

European Association of History Educators



Annual Report 2005

OVERALL TARGET:

- To promote and support the development of history education so that it contributes to strengthening peace, stability, democracy and critical thinking.

EUROCLIO AIMS FOR ACTION:

1. Enhance the quality of History Education.
2. To cooperate, communicate and network internationally
3. Professionalise History Teachers' and their Organisations
4. To strengthen the organisation and sustainability of EUROCLIO and its Member Organisations

1. Enhance the quality of History Education.

Aims and Activities

1.1. Assist and Support Curriculum Development

- Running the 2002-2005 Council of Europe and EUROCLIO project *To strengthen History Education in the EU Accession countries plus Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro, Belarus, Russia and Ukraine*
- Preparation and organisation of the EUROCLIO 2005 Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course *Gaining Equilibrium? Building from the Local to the Global Perspective* in Riga, Latvia.
- Preparation and organisation of the EUROCLIO 2006 Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course *Using Historical Skills and Concepts to Promote an Awareness of European Citizenship* in Malta.
- Preparation of the EUROCLIO 2007 Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course *Human Rights in the Learning and Teaching of History* in Slovenia.
- Preparation and organisation of the EUROCLIO 2006 Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course *Active Learning in School History* in England.
- EUROCLIO activities contribute to national and international curriculum debates and developments on the learning and Teaching of History.

1.2. Support the development of innovative textbooks and teaching materials to promote critical thinking

- Running the 2002-2005 Council of Europe and EUROCLIO MATRA project *To strengthen History Education in the EU Accession countries plus Croatia, Serbia-Montenegro, Belarus, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine*, including a wide range of activities related to curriculum development and development of textbooks and other educational materials, teacher (in-service) training, innovative assessment and networking.
- Running and finalising the EUROCLIO project 2002-2005 *Mosaic of Cultures. Teaching the Multicultural Society in Russia* to produce a textbook and teachers manual and organise teacher in-service trainings.
- Running the EUROCLIO/Center Education 2000+ MATRA project *Fostering History And Citizenship Education in Romania*, Romania 2003-2006.

- Running the EUROCLIO/Neighbours project *Enhancing Regional History Education and Civic Society, Common approaches for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federation of Serbia and Montenegro*, 2004-2005.
- Running the EUROCLIO/ MATRA project for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federation of Serbia and Montenegro, *History in Action – Planning for the Future. Regional Approach for the Learning and Teaching of History in Croatia and the Federation of Serbia and Montenegro* 2005-2008

1.3. Training

- Preparation, running and organisation of the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course 2005 *Gaining Equilibrium? Building from the Local to the Global Perspective* in Riga, Latvia
- Preparation, running and organisation of the EUROCLIO 2006 Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course *Using Historical Skills and Concepts to Promote an Awareness of European Citizenship* in Malta.
- Organisation and contributions to Council of Europe, EUROCLIO, Local Members and other conferences and seminars in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, England, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, the Netherlands, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and UK, USA
- Running 6 training seminars and 1 final symposium in the EUROCLIO project *Mosaic of Cultures. Teaching the Multicultural Society in Russia*
- Running 1 training seminars in the EUROCLIO/Neighbours project *Enhancing Regional History Education and Civic Society, common approaches for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federation of Serbia and Montenegro*
- Running 3 training seminars in the EUROCLIO/Center Education 2000+ project *Fostering History And Citizenship Education in Romania*
- Running 2 training seminars with the Council of Europe in Bulgaria and Romania
- Participation of history educators from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, the Netherlands, Romania and Russia in the 17th Conference of the Schools History Project, Leeds, UK
- Participation of history educators from Croatia, Romania, Russia and Serbia-Montenegro in the Annual Conference of the UK History Educators Network in Nottingham, UK.
- Participation of history educators Romania and Russia from in the HEIRNET (History Educators International Research Network) Conference in London, UK

1.4. Advisory and Consultancy work

- Carried out a fact-finding and advisory mission within the programme *Confidence-building between Georgian & Abkhaz Societies, with participation of the Caucasus Forum of NGO's* to Georgia and Abkhazia and produced the report *Too much Memory, too much Amnesia*.

1.5. Lectures and workshops on the learning and teaching of history

- Lectures in: Abkhazia, Belgium, Georgia, Germany, Morocco, The Netherlands, Romania, Russia, UK, USA
- Running workshops in: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Croatia, Romania, Slovenia, Serbia
- Lectures and presentations on the learning and teaching of history in EUROCLIO Projects

1.6. Promoting and assisting in research on comparative research

- Production and processing of the EUROCLIO 2005 questionnaire on *Gaining Equilibrium? Building from the Local to the Global Perspective* on how to balance and connect the local, national, regional, European and world dimension; and how to diminish dimensional stereotypes in history education.
- Production and processing of the EUROCLIO 2006 questionnaire on *Using History Skills and Concepts to Promote an Awareness of European Citizenship*
- Running a Master Degree Study Position within the History Department of the University of Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- Partners in the EU/Socrates project *Structures and Standards of Initial training of history teachers in Europe – a comparative study* with Georg Eckert Institute, Vienna, Austria
- Partners in the project *Beyond the Canon, History for the Twenty-First Century* at Rotterdam Erasmus University, the Netherlands

1.7. Promoting and assisting in research on inquiry based learning

- No specific action

1.8. Encouraging teachers to reinforce ICT as tool in history education

- All EUROCLIO Annual Meetings, projects, seminars, publications, including newsletters and website stimulate and support the use of ICT in history education

1.9. Professional exchange between textbook authors

- Participation of textbook authors in local, national and international activities organised by EUROCLIO and its partner organisations

Improve access to source materials

- Publications of teaching materials and useful website links in the EUROCLIO Newsletter, Bulletin and Website.

2. To cooperate, communicate and network internationally

Aims and Carried out actions

2.1. Organise seminars, workshops, international conferences and EUROCLIO General Assembly

- Preparation and organisation of the 2005 EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course on *Gaining Equilibrium? Building from the Local to the Global Perspective* in Riga, Latvia
- Preparation and organisation of the EUROCLIO 2006 Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course *Using Historical Skills and Concepts to Promote an Awareness of European Citizenship* in Malta.
- Preparation of the EUROCLIO Annual Conferences and Professional Training and Development Courses in 2007 and 2008
- Training seminars in all EUROCLIO projects.

2.2. Publish Bulletins, Newsletters, Annual Reports, books, articles and mailings

- On line publication of Bulletin 21 *Assessment*
- On line publication of Bulletin 22 on *Gaining Equilibrium? Building from the Local to the Global Perspective*
- Publication of 4 EUROCLIO Newsletters.
- Publication of articles in books, magazines, newspapers and other publications in several countries
- Dissemination of press releases

2.3. Enhance Web site

- Maintenance and enhancement of the EUROCLIO Web site: www.eurocliohistory.org

2.4. Maintain and extend international database of experts

- Maintenance and expansion of EUROCLIO specialists' database

2.5. Maintain and extend relations with Council of Europe, OCSE, UNESCO, European Union, national Ministries of Education and NGO's

- Running a common 3-year Council of Europe and EUROCLIO project on the learning and teaching of history in the European Union pre-accession countries plus Belarus, Croatia, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.
- Participation and contributions to Council of Europe and European Union activities and events in
- Obtained 15 Council of Europe stay and travel bursaries for Members to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course in 2005 and kept working on Council of Europe bursaries for Members to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conferences and Professional Training and Development Course in 2006 and 2007
- Cooperation with Council of Europe activities in Cyprus, France, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria
- Acquired 48 bursaries of the European Union Comenius 2.2 and Grundtvig 3 programmes for Members to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course in 2005
- Acquired catalogue status for the European Union Comenius 2.2 and Grundtvig 3 programmes for Members to apply for bursaries for the EUROCLIO Annual Conferences and Professional Training and Development Courses in 2006 and 2007
- Working on catalogue status for European Union Comenius 2.2 and Grundtvig 3 bursaries for Members to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course 2008
- Developed common projects with Council of Europe, European Union, National donors and EUROCLIO members
- Developed, submitted and obtained European Union project (2006) for EUROCLIO within the *European Associations acting at European level in the Field of Education and Training* programme
- Organised a preparatory meeting to develop of a project proposal for the European Union Socrates programme on *Castles as common European Heritage*;
- Continuation of membership of the Council of Europe project group on *Key years in European History*

- Continuation cooperation with the Council of Europe in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Continuation cooperation with the OSCE in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Organise talks and meetings with representatives of European Union and other organisations

2.6. Empower network of member associations and enhancing EUROCLIO network at Global, European, regional, national and local level

- Strengthened and stimulated regional networks
- Expansion of the EUROCLIO Advisory Board with new members (President of Latvia, Mrs Vaira Vike Freiberga)
- Intensified cooperation with applicant Member Association in Spain
- New Associations have obtained (Associated) EUROCLIO membership during the General Assembly 2005: Ben Baso, Spain; Republic Association of Teachers of History, Law and Public science, Tajikistan.
- Kept encouraging history educators from Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro and Poland to set up History Teachers' Associations and to join EUROCLIO.
- Continuation of contacts with the Council of Europe and national authorities to facilitate history teachers' participation in in-service training courses
- Obtained extra sponsorship for participants for the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Courses in 2005 and 2006.
- Searching for sponsorship for participants to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Courses in 2005-2007.

2.7. Dissemination of information about history education. via e-mail, fax, phone, postal service

- Regular contact through (e-)mail, phone and fax with a wide network
- Disseminated 6 EUROCLIO Newsletters
- Produced two online EUROCLIO Bulletins
- Direct dissemination of information from member organisations to a wide network
- Disseminated information about Council of Europe, European Union and other events.
- Regular EUROCLIO update via lectures and presentations in EUROCLIO Projects
- Disseminated press releases on a regular basis
- Sent several postal and e-mail mailings to a wide network
- Regular updating of the mail network list.

2.8. Building connections with national/local authorities

- Continuation of meetings of members of the Board, Local Member Associations and the Secretariat with several authorities to enhance and strengthen cooperation
- Continuation of active contacts in all projects with authorities and institutions, which are vital for the sustainability of the EUROCLIO work

2.9. Outside Europe: building connections with history educators from other continents

- Regular contacts kept with teachers and investigators that started to collaborate with EUROCLIO

3. Professionalise History Teachers' and their Organisations

Aims and Actions to be carried out

3.1. Organise workshops how to set up and strengthen Associations

- Organised workshops on issues related to professional organisations in several conferences and seminars
- Enhanced and improved the package to support members with project acquisition and management
- Supported History Teachers Associations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Romania, Russia, to exert their influence on formulation of policy and increase access to international cooperation.
- Supported members with official letters, advice etc.

3.2. Encourage (new) Associations to join EUROCLIO

- Encouraged history educators Spain to join EUROCLIO
- KTEOS from Cyprus
- Association of Icelandic Historians

3.3. Carry out trainings on organisational and financial management

- In all EUROCLIO activities and projects History Teachers Associations are stimulated to enhance their organisational and financial management capacities.

3.4. Carry out training on successful project acquisition

- In all EUROCLIO activities and projects History Teachers Associations are stimulated to obtain projects.

3.5. Provide exemplar models for democratic organisations

- Continued the special section about profiles of Associations in the EUROCLIO Bulletins and on the EUROCLIO Web site

3.6. Set up dissemination systems through information technology and traditional means

- Active policy towards implementation ICT in history education

3.7. Supporting foreign language proficiency of history education

- All EUROCLIO activities and projects inspire and stimulate history educators to improve their foreign modern language skills

4. To strengthen the organisation and sustainability of EUROCLIO and its Member Organisations.

Aims and Actions to be carried out

4.1. Talking with possible donors and sponsors, e.g. national and international institutions and organisations, national authorities, private and commercial institutions

- Continuation of talks with UNESCO, Council of Europe, OSCE, European Union, National Authorities: Canadian, Danish, Dutch, Norwegian and Swiss Ministries of Foreign Affairs as possible donors.

4.2. Writing project proposals

- Developed, submitted and obtained European Union project (2006) for EUROCLIO within the *European Associations acting at European level in the Field of Education and Training* programme
- Organised a donor action towards 60 important grant giving organisations in Europe, obtained grants from 2 Icelandic Funds
- Organised a mayor action by members to convince the Dutch Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs to support the EUROCLIO Secretariat Submitted and obtained 15 Council of Europe stay and travel bursaries for Members to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course in 2005 and kept working on Council of Europe bursaries for Members to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conferences and Professional Training and Development Course in 2006 and 2007
- Acquired catalogue status for the European Union Comenius 2.2 and Grundtvig 3 programmes for Members to apply for bursaries for the EUROCLIO Annual Conferences and Professional Training and Development Courses in 2006 and 2007 and are working on catalogue status for European Union Comenius 2.2 and Grundtvig 3 bursaries for Members to participate in the EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Training and Development Course 2008
- Developed, submitted and obtained a project proposal for the MATRA Programme of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs *History in Action – Planning for the Future. Regional Approach for the Learning and Teaching of History in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federation of Serbia and Montenegro* (2005-2008)
- Submitted a common 3-year Council of Europe and EUROCLIO project on *Fostering Citizenship, Intercultural Dialogue and Civic Society through the Learning and Teaching of History* (2005-2008) with a focus on the Matra countries: Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro (including Kosovo), Turkey and Ukraine, which was put on a hold.
- Developed and submitted tender *The image of Europe* in the European Union E-Content Plus programme
- Developed and submitted tender for the organisation of the *European Heritage Days* (2006 and 2007) for Council of Europe/EU
- Developed and submitted proposal for EUROCLIO Secretariat support (2005), SNS REAAL Fund, The Netherlands.
- Submitted *To Support the Development of a Regional History Education Network in Montenegro to identify ways ahead for school history strengthening enhancing Civic Society, Democracy and Regional Stability* (2005) Ministry of Foreign affairs Norway
- Developed and submitted project to *Support the current Developments in History and Citizenship Education in Bosnia-Herzegovina* (2006) Swiss Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Developed and submitted proposal for EUROCLIO Secretariat support(2006), City of The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Developed and submitted a project proposal *for to strengthen the capacity of a broad range of stakeholders to lead a transforming process in the learning and teaching in Bulgaria to support the integration of Bulgaria into the European Union* (2006), CROSS, Dutch Ministry of Education
- Developed and submitted a project proposal for the MATRA Programme of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Bugaria *European Dialogues, a Cultural Rainbow for the Future. A Common Approach for the Learning and Teaching of History in Bulgaria* (2006-2009)
- Organised a preparatory meeting to develop of a project proposal for the European Union Socrates programme on *Castles as common European Heritage*;
- Preparing project proposals for Caucasus, European Union/Comenius.

4.3. Reinforcing public relations and press contacts through press releases and press conferences

- Disseminate press releases and obtained a variety of TV, radio, magazine and paper interviews and articles on EUROCLIO activities

4.4. Producing PR materials

- Constant updating and extending of international press list
- Writing press releases on a regular basis
- Regular update and improvement of EUROCLIO power-point presentations
- Production of EUROCLIO Profile Documents
- Improve design EUROCLIO PR materials

4.5. Organising strategy debates on future policy

- Constantly updating 3-year policy strategies as yearly base EUROCLIO policy and for policy debates during the EUROCLIO General Assembly.

4.6. Reinforce internal structure of EUROCLIO

- Regular update of financial administration
- Regular update of address and email-lists
- Regular update of planning and lobbying
- Updating of the EUROCLIO Business and Acquisition Plan
- The EUROCLIO Secretariat produced a financial Annual Report 2003 and obtained an Audit Declaration 2003 and worked on preparations for 2004

4.7. Acquisition of other revenues

- Diversified acquisition of revenues

In 2005 EUROCLIO was financially supported by:

- Bank of Latvia, Visitors Centre
- Carnegie Council, USA
- Center Education 2000+, Roumania,
- Council of Europe, In-service Training Programme for Education Professionals
- EUROCLIO Member Organisations
- European Union, Comenius 2.2 and Grundtvig 3 programmes and European Associations Programme
- Icelandic Funds
- International Alert, UK
- Koerber Foundation, Germany
- British Council Latvia
- Koerber Stifting, EUSTORY
- Latvian War Museum
- Mencendorfs House
- Ministry of Education and Science of Republic of Latvia
- Museum of History of Latvia
- Museum of History of Riga and Navigation
- Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MATRA Programme
- Occupation Museum of Latvia
- OSCE, Georgia
- Private Donors
- Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department for Neighbour Programme
- United States Institute for Peace, USA
- University of Latvia