pdf>)

Blaž Golob Miroslav Polzer	Centre for eGovernance Development, CeGD Ljubljana ASO Ljubljana
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Discussion/Brain storming on possibilities for future (regional) projects and initiatives in SEE

15.00 Practical aspects from EU RTD policy dialogue projects like e.g. **WBC-INCO.net**, **SEE ERA.net**, **WINS ICT** and potentials for synergies of ICT based brain gain initiatives with **EURAXESS mobility information systems**

Elke Dall & Marion Haberfellner	Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna
Miroslav Trajanović	EURAXESS mobility centers

Discussion

16.45 External (ODA) assistance for the development of diaspora knowledge networks

Gabriela Tejada	Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne / Swiss network of scientific diasporas /
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17.00 Comments/Reflections from an ODA provider

Michaela Flenner

Austrian Development Agency, Vienna

17.15 Discussion of the Draft List of Contents for a publication on ICT and Scientific Diaspora in SEE

17.30 End of the Workshop

19.00 Dinner

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