

**Annual Report  
Association Euroclio**

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## 1. Reports

## 1.1 Board report

### 2012 Annual Report EUROCLIO, the European Association of History Educators

#### Executive Summary

##### EUROCLIO main activities in 2012

- 19th Annual Conference with 209 participants from 50 countries
- 2 international professional development seminars in Northern Ireland and Israel with participants from 23 countries
- 4 Regional professional leadership development workshops in Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Ukraine
- 10 National capacity building events in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Ukraine and Turkey
- 2 international surveys with feed back from more than 50 countries
- EUROCLIO General Assembly in Turkey with representatives of 35 Member Associations
- Board Meetings held in Turkey, The Netherlands and Germany.
- Lectures, workshops and consultancies by Board, Ambassadors and Staff members in 20 Countries
- Provide training for 2000+ history educators
- Face to face outreach to 12500+

##### EUROCLIO Publications

- 3 hard copy teaching tools in Turkish, English and Russian
- 35 on-line modules of Historiana. Your Portal to the Past
- 3 publications on the learning and teaching of History in Macedonia, Kosovo and the Middle East and North-Africa
- 9 e-Newsletters

##### EUROCLIO Awards

- The EUROCLIO programme Historiana – Your Portal to the Past won the Medea special Prize for European Collaboration

##### 8 specific fields of actions

- **Training Provider**; building cross-border developing professional capacity.
- **Development of innovative educational material.**
- **Research**; addressing challenges and opportunities created by cross border learning and teaching of history, heritage and citizenship.
- **Governance**; managing an active, sustainable and democratic Association
- **Dissemination of information**; updating a network of 10000+ about a wide range of issues related to history, heritage education
- **Project Application**; creating opportunities for cross-border capacity building, educational tools development and new fields of cooperation targeting a variety of European and beyond donors.
- **Lobby**; concentrating on developing awareness for EUROCLIO's unique role in combating misuse and stimulating modernizing of school history
- **Professional Expertise Provider** offers lectures, workshops and consultancies related to expertise in responsible and innovative history, citizenship and heritage education; professional capacity building and project acquisition, management

and implementation. Collaboration in European and beyond partnerships projects. Publication of feature reports

## **EUROCLIO in 2012 as Training Provider, Developing Cross-Border Professional Capacity.**

### **Annual Conferences**

EUROCLIO organised the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Training Symposium *Looking to the History through a Variety of Lenses*, which was held in Antalya, Turkey from 1-7 April. The event was attended by 209 delegates from 50 countries. The Association to organise the 20th EUROCLIO Annual Conference and Professional Development Course *Reflecting Remembrance, Teaching History for a Common Culture of Remembrance?* The Conference will be attended by at least 150 representatives from about 45 countries. Groundwork is carried out for the organisation of the 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference planned for April 2014 in Ohrid, Macedonia under the title *History without Borders*.

### **International Professional Development**

The seminar *Conflict and Cooperation, Addressing Sensitive and Controversial Issues in History Education* was organized in September Northern Ireland. This event brought together local participants with colleagues from 15 countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, Greece Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom. EUROCLIO organised in December with Yad Vashem, the International School for Holocaust Studies Research in Israel a second *International Partnership and Development and Training Seminar on Holocaust Education* with representatives from Israel and colleagues from 11 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Moldova, The Netherlands, Romania Slovenia, Sweden and Ukraine

### **Regional Professional Development**

4 Regional professional leadership development workshops were organised in Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Ukraine bringing together 200+ high impacting professionals

### **National Professional Development**

In Turkey a national training the trainers conference was organised. Four capacity building and curriculum assessment workshops took place in Macedonia reaching out to 25% of the history and citizenship educators in the country. Colleagues in Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine organised 5 seminars with together more that 250.

### **Support for Mobility of Educational Staff**

This year EUROCLIO was once more able to support educational mobility through applications for donor and scholarship schemes. 162 prominent history educators were able to follow international training using opportunities offered the EU Comenius and Grundvig Catalogues, EU Euro East Culture Programme, The European Cultural Foundation, the Foreign Ministries of The Netherlands and Norway and the Open Society Foundations.

## EUROCLIO in 2012 as initiator/provider of innovative educational materials.

### Historiana-Your Portal to the Past

The Historiana-Your Portal to the Past website was launched, containing the 35 on-line modules for digital history learning. These modules were produced by contributors from 29 countries.

### Turkey

In 2012 the project in Turkey published a hard-copy as well as an on-line version of *Yenilikçi Tarih Öğretimi, Etkinlik Örnekleri*, supporting teaching the innovative history curriculum in Turkey. The materials focus on four elements: multi-perspectivity, controversial issues, creative and critical thinking. The material is available on the website of the Association of History Educators in Turkey and several others. The on-line publication has been downloaded almost 12000 times during 2012 and has been shared via university networks. This publication is complemented by a Turkish language resource DVD, containing audiovisual materials and online links to audiovisual materials. To disseminate the material among a wide international audience, 8 modules from the publication were translated in English. *Innovative History Education, Exemplar Activities* was published as hard copy but is also online available on the sites of the Association of History Educators in Turkey and EUROCLIO

### Georgia

The teaching tool *How We Lived Together in the 20th Century in Georgia*, a collection of 29 modules, targeted at teaching for tolerance and intercultural understanding, published in Georgian in 2011, has been translated into Russian, to allow students from minority communities in Georgia to work with the materials .

## EUROCLIO Research in 2012

EUROCLIO developed and disseminated several surveys. The first focused on mapping the knowledge in Europe and beyond of the history of present day Turkey. The questionnaire received feed back from 50 countries. The results were presented during the Annual EUROCLIO Conference in Turkey and are available on the EUROCLIO website. The second survey focused on the conditions, opportunities, challenges and needs of the EUROCLIO Member Organisations, 93% of the active members replied. The results of this survey will be presented during the 2013 EUROCLIO General Assembly. A third study is initiated, looking at the way German history features in European curricula and textbooks. The results will be available in the first months of 2013

## EUROCLIO Governance in 2012

### General Assembly

The Annual EUROCLIO General Assembly 2012 was held in Antalya, Turkey on 6 April with representatives from 35 Member Associations. The representatives discussed and approved the results of the year 2011 and the planning for 2012 and beyond. They adopted the EUROCLIO recommendation on teaching migration and were made familiar with the activities related to the EUROCLIO 20 years Anniversary. The Assembly accepted two new EUROCLIO Full Member organisations: The Society for History Didactics Austria and the History Teachers Association of Buriatia, Russia. Six organisations obtained Associated Membership: the Auschwitz Jewish Center, Poland;

the Association for Citizenship Teaching, England; Digital Heritage, England; the Educational Research Centre, Poland, the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Split, Croatia and the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus.

### EUROCLIO International Volunteer Board

During the 2012 General Assembly President Vassiliki Sakka (Greece), stepped down after six years serving the organisation, Sylvia Semmet (Germany) became her successor as President of EUROCLIO. Treasurer Marjan de Groot (The Netherlands) took also the position as Vice-President and Semih Aktekin (Turkey), Peder Wiben (Denmark), and Erwin Capitain (The Netherlands) continued their positions in the Board. The sole Board vacancy attracted 12 candidates from Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Tunisia and United Kingdom. After two election sequences Lóa Steinunn Kristjánsdóttir from Iceland was chosen as new EUROCLIO Board Member. The Board held in 2012 three meetings held in Turkey, the Netherlands and Germany. The Finance and Governance Committee convened 5 times in The Netherlands and Turkey. The Audit Committee had their annual meeting with Finance and Governance Committee in the days before the General Assembly in Turkey.

The Association's Board has continued to streamline the Association. The Board furthered policies on member communication, public relations, project acquisitions and zitting hebbengeneral policy aims as laid down in a Policy Plan 2020 and an Action Plan 2012. The internal rules were fine tuned and will be submitted in the next General Assembly in April, in Erfurt, Germany. The Board decided that the President will on a regular basis meet with the Secretariat Staff and participate in the Finance and Governance Committee.

### Volunteer Member Involvement

The Association Board is aware that most Member Associations are volunteer organisations, and is therefore investigating how it most effectively can serve these Members. In 2012 a questionnaire has been designed in order to acquire insight in the conditions, opportunities, challenges and needs of the Member Organisations. 93 % of the Active Member Associations have replied. The results will be processed in early 2013 and presented during the General Assembly in Erfurt. In 2012 more than 78% of the active EUROCLIO Members were involved in any of its activities.

### New EUROCLIO Members

The Board continues stimulating History Educators Networks to become organized and newly organized Associations to become EUROCLIO members. During 2012 3 aspirant (Associated) Members from 3 countries announced that they would apply for Membership in 2013

### EUROCLIO Ambassadors

The current 29 EUROCLIO Ambassadors have been officially presented during the Annual Meeting in Antalya, Turkey. They are history educators, who over a longer period of time have shown great commitment to implementing the principles of the Association. They are requested to promote the Association, its mission and principles in their daily work and in events, where they officially represent EUROCLIO. In 2012 8 Ambassadors acted on behalf of EUROCLIO in Cyprus, Estonia, France, Italy and Portugal in events held by organisations such as UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the European Union

### EUROCLIO Honorary Board

EUROCLIO continued also in 2012 to invite notable scholars and individuals to support the work of EUROCLIO by accepting to become member of the Honorary Board. The Honorary Board in 2012 consists of 21 members, after Antoon de Baets (The Netherlands), Margret MacMillan (Canada) and Peter Seixas (Canada) become member of this Board.

### Annual report 2011

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Report was published under the title History Alive. A student engaged in innovative design was asked to create a new layout and format.

### Action Plan 2013

The Board agreed to a new more concise Action Plan Format for 2013, still fully in tune with the requirements of the Policy Plan 2020 *Responsible History Education in a Globalising Society*, *EUROCLIO's Roadmap toward Innovative History Education* and the Framework Agreement for the *Operating Grant Framework Partnership for European Associations Active at European Level in the Field of Education and Training*.

### Finances

The Board is satisfied that despite the financial crisis it can present another positive financial result.

### The Friends of EUROCLIO Foundation

The Foundation has been launched on 4 April 2012, during the EUROCLIO Annual Meeting in Antalya, Turkey. The Friends of EUROCLIO Foundation found an appropriate President in the person of Ms Sandra Kalniete, Former EU Commissioner and current EU parliamentarian from Latvia. She hosted the 20 years celebration of the EUROCLIO Association in the European Union Parliament.

### Strategic Partnerships

#### EUCIS-LLL

EUROCLIO is active member of the European Civic Platform for Lifelong Learning – EUCIS-LLL. This European Platform promotes European-wide cooperation among civil society organizations promoting a vision of lifelong learning integrating formal, non-formal and informal learning. The Platform is made up of 31 European networks EUROCLIO Executive Director Joke van der Leeuw-Roord, is since 2010 Vice President in the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee had in 2012 4 meetings in Brussels and Leuven, Belgium. EUROCLIO also actively contributed in the EUCIS General Assembly and Annual Conference on *Social Innovation for Active Inclusion. Life Long Learning Contribution for a better Tomorrow*, organized in Leuven, Belgium and the *European Education, Training and Youth Forum 2012* and the *EUCIS- LLL- Working Group on EU2020 and Education&Training Policies*.

#### Georg Eckert Institute UCIS-LLL

EUROCLIO is member of the Advisory Board of the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research, which meets once per year discussing the recent results of the Institute and the plans for the future. The Institute is getting more and more involved in on-line learning and is planning to intensify its relation



with EUROCLIO especially in this field. The Europe division of the Institute will carry out in 2013 the external assessment of the Historiana website.

#### Europeana Foundation

EUROCLIO is accepted as Board Member of Europeana Foundation, which focuses on creating new ways for people to engage with their cultural history by making cultural heritage openly accessible in a digital way and promoting the exchange of ideas and information. The Foundation is a single access point to millions of books, paintings, films, museum objects and archival records that have been digitised throughout Europe. Over the last years EUROCLIO has already been working together within the Historiana Programme and from 2012 Europeana and EUROCLIO will run Europeana Creative a common project, looking at innovative digital learning opportunities.

## EUROCLIO Dissemination of information in 2012

### Public relations

EUROCLIO strives continuously to maximize the access and exchange of information related to history, heritage and citizenship education using a variety of dissemination tools, including LinkedIn and Twitter. In September 2012 the daily updated EUROCLIO website [www.euroclio.eu](http://www.euroclio.eu) was remodelled and simplified. This resulted in more visitors and more pages visited per visit. In 2012 around 40.000 people from 179 countries world-wide visited this site. Most visitors came from EU countries.

### Facebook

The EUROCLIO Facebook page has an outreach of 2600+ generally from the EU countries and the Balkans but also from far beyond. The in mid 2012 established EUROCLIO Facebook group has been growing by the end of the year into active tool for communication and exchange for 1550+ members.

### E-Newsletters

In 2012 9 e-Newsletters were sent out to a monthly increasing audience of 8500+. A new information leaflet, communicating EUROCLIO's mission and work in a concise but comprehensive manner, was designed and published.

### E-Mail

The Association is a networking organisation, processing emails and other database contacts on a daily basis. In 2012 approximately 80.000 mails were processed with issues related to Association and projects matters but also questions asked by education experts, academic historians, researchers, colleagues and journalists. The average time required to answer incoming e-mail was less than 6 hours, despite active travel of EUROCLIO Board and Secretariat Staff.

### Networking

EUROCLIO Board Members, Ambassadors and Staff members used the networking opportunities through their participation in 61 international events related to the working fields of EUROCLIO in Brussels, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Cyprus, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Portugal and , Slovenia, Sweden Ukraine, and United Kingdom.

## EUROCLIO Project Application in 2012

### Project Acquisition

The Secretariat spends a considerable time in writing projects. The effect of the growing financial and economical crisis has noticeably influenced the likelihood to obtain projects, as the international competition for grants has been increased considerably and the donor opportunities have been significantly decreased. The thresholds for obtaining projects are incessantly augmenting. Project proposals with positive assessments and high scores were still rejected. Nevertheless five new projects were and consultancies obtained.

### Core-funding

In 2011 EUROCLIO was successful in obtaining the three year core-funding via an Operating Grant Framework Partnership for *European Associations Active at European Level in the Field of Education and Training*, funded through the EU Life Long Learning Programme, Jean Monnet Programme. For the years 2012 and 2013 individual applications still have to be submitted. The EU Operating Grant for year 2012 was successfully obtained, and the application for 2013 has been submitted.

### New Projects and consultancies

EUROCLIO has been able to obtain new projects, despite the increased competition due to the financial crisis

- EU Lifelong Learning Mobility Grants (Comenius and Grundtvig) for the Northern Ireland and Erfurt Professional development conferences
- Europeana Creative, European Commission DG INFSO, Theme 2: Digital Content, Open Data and Creativity, Objective 2.1 – Europeana and Creativity
- Consultancy Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship Education European Commission and the Anna Lindh Foundation
- Consultancy modules for Our Shared Past in the Mediterranean, British Council, Our shared Past

## EUROCLIO Lobby meetings in 2012

The Secretariat actively engaged in meetings to promote the Association and its work with international and national authorities and organisations 98 meetings in 19 countries. In 2012 focal points of such meetings were widening the EUROCLIO network, extension of the donor community, project acquisition and lobby for increasing (trans-national) mobility opportunities for professionals in history, heritage and citizenship education.

## EUROCLIO as Professional Expertise Provider EUROCLIO in 2012

### Consultancy

EUROCLIO expertise was used by the International Baccalaureate, The Hague, the Netherlands, the Dutch Anna Lindh Network, the Anna Lindh Foundation in Alexandria, Egypt, the Social Science Research Council and the British Council in New York, USA and for a group of NGOs in The Hague, The Netherlands. It was also invited to assess projects in Germany and Ukraine EUROCLIO was asked as chair, panelist, rapporteur or workshop leader in meetings of organisations as UNESCO, the Danish EU Presidency, ,EUCIS-LLL, several Universities and MEET, Movement for a European Education Trust, Anne Frank House in Brussels, Denmark, France, Germany, Macedonia, The Netherlands and Tunisia.

### Lectures and workshops

The EUROCLIO Board and Secretariat were invited to give 38 lectures and workshops related to the learning and teaching of history, heritage and citizenship in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brussels, Estonia, Egypt, Georgia, Germany, Lithuania, Moldova, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal Spain, Russia, Ukraine and United Kingdom. Invitations for these lectures and workshops came from organisations such as UNESCO, International Society for History Didactics, the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences, the UK School History Project and the Higher Education Academy, several Universities and the International Historical Commission on Nazi and Communist Crimes in Lithuania,

### Publications on the Learning and Teaching of History

*A Key to Unlock the Past, History Education in Macedonia: Analysis of Today, Suggestions for the Future*, gives a comprehensive analyses of the current state of history education in the country. The publication, written on request of the Minister of Education of Macedonia, was based on in-depth interviews with a variety of stakeholders, surveys and active discussions with at least 25% of the history and citizenship educators in Macedonia. The recommendations promote a responsible and innovative teaching of history, based on multi-perspectivity, critical thinking and mutual respect. This publication is on line available on the EUROCLIO website

*History and Citizenship Education in North Africa and the Middle East. Challenges and Opportunities for History and Citizenship Education from the Viewpoint of Educators from the Region*. The report contains the results of the survey among experts and educators from Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Turkey, and Tunisia about history education in their respective countries and reflects the proceedings of during the seminar “Responsible and Innovative History and Citizenship Education in North Africa and the Middle East - Stock Taking and Ways Ahead” held in Antalya on 4 April 2012. The report identifies a set of challenges and possible next steps for History and Citizenship Education in the region. *EUROCLIO Special Report (Issue 7)* This publication is on line available on the EUROCLIO website

*Dealing with the Past through Innovating History Education in Schools, Feasibility Study on the Promotion of Inter-cultural Dialogue and Multi-perspective History*. The publication gives a scan of the current developments in history education in

Kosovo, analyzes the work done in the field recently labelled as *Dealing with the Past* and assesses if EUROCLIO's work on history, heritage and citizenship education in the Republic of Macedonia can act as a source of inspiration for Kosovo. The publication recommends what type of activities in Kosovo could be shortly addressed and which actors should be responsible

Research is carried out on the current state of cultural, history and citizenship education in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Moldova. The three reports including challenges and recommendations are currently internal programme documents, and will be published on a later date.

### Media

The 19th EUROCLIO Annual Conference Professional Development and Training Course *Looking at History through a Variety of Lenses*, in Turkey featured widely in the Turkish media. At least 15 features were devoted to the conference by TV, radio and hard copy and on-line papers such as EURONEWS Turkey, the Turkish Science Agency and Antalya news papers. The Press-Conference organized as a part of the exploratory visit to Azerbaijan triggered features by a variety of media such as *the Azerbaijan State Telegraph News Agency and ABC.AZ News Agency*. The launch of the EUROCLIO publication on history education in Macedonia raised wide and generally positive attention in the in the country's Albanian as well as Macedonian speaking media. National television, hard-copy and online papers and blogs gave serious coverage of the launch and the content of the publication. The Launch of the Historiana-Your portal to the Past website has been widely published in online media in Belgium, China, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Poland. The German national radio interviewed the German Project Partners.

### Partnerships

EUROCLIO continued and strengthened in 2012 its cooperation activities with intergovernmental as well international and national authorities and civic society organizations. EUROCLIO is acknowledged as NGO Official Partner of UNESCO and INGO enjoying participatory status at the Council of Europe. EUROCLIO is official member of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Dialogue Between Cultures, the iNGO Network of the Council of Europe, with EUROCLIO Ambassador Professor Yosanne Vella (Malta) as Vice-President for Education and Culture Committee, the EU Structured Dialogue Group on Citizenship (DG Communication, Citizenship Unit), the European Civic Forum, the DARE Network on Human Rights Education and Heritage Alliance 3.3. EUROCLIO was in 2012 involved in activities organised by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, OSCE, European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee, the Council of Europe North-South Center, the House of European History, the International Society of History Didactics (ISHD), EUROGEO – the European Association of Geographers, International Students of History Association, Europa Nostra, NEMO, the Network of European Museums Organizations, the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation (IHJR), DVV-International and other relevant partners in the field.

### Awards

The EUROCLIO programme Historiana – Your Portal to the Past received the Medea Special Prize for European Collaboration in the Creation of Educational Media for its outstanding promotion of European collaboration in the creation of educational media.

## EUROCLIO Long Term Programmes Active in 2012

**Historiana - Your Portal to the Past** is an on-line educational multimedia tool that offers students multi-perspective, cross-border and comparative historical sources to supplement their national history textbooks. Historiana offers a framework for comparing and contrasting the impact on and responses by nations to a range of different events and developments which have shaped the world from the distant past to modern times. In 2012, people from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, Germany, Georgia, Iceland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, the Netherlands, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the United States have been involved in the development and editing of the first 35 modules. Professional development activities have been organized in 8 countries: England, Germany, Ireland, Macedonia, Netherlands, Northern-Ireland, Poland and Turkey. Colleagues from 36 countries: Albania, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, England, France, Finland, Germany, Georgia, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United States participated in these activities.

A network of history professionals from 12 countries: Denmark, England, France, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Rumania, Scotland and Turkey have been involved in the testing of material from the Historiana website. In addition, Historiana has been presented during relevant international events and award ceremonies in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany and Portugal. In the end of 2012 a new project, Europeana Creative, was obtained with focus on the development of innovative online learning activities.

### Historiana projects:

**Exploring European History and Heritage (2009-2012)**, funded by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme – Comenius.

**Beyond Borders, Exploring European History and Heritage (2012)**, funded by Open Society Institute - Education Support Programme in New York, USA.

EUROCLIO partners in the Historiana programme actively with the Center for Historical Culture, Erasmus University Rotterdam in two projects: Heritage Education, Plurality of Narratives and Shared Historical Knowledge examines how heritage education in a multicultural and globalizing society can contribute to the construction of shared historical knowledge and Valorization of Dynamic Heritage Education, developing two educational modules for use in a digital learning environment

**History that Connects in the Western Balkans** restores the professional relations between history, heritage and citizenship educators and explores opportunities for a collaborative approach to teaching history in the region, including sensitive and controversial issues.

#### History that Connects projects:

**Former Yugoslavia (2011-2014)**, co-funded by Open Society Institute - Education Support Programme in New York, USA and the Norway Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and endorsed within the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Regional Strategy for South Eastern Europe.

**Republic of Macedonia (2011-2012)**, funded by Belgium Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Mediterranean Dialogues** enables educators across the Euro-Mediterranean region to open a common dialogue, to share experiences and to develop cross-community and cross-border cooperation and networks.

#### Mediterranean Dialogues projects:

**Mediterranean Dialogues (2012)**, funded by the Education Support Programme of the Open Society Institute, in New York, USA.

**Education Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship in the Euro-Mediterranean Region( 2012-2014)**, funded and organized by the Anna Lindh Foundation, Alexandria, Egypt.

**Head of the Dutch Anna Lindh Network (2012-2013)**, funded by the Anna Lindh Foundation Alexandria, Egypt.

#### Partnership project

**Our Shared Past in the Mediterranean(2012-2013)**, funded by Social Science Research Council and the British Council in New York, USA

**Innovating History Education in the Black Sea Region** raises awareness in this region for approaches in history, heritage and citizenship education, which enhance democracy and intercultural dialogue and is creating sustainable national and cross border networks.

#### Projects:

**A key to Europe: Innovative Methodology in Turkish School History (2009-2012)**, funded by MATRA, the Social Transformation Programme of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Sharing History through Cultural Dialogue, EUROCLIO Transnational Project In Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova And Ukraine (2012-2014)**, funded by European Union's Eastern Partnership Culture programme (European Neighbourhood Partnership Instrument).

#### Black Sea Region partnership project

**We and the Others. National Minorities in History of Ukraine (2010-2012)**, a partnership project of NOVA DOBA, the Ukrainian EUROCLIO Member Association in cooperation with EUROCLIO and EUSTORY funded by the European Union Delegation in Ukraine.



### Other partnership projects

EUROCLIO promotes working in international partnership projects with other stakeholders related to furthering history, heritage and citizenship education, including as many as possible professionals, if possible representing Member Associations.

In 2011 there were the following partnership projects:

- **The research network for civic and history education in Europe (2010-2012)**, supported by the European Commission in the framework of the Lifelong Learning Programme KA 1 (Studies and Comparative Research), the ERSTE Foundation and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture.
- **EUROGEO: Digitalearth:eu (2010-2014)**, funded by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme as a Comenius Multilateral Network.
- **Unitas Estonia: Different Nations, Shared Histories (2011-2013)**, funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the Central Baltic INTERREG IV A Programme
- **Utrecht University – Truman Library Cold War Case Studies (2011-2012)**

### EUROCLIO Secretariat Professional Staff in 2012:

- Joke van der Leeuw-Roord (NL), Executive-Director
- Jonathan Even-Zohar (NL), Senior Manager
- Steven Stegers (NL), Senior Manager
- Blandine Smilansky (France), Senior Manager
- Geert Kessels (NL), Junior Project Manager
- Aysel Gojayeva (Azerbaijan), Junior Project Manager
- Mirjam Zeilmaker (NL) Office Manager

### EUROCLIO Secretariat Trainees in 2012

Diana Baidal (Spain), Gertjan de Boer (The Netherlands), Sanne Deckwitz (The Netherlands), Roman Hlavac (Czech Republic), Otso Kortekangas (Finland), Ritesh Kowlesar (The Netherlands), Nina Kraus (Germany), Marleen Maat (The Netherlands); Gleb Mytko (Belarus, United States of USA), Marko Novak (Croatia), Cristina Popescu (Romania), Luca Vignardi (Italy), Timo Vosse (The Netherlands), Mirjam Zeilmaker (The Netherlands)

## 1.2 Financial report

### Annual Financial Report

#### Solvency

The net income for the year is € 955. This is in line with the budget and with previous year.

The projects are in control and the costs of the Secretariat are covered by the EU operating grant of € 125.000 and the subscriptions fees of € 12.540. If one looks more closely to the projects (see also note 13 to the financial statements), there is an overrun in project expenditures of about € 47.000, which is about 5 % of total project budgets. The overruns are mainly due to extra hours spent by EUROCLIO staff members, since EUROCLIO sets its quality and performance standards very high. By this means EUROCLIO delivers the outstanding quality, where we want to be known for.

The funding of this overruns is presented as self-financing. Basically this could have been by a withdrawn out of the operating reserve. Since this reserve is almost nil, EUROCLIO staff members decided to waive their overtime rights, by which they are really supporting the financial health and continuity of EUROCLIO. The Board is grateful for this gesture.

We perceive prudent financial management a solvency policy where the fixed component of the expenditures for the period of an undesired liquidation process is covered by the Association's equity. Currently this is not the case.

The Association EUROCLIO follows the requirements of the Herkströter Committee regarding the use of the operating reserve of Charity organizations. The Board therefore strives to create a reserve covering at least for one year the costs of the permanent staff and other legal obligations of the Foundation. The Association would like to strive to extension of it is operating reserve, but due to European Union Non-Profit regulations has not been able to do so. EU-regulations however do not allow us to retain realised operational profits.

The Organization investment policy is not to invest in shares or other insecure investments.

#### Planning 2013 and beyond

The Association will continue to carry out its mission, as elaborated in Policy Plan 2020 *Responsible History Education in a Globalising Society EUROCLIO's Roadmap toward Innovative History Education* and the Action Plan 2013, based on the core-financing from the EC DG EAC - Jean Monnet Program and the continuation of the present programmes.

EUROCLIO will organize the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and General Assembly in April 2013 in Germany. It will also start preparing its 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be held in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia 2014.



EUROCLIO will continue to lobby actively on the European and national levels amongst decision-makers in the field of Education. 2013 is a crucial year as the EU will be finalizing the Education Programmes for 2014-2020. EUROCLIO is heavily involved in the lobby to salvage the EU's Education, Mobility and Operating Grant Possibilities.

The organization will continue to take actively part in the international discourse about history, citizenship and heritage education by participating in many related events in Europe and beyond.

The Organization would also continue to widen the scope of the organization and to increase the opportunities for collaborative work among its members, certainly also addressing colleagues in the Middle East and North Africa. It continues to explore the opportunities for a scientific assessment of the long term sustainable impact of the work of the organization. It will continue to stimulate the Association to reach out to History Educators Associations, which have not yet become members.

Executive-Director Joke van der Leeuw-Roord has informed the Board that per 1/1/2014 she will retire for her professional working life. In 2012 already, but certainly in 2013, therefore, the Board is cooperating closely with her and with the Senior management to prepare a smooth transition of tasks and responsibilities to the future Executive Director. Clear procedures have led to the announcement of a vacancy, and the Board will make the final selection at the Annual Conference in 2013.

### **Issues of Concern**

The equity of the association EUROCLIO is € 1.595 positive. EUROCLIO's business environment is changing: we experience that donors apply a more strict policy on awarding grants, competition between NGO's gets more and more tough. Although the volume of project work in 2012 increased significantly, we do foresee a lower project volume for the coming years. More-over debates are ongoing on in Brussels about the Comenius program and the policy of granting NGO's. The Comenius program (grants for professionals for learning abroad) is to be replaced. This could have a severe impact on the financial possibilities of our attendees of conferences, and if so have a huge impact on the continuity of this very vital pillar under EUROCLIO. With regard to granting NGO's a trend is recognized that organizations such as EUROCLIO would only be financed on a project by project basis, without a more general grant for organizational costs. If so EUROCLIO will not be able to maintain its present policies. Things are still uncertain, no final decisions have been made. Changes could have impact starting from 2014. In this context EUROCLIO's available financial reserves do not reflect a healthy financial position.

The EUROCLIO staff is asked to do its utmost to keep strengthening the position of the Association . With the present crisis the opportunity for grants is decreasing and the competition to obtain project is continuously increasing. Obtaining new projects is more challenging than ever before. In 2013 the labour force is maintained with the Executive Director and the 3 senior project managers working full time, and two junior project-managers part-time (4.6 Fte) based on the existing project volume.

## **2. Annual accounts**

**2.1 Balance sheet per 31 December 2012**  
After result appropriation

**ASSETS**

	<u>31 december 2012</u>		<u>31 December 2011</u>		<u>Notes</u>
	€	€	€	€	
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>					
Computer and inventory		1.476	4.403		1
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
<b>Receivables</b>					
Other receivables and accruals		31.221	22.598		2
<b>Cash and Bank</b>		186.610	240.139		3
		<u>219.307</u>	<u>267.140</u>		

**LIABILITIES**

	<u>31 december 2012</u>		<u>31 December 2011</u>		<u>Notes</u>
	€	€	€	€	
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Operating reserve Association		1.595		640	4
<b>PROJECTS</b>		158.922		200.718	5
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Taxes and social security premiums	6.431		14.022		6
Pensions	4.922		2.762		7
Current account Euroclio Foundation	301		17.637		
Other liabilities and accruals	<u>47.136</u>		<u>31.361</u>		8
		58.790		65.782	
		<u>219.307</u>		<u>267.140</u>	

## 2.2 Statement of income and expenditure

	2012		Budget 2012		2011		Notes
	€	€	€	€	€	€	
<b>Income</b>							
Subsidy income	900.725		963.631		619.828		10
Subscription fee	12.540		11.000		7.918		
Financial income	338		500		1.239		
Other income	8.682		1.700		-		
<b>Total income</b>		922.285		976.831		628.985	
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Personnel costs	278.608		232.219		253.239		11
Depreciation	2.927		4.300		4.026		12
Direct project expenditures	557.233		653.031		297.583		13
Other expenditures	82.562		89.020		73.970		14
<b>Total expenditure</b>		921.330		978.570		628.818	
<b>Balance income and expenditures</b>		955		1.739-		167	
<b>Attributable to:</b>							
Equity		955		1.739-		167	
		955		1.739-		167	

## 2.3 Cash flow statement

After the appropriation of the result for the financial year 2012 the cash flow statement, based on the indirect method, can be presented as follows:

	2012		2011	
	€	€	€	€
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Result		955		167
Adjustments required to reconcile the result to				
Depreciation	2.927		4.026	
In- decrease project in progress	41.796-		108.587	
In- decrease other receivables	8.623-		15.845-	
In- decrease current liabilities	<u>6.992-</u>		<u>32.902-</u>	
		<u>54.486-</u>		<u>63.866</u>
		53.529-		64.033
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		1.763-
<b>In-decrease Cash and Bank</b>		<u>53.529-</u>		<u>62.270</u>
Cash and bank 1 January		240.139		177.869
Cash and bank 31 December		<u>186.610</u>		<u>240.139</u>
<b>In-decrease Cash and Bank</b>		<u>53.529-</u>		<u>62.270</u>

## 2.4 Budget 2013

	<u>2013</u>	
		€
<b>Income</b>		
Subsidy income	681.651	
Subscription fee	11.000	
Financial income	500	
Other income	<u>1.700</u>	
<b>Total income</b>		694.851
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Personnel costs	300.368	
Depreciation	4.300	
Direct project expenditures	305.953	
Other expenditures	<u>84.188</u>	
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>694.809</u>
<b>Balance income and expenditure</b>		<u><u>42</u></u>

## **2.5 Principles of valuation of assets and liabilities and principles for the determination of the result**

### **Activities**

Euroclio is statutory established in The Hague, Laan van Meerdervoort 70, 2517 AN The Hague.

The activities of Euroclio primarily consist of:

- promoting and supporting the development of history education so that it strengthens peace, stability, democracy and critical thinking.

This primarily activity can be subdivided in several secondary activities:

- enhancing quality of history education by means of teacher trainings, workshops and assistance in curriculum development.
- cooperating, communicating and internationally networking, by way that the international dimension and awareness in the learning and teaching of history can be improved. This will be promoted through the organisation of seminars, workshops and the EUROCLIO General Assembly, through the publication of Bulletins, Newsletters and by means of a website. Also of great importance is the maintaining and extending of relations with organisations like the Council of Europe, OSCE, UNESCO, EU and NGO's.
- professionalizing history teachers and their organisations, so we can create a large network of specialists on innovative history education. This can be achieved by organising workshops and trainings to strengthen the History Teachers' Associations. But also exemplar models for democratic organisations, good dissemination systems and proficiency of foreign language can be of great importance for the professionalization.
- strengthening the organisation and sustainability of EUROCLIO by writing project proposals, producing PR materials and by contacting possible donors and sponsors.

### **Continuity**

The equity of the association Euroclio is € 1595 positive. Euroclio's business environment is changing: we experience that donors apply a more strict policy on awarding grants, competition between NGO's gets more and more tough. In this context Euroclio's available financial reserves do not reflect a healthy financial position. EU-regulations however do not allow us to retain realised operational profits.

The past seven years (2006 - 2012), Euroclio has been awarded with an annual grant of the Jean Monnet foundation, a EU related body. This grant covers as from 2008 almost € 100.000 of the general costs of Euroclio. In spite of the fact that our cost-structure is flexible enough to absorb decreases in funding, we do see continuation of this grant as essential for continuing our activities on the present basis.

In September 2011 this grant of € 100.000 - € 150.000 is awarded for a period of three years (2011: 100.000, 2012:125.000 en 2013:150.000).



## **General accounting principles for the preparation of the financial statements**

### **General**

The annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the Dutch accounting standards for small and not for profit organizations (RJ 640).

Valuation of assets and liabilities and determination of the result takes place under the historical cost convention. Unless presented otherwise, the relevant principle for the specific balance sheet item, assets and liabilities are presented at face value.

Income and expenses are accounted for on accrual basis. Profit is only included when realized on balance sheet date. Losses originating before the end of the financial year are taken into account if they have become known before preparation of the financial statements.

### **Foreign currency**

The annual accounts are presented in Euro's.

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at an average rate of exchange. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the average rate of exchange. The resulting exchange differences are accounted for in the profit and loss account.

## **Accounting policy in kind contributions**

The funding of the Euroclio Association is based on grants from the EU and several other governmental, non-governmental institutes and donors. On a regular basis donors provide in kind contributions such as free of charge professional involvement, the use of capacity/equipment or the disposal of professional services.

Dutch GAAP RJ 640.409 is applicable. Contributions in kind are valued at their fair value and accounted for as (project) revenue. This is applicable if services are rendered or capacity is made available free of charge or for prices below the fair value.

The accounting treatment as (project) revenue is used if

- a. the contributing organization is professionally organized;
- b. the contribution is generating a benefit to Euroclio and/or its projects;
- c. the contribution is based on a deliberate decision made by the contributing organization;
- d. the fair value of the contribution is reliably determined;
- e. the documentation (commitment of the contributing organization, content of contribution, determination of the fair value) is adequate.

Disclosure in the notes of the financial statements will clearly indicate the amount and the nature of in kind contributions accounted for as (project) revenue.

In case in kind contributions are not taken into (project) revenue (for example because the determination of the fair value is not possible), the in kind contribution (if material) will be disclosed in the notes.

Contributions made by volunteers are not accounted for as contribution in kind. If significant, this will be disclosed in the Board's report.

## **Accounting principles for the valuation of assets and liabilities**

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are presented at cost less accumulated depreciation and, if applicable, less impairments in value. Depreciation is based on the estimated useful life and calculated as a fixed percentage of cost, taking into account any residual value.

### **Projects**

Projects are valued at realized expenditures covered by the grant less received instalments.

### **Receivables**

Receivables are included at face value, less any provision for doubtful accounts. These provisions are determined by individual assessment of the receivables.

**Cash**

Cash consists of cash and bank accounts and are at the Associations free disposal.

**Pensions**

The pension scheme is in fact to classify as a defined benefit scheme. The pension scheme is regulated by ABP. Euroclio uses the exemption mentioned in the Dutch accounting standards to work out this scheme as a defined contribution scheme. Therefore it is sufficient to include the pension premiums to be paid in the profit and loss account. As a result of this, there are no negative or positive risks committed with this pension scheme taken in the valuation of the liability.

**Accounting principles for the determination the balance income and expenditure**

Revenues from services are recognised in proportion to the services rendered. The cost price of these services is allocated to the same period.

**Operating grants**

Operating grants are included in the profit and loss account in the year to which the subsidized expenses are charged.

## 2.6 Notes to the balance sheet

### FIXED ASSETS

#### 1 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer and inventory €	Computer equipment €	Total €
<u>Balance per 1 January 2012</u>			
Acquisition price	15.672	5.527	21.199
Accumulated depreciation	13.002-	3.794-	16.796-
Book value	<u>2.670</u>	<u>1.733</u>	<u>4.403</u>
<u>Fluctuations</u>			
Investments	-	-	-
Desinvestments	-	-	-
Depreciation	2.345-	582-	2.927-
Depreciation desinvestments	-	-	-
	<u>2.345-</u>	<u>582-</u>	<u>2.927-</u>
<u>Balance per 31 December 2012</u>			
Acquisition price	15.672	5.527	21.199
Accumulated depreciation	15.347-	4.376-	19.723-
Book value	<u>325</u>	<u>1.151</u>	<u>1.476</u>
<b>Depreciation tangible fixed assets</b>	20%-33%	20%-33%	

### CURRENT ASSETS

	31 December 2012 €	31 December 2011 €
<b>2 Receivables</b>		
<b>Other receivables and accruals</b>		
Prepaid cost General Meeting 2013	20.191	-
Prepaid cost General Meeting 2012	-	20.094
Other receivables	8.450	2.344
Membershipfee to receive	2.580	160
	<u>31.221</u>	<u>22.598</u>

### 3 Cash and Bank

	31 December 2012	31 December 2011
	€	€
Petty Cash	591	139
ING (current account)	88.168	189.210
ING (savings account)	90.501	50.786
Local cash projects	7.350	4
	<u>186.610</u>	<u>240.139</u>

### 4 EQUITY

#### Operating reserve

##### Association

Balance per 1 January	640	473
Result appropriation	955	167
Balance ending reporting period	<u>1.595</u>	<u>640</u>

### 5 PROJECTS

This entry includes the expenditures covered by the grant for the projects per 31 December 2012 and the related received grants, it can be specified as follows:

	Project expenditures minus received grants > 0 €	Project expenditures minus received grants < 0 €	Total 31 December 2012 €
Project expenditures covered by grant	473.115	1.827.270	2.300.385
Received grants	<u>442.231-</u>	<u>2.017.075-</u>	<u>2.459.306-</u>
	<u>30.884</u>	<u>189.805-</u>	<u>158.922-</u>

	31 December 2012 <u>€</u>	31 December 2011 <u>€</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>6 Taxes and social security premiums</b>		
Payroll tax and social security premiums	6.431	14.022
	<u>6.431</u>	<u>14.022</u>
<b>7 Pensions</b>		
Pension	4.922	2.762
	<u>4.922</u>	<u>2.762</u>
<b>8 Other liabilities and accruals</b>		
Specification other liabilities:		
Leave days, holiday and final year allowance	14.003	8.554
Other liabilities	33.133	22.807
	<u>47.136</u>	<u>31.361</u>

## COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Long-term obligations have been entered into for the lease of the office in The Hague. This agreement includes office rental, office maintenance costs (utility, cleaning costs, security, municipal taxes, use of office furniture) parking places and storage accommodation. The yearly lease agreement amounts to € 18.086 for 2013.

## 2.7 Notes to the statement of income and expenditure

### INCOME

	<u>2012</u>	<u>Budget 2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>10 Subsidy income</b>			
The total subsidy income amounted to € 900.725, the income may be presented as follows:			
EU operating grant	125.000	125.000	99.527
MATRA Georgia	32.816	32.816	118.843
MATRA A Key to Europe	162.017	194.763	113.136
Exploring European History and heritage	50.231	111.231	89.853
Discovering Diversity	-	-	66.061
Ukraine	6.527	6.527	1.510
Anna Lindh NL	-	-	15.850
History that Connects	199.069	126.341	98.488
History that Connects Belgium	66.554	66.554	8.141
EEHH-Beyond Borders OSI	20.919	28.573	5.767
EU Eastern Partnership	190.806	232.249	2.652
Vienna	6.019	6.600	-
Anna Lindh 2012	6.267	-	-
Antalya MENA OSI	34.500	-	-
Other projects	-	32.977	-
	<u>900.725</u>	<u>963.631</u>	<u>619.828</u>

### 11 Personnel costs secretariat

Gross salary	220.911	187.102	200.060
Social security premiums	28.713	24.702	29.090
Pension premiums	25.627	19.915	24.301
Other	3.357	500	212-
	<u>278.608</u>	<u>232.219</u>	<u>253.239</u>
 fte's	 4,9	 4,3	 5,1

#### Board members

Board members do not receive remuneration for their activities.

### 12 Depreciation

Computer and inventory	2.345	4.150	3.996
Computer equipment	582	150	30
	<u>2.927</u>	<u>4.300</u>	<u>4.026</u>

### 13 Direct project expenditures

	2012	Budget 2012	2011
Project expenditures	947.773	963.631	651.969
Expenditures transferred to projects	390.540-	310.600-	354.386-
Direct project expenditures	<u>557.233</u>	<u>653.031</u>	<u>297.583</u>

The project expenditures which exceeded the project grant, amounts to € 47.048 and can be specified as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>expenditures 2012</b>	<b>covered by grant</b>	<b>Self- financing 2012</b>
EU operating grant	125.000	125.000	-
MATRA Georgia	32.816	32.816	-
GM seffinancing	3.626-	-	3.626-
MATRA A Key to Europe	162.017	162.017	-
Exploring European History and heritage	66.525	50.231	16.294
Anna Lindh NL	-	-	-
Ukraine	7.962	6.527	1.435
History that Connects	197.815	199.069	1.254-
History that Connects Belgium	78.485	66.554	11.931
EEHH-Beyond Borders OSI	28.709	20.919	7.790
EU Eastern Partnership	202.936	190.806	12.130
Vienna	6.019	6.019	-
Anna Lindh 2012	6.783	6.267	516
Antalya MENA OSI	34.984	34.500	484
Other projects	1.348	-	1.348
	<u>947.773</u>	<u>900.725</u>	<u>47.048</u>



	2012	Budget 2012	2011
<b>14 OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>			
Financial administration	18.436	17.470	15.845
Travel costs secretariat/board	16.131	14.000	12.796
Board and Lodging secretariat/board	11.493	14.000	15.626
Housing costs	18.371	18.000	17.946
Office expenses	8.846	10.900	4.298
Operational costs secretariat	9.285	14.650	7.459
	<u>82.562</u>	<u>89.020</u>	<u>73.970</u>
<b>Office expenses</b>			
Equipment	1.749	2.500	-
Software	93	400	-
copies	-	-	-
Phone, fax	2.647	1.500	1.960
Internet, E-mail	1.053	3.000	982
Office Materials	2.653	2.000	112
Postage	651	1.500	1.244
	<u>8.846</u>	<u>10.900</u>	<u>4.298</u>
<b>Operational costs secretariat</b>			
Books	109	400	314
Representation	1.210	1.500	472
Insurance	3.556	3.000	2.958
Banking costs	619	750	787
Information/Publishing	1.173	2.000	104
Fees consultants, advisers and coordinators	1.000	-	10
Visa	-	-	-
Conference fee	100	-	-
Subscription fee	680	-	-
Other	672	-	594
Bulletin	-	1.500	500
Maintenance and repair	166	2.000	1.720
Out of pocket expenses	-	1.000	-
Subcontracting	-	1.500	-
Translation	-	1.000	-
	<u>9.285</u>	<u>14.650</u>	<u>7.459</u>

## 2.8 Other information

### Appropriation of operating result

The total income exceeded the total expenditures by € 955.  
The result of € 955 has been added to the Association's operating result.

### Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events

### Auditors report

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### Signing of annual report

The Hague, 6 April 2013

Board



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S. Semmet  
President



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M. De Groot-Reuvekamp  
Vice President & Treasurer

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