



Cross Cultural Learning and Teaching in Vocational Education and Training

Valorization conference

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Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan,
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Venue: Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan, Royal Hall
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Conference overview

With increasing mobility of full-time, degree-seeking students across borders, vocational education and training (VET) institutions in Europe are increasingly facing diverse trainee bodies with equally diverse ways of perceiving, processing and presenting information (learning styles). This conference is designed to exchange European views in cross-cultural communication and education. It addresses the need of professionals in vocational educational training, higher education and schools and aims to provide up to date best practice examples.

An international team of experts, VET providers and educators address:

- The importance of cross-cultural competence
- Recent tendencies and challenges in the development of intercultural communication competence
- Best practices in the sphere of cross-cultural communication competence
- Workshops for useful teaching tools and exercises to be included in diverse or multicultural classrooms



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Schedule overview

Day 1

15.09.2010

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| Registration | 09:00 – 09:30 |
| <i>Opening of the conference</i> <i>– Welcome & Exchange with 7th International Conference on Intercultural Competence, Khabarovsk, Russia</i> | 09:30 – 10:00 |
| <i>“Cross Cultural Learning and Teaching in Vocational Education and Training” - Mr. Rupert Beinhauer, Project manager, FH JOANNEUM Gmbh, Graz, Austria</i> | 10:00 – 10:30 |
| <i>"Experience in and observation of the learning and teaching in cross-cultural environment", Assoc. Prof. Dinko Dinkov, Institute for Post Graduate Studies at UNWE, Sofia, Bulgaria</i> | 10:30 – 11:15 |
| Coffee break | 11:15 – 11:45 |
| <i>“Recent tendencies and challenges in the development of intercultural communication competence” – bit, Austria</i> | 11:45 – 12:30 |
| <i>“The importance of cross-culture competencies” – Human resources development center, National agency for LLP Bulgaria</i> | 12:30 – 13:00 |
| Lunch | 13:00 – 14:30 |
| <i>Session 1 “Presentation of Good Practice in the sphere of cross-culture communication competencies – Rila Hall</i> <i>Session 2 “Presentation of Good Practice in the sphere of cross-culture communication competencies – Pirin Hall</i> | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Closure of Day 1, Cocktail | 16:30 – 17:30 |



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Day 2

16.09.2010

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| Registration | 09:30 – 10:00 |
| <i>Workshop 1 “Cross cultural learning and teaching – Tendencies” – Rila Hall</i> <i>Workshop 2 “The role of educational institutions in the Cross cultural learning and teaching” – Pirin Hall</i> | 10:00 – 13:30 |
| Coffee break | 10:50 – 11:10 |
| <i>Continuation of Workshop 1 “Cross cultural learning and teaching –Tendencies” – Rila Hall</i> <i>Continuation of Workshop 2 “The role of educational institutions in the Cross cultural learning and teaching” – Pirin Hall</i> | 13:30 – 15:00 |
| Closure of Day 2 | 15:00 |

Conference languages: English, Bulgarian

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