



**THE ENHANCED GRAZ PROCESS**

**TASK FORCE EDUCATION AND YOUTH**  
**Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**“GOVERNANCE AND EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION”**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Karl-Franzens Universität Graz, January 27 – 29, 2005  
Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz

17:00 – 18:00

Arrival of participants  
Conference registration at respective hotels

19:15

**Welcome reception  
by the Governor of the Province of Styria at the Graz Castle (Burg)**  
Welcome speech by Ms. Waltraud KLASNIC  
Governor of the Province of Styria

8:30 – 9:00

Registration for working groups

9:00 – 10:30

**Welcome speeches**  
Ms. Roberta MAIERHOFER  
Vice Rector of the University of Graz  
Mr. Anton DOBART  
Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Austria  
Mr. Erhard BUSEK  
Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

**Opening speech**  
Ms. Benita FERRERO-WALDNER  
Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy,  
European Commission

**Keynote speeches and plenary discussion:**  
Moderator: Anton DOBART  
Chair of the Task Force Education and Youth

**The Lisbon Strategy and its Implication for Education and Training  
from the Perspective of the New Member States**  
Mr. Slavko GABER  
Former Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia

**Economic Growth and Social Cohesion. Challenges  
for Education and Training in a Global Perspective**  
Mr. Bernard HUGONNIER  
Deputy Director for Education, OECD

**Plenary discussion**

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

**11:00 – 13:00**

**Key note speech and plenary discussion:**

Moderator: Anton DOBART

Chair of the Task Force Education and Youth

**Governance and Education for Sustainable Development and European Integration in South Eastern Europe**

Mr. Andrei MARGA

President of the Academic Council,  
Babes-Bolyai University Cluj, Romania

**Panel Discussion and Plenary Discussion:**

Moderator: Ms. Petra BLÄSS

Senior Consultant on Parliamentary Cooperation,  
Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

**The Importance of Education and Training for Economic Prosperity, Stability and Democracy in South Eastern Europe**

Mr. Assen DOURMISHEV

Member of Parliament, Bulgaria

Ms. Slavica GRKOVSKA

Member of Parliament, FYR of Macedonia

Mr. Andrei MARGA

President of the Academic Council, Babes-Bolyai University-Cluj, Romania

Ms. Doris PACK

Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Hannes SWOBODA

Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Pavel ZGAGA

Director of the Centre for Educational Policy Studies, University of Ljubljana

**Plenary discussion**

**13:00 – 15:00**

Lunch break

**15:00 – 18:30**

**Working group sessions** (including coffee break 16.30-17:00)

**WG 1: Education for Economic Development**

**Facilitator:**

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

**Moderator:**

Mr. Ian WHITMAN

Head, Programme for Co-operation with Non Member Economies,  
Directorate of Education

**Rapporteur:**

Mr. Boris GALABOV, Professor, University of Sofia, former Deputy Minister of  
Education

**Education Attainment and Economic Growth**

**Introduction:**

Mr. Bernard HUGONNIER, Deputy Director for Education, OECD

**Speakers:**

Mr. Raymond SANER, Director, Centre for Socio-Economic Development,  
Geneva;

Lecturer Economic Faculty, Basle University, Switzerland

Ms. Lichia YIU, President, Centre for Socio-Economic Development, Geneva;  
Visiting Professor, International MBA Programme, NCCU, Taiwan

**WG 2: Education for Social Cohesion**

**Facilitator:**

European Training Foundation

**Moderator:**

Ms. Muriel DUNBAR, Director, ETF

**Rapporteur:**

Ms. Efka HEDER, Head, VET Department, Institute of Education, Croatia

**Speakers:**

Ms. Liliana PREOTEASA, Ministry of Education, Romania:

Policies and Measures in the Field of Education and Training for Ensuring  
Social Cohesion

Ms. Anastasia FETSI, Deputy Head of Department, Country Manager, ETF:  
Education and Social Cohesion: Evidence from the SEE Countries

Ms. Katarina POPOVIC, IIZ DVV Serbia and Montenegro:

Challenges and Good Practices: Education and Training Needs of Adults in  
Serbia

**15:00 – 18:30**

**WG 3: Education for Innovation and Research**

**Facilitator:**

European University Association

**Moderator:**

Ms. Fuada STANKOVIC, Professor, Former Rector of the University of Novi Sad

**Rapporteur:**

Mr. David CROSIER, Program Manager, EUA

**Speakers:**

Mr. Aleksa BJELIC, Vice-Rector for Research, University of Zagreb: Joint Doctoral Studies and Research through Regional Co-operation

Ms. Lamija TANOVIC

Professor at the Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo: Deficits in the Research Infrastructure in the SEE Region, also in View of Brain-Drain

Ms. Barbara WEITGRUBER

Vice-Chair of the Task Force Education and Youth:

Towards the European Higher Education and Research Area - the Role of Education for Innovation and Research

**WG 4: Education for Culture and Diversity**

**Facilitator:**

Council of Europe

**Moderator:**

Mr. Karlheinz DÜRR, Head of the Europe Department, Landeszentrale für politische Bildung, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

**Rapporteur:**

Ms. Jadranka JELINCIC, Director of Programmes, Open Society Fund Serbia and Montenegro

**Speakers:**

Ms. Tuende KOVAC-CEROVIC, Department of Psychology, University of Belgrade: Challenges of Education for Culture and Diversity in post Conflict SEE Countries

Mr. Gerard MAAS, Deputy Director for International Policy, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, The Netherlands:

Living Together Starts at School

Ms. Yulia PERERVA, General Directorate IV, Council of Europe:

The Council of Europe "Education for Democratic Citizenship Project" and South Eastern Europe

**19:30**

**Reception by the Mayor of the City of Graz at the Graz City Hall**

Welcome speech by Mr. Siegfried NAGL, Mayor of the City of Graz

**Cultural program – music by “TRIO INTERKUNST”**

**9:30 – 12:00**  
(including coffee break)

**Key note speeches and plenary discussion:**

Moderator: Ms. Barbara WEITGRUBER  
Vice Chair of the Task Force Education and Youth

**The experience of former Candidate Countries**

Ms. Vaiva VEBRAITE  
Advisor to the President of Lithuania

**Implications for South Eastern Europe in View of the Wider European Area of Education –General Education, Vocational Education and Training, Higher Education**

Mr. John CRESSWELL  
Analyst, Indicators and Analysis Division, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

Ms. Muriel DUNBAR  
Director of the European Training Foundation

Ms. Lesley WILSON  
Secretary General of the European University Association

**Plenary discussion**

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch break

**14:00 – 15:30**

**Panel Discussion:**

Moderator: Ms. Sonia LICHT  
President of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, Serbia and Montenegro

**Priorities in Education and Training: Challenges for the Future**

General Rapporteur: Ms. Madlen SERBAN, Director of the National Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Romania

Mr. Cazim FETAHOVIC  
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science, Montenegro

Mr. Louis HERSOM  
Directorate General for Enlargement, Western Balkans, European Commission

Ms. Jasna MILETA  
Assistant Minister, Ministry of European Integration, Croatia

Mr. Zoran POPOVSKI  
State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Science, FYR of Macedonia

Mr. Goran SVILANOVIC  
Chair of Working Table I, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

**15.30 – 16.30**

**Closing session:**

Moderator: Ms. Barbara WEITGRUBER  
Vice Chair of the Task Force Education and Youth

**Regional co-operation for EU integration**

Mr. Radovan FUCHS  
Chair of the Governing Board of the Education Reform Initiative of  
South Eastern Europe  
Ms. Luminita MATEI  
Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Education Reform Initiative  
of South Eastern Europe

**Final conclusion and final resolution**

Mr. Anton DOBART  
Chair of the Task Force Education and Youth

16:30

Departure of participants

Cultural program: Guided tour of Graz

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