



Invitation

***TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT CONFERENCE
WOLFSBERG (A) AND SLOVENJ GRADEC (SLO)
21.10.2005 – 23.10.2005***

*of the project “Improvement of national Schoolnetworks in Europe”
SOCRATES – ‘Accompanying Measures’*

The Regional School Board Wolfsberg, Austria, and the National Education Institute of the Republic Slovenia, department Koroška, are going to organise a project conference, co-financed by the European Commission, focussed on the topic “Schoolnetworks”. This conference is going to be held in Wolfsberg and Slovenj Gradec, between the 21st and the 23rd of October 2005, within the framework of the centralized action “Accompanying Measures”.

It is our intention to invite educational decision makers, educational staff of institutions and organisations working in the field of Schoolnetworks as well as in the field of Education and ICT. Teachers, trainers and other educational staff are also very welcome to participate at this transnational conference in Austria and Slovenia.

Organisation

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Background information of this project

The project “Improvement of national SchoolNets in Europe” plans to make an European survey and analysis of ICT based regional and national Schoolnetworks. It targets especially to the educational EU-objectives of Lisbon of the year 2000, whereas it will be researched if the objectives and plans have been achieved or accordingly are initiated.

Project web-site: <http://www.eu-ripides.net>

Main activities which will be carried out through this project:

First project stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Research in involved countries on the basis of specific criteria and guidelines
Second project stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of research results as well as examples of “best practice” and innovations at a project conference▪ Questioning of target groups and preparation of a detailed overview of Schoolnetworks in involved countries
Third project stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Editing of a final publication

Topics of this conference

- Schoolnetworks on regional and national level based on ICT
- ICT and Education

Target-groups

- Educational decision makers, educational staff of institutions working in the field of Schoolnetworks or/and in the field of ICT and Education, school inspectors, trainers, educational advisors/consultants, politicians from education sector, teachers and persons who are interested in this thematic area.

Also invited are representatives of the European Commission, Socrates National Agencies as well as any other interested persons.

Expected number of participants: 120

Programme

Programme is part of an own document, please refer to it.

Dates

21st – 23rd of October 2005

Duration

The conference will last three days (excluding the arrival and departure days).
For a detailed overview please refer to the programme (separate document).

Location

Wolfsberg. Please note that the city of Wolfsberg is circa 270 km far away from Vienna, 70 km from Graz and 60 km from Klagenfurt. At these cities are the next airports for your transport connections. Detailed information about transport connections in Austria will be published in July on our web portal. Conference venues are the castle of Wolfsberg and Slovenj Gradec (distance 60 km). You can also have a look via Internet to this cities:

<http://www.wolfsberg.at>

<http://www.st-andrae.at>

<http://www.slovenj-gradec.si>

<http://www.schloss-wolfsberg.at> (new conference venue)

How to apply/deadline for applications

Please mail the registration form filled in to: baudienst@vg-wo.gde.at or send it by fax to: +43 (0)50536 66434 or you can register online under <http://www.eu-ripides.net>. Please register until the 1st of October 2005.

Participating countries

Open for all

Working languages

English and to a lesser extent German (translation provided).

Fee

For participants from outside we can offer for conference participation and subsistence two possibilities (includes conference participation, accommodation, meals, cultural programme):

Possibility A

Hotel Hecher
4**** *Hotel at the centre of Wolfsberg*
<http://www.hecher.at>

Costs: Euro 390,00

Possibility B

Gasthaus Oelberger
Country Guesthouse with new, comfortable hotel part, near the castle of Wolfsberg

Costs: Euro 290,00

Account

The information regarding the bank account to transfer the fee will be send after registration.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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We will be delighted to give you a warm welcome in Austria and Slovenia!

Yours sincerely,

on behalf of the project partnership
Coordinator Dir. Herbert Eile