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| CiCe Network National Co-ordinators Country Reports | 2011-2012 SLOVAK REPUBLIC |
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Country: Slovak Republic

Institution: University of Presov

Other CiCe institutions contributing to the survey:

University of Matej Bel, Banska Bystrica,

Within this section, it is of importance to stress that Slovak Republic counts among the countries, where English communication proficiency among teachers is not frequently encountered. It follows that the materials issued by CiCe working groups are not accessible to all teachers of civics and ethics education. The same situation is with students of given study programmes. Despite the fact, all the publications are being registered in university library and are sent to eventual CiCe/CiCea partners at other universities. While working with the materials, we select suitable parts (in accordance with educational and research aims) and work with them in dissemination seminars. Moreover, the materials are used by foreign students.

CiCe EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings

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| Programme/ faculty/ level (please delete where appropriate) |
| Institution name: Faculty of Education, University of Presov |
| Details: lecture for international students – Concept teaching model related to Citizenship education, January 2012, using materials of CiCe working groups |
| Outcomes: draft of lecture, discussion |
| Programme/ faculty/ level (please delete where appropriate) |
| Institution name: Faculty of Education, University of Presov |
| Details: international students lecture – Experiential learning in Citizenship Education, February 2012, using materials of CiCe working groups |
| Outcomes: draft of lecture, discussion |
| Programme/ faculty/ level (please delete where appropriate) |
| Institution name: Faculty of Education, University of Presov |
| Details: international students lecture – Professional ethics and child’s rights, February 2012) |
| Outcomes: draft of lecture, discussion |
| Programme/ faculty/ level (please delete where appropriate) |
| Institution name: Faculty of Education, University of Presov |
| Details: international students lecture – Ethics of behavioural learning, March 2012 |
| Outcomes: draft of lecture, discussion, student’s project |

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| Programme university level (please delete where appropriate) |
| Institution name: University of Presov |
| Details: meeting with CiCe members of University of Presov / agenda of annual CiCe conference, plans for future, January 2012 |
| Outcomes: personal plans |

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| Programme/ faculty/ level (please delete where appropriate) |
| Institution name: Faculty of Education, University of Presov |
| Details: PhD. students lecture – Research on child’s identity, April 2012, using materials of CiCe working groups |
| Outcomes: draft of lecture, discussion, poster |

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| NGO policy-makers |
| Institution name: NGO My Mamy |
| February 2012 Meeting with the director of NGO/ collaboration within the project DAPHNE: An indirect harmful effect of violence: Victimizing the child and Re-victimizing the woman-mother through her child’s exposure to violence against herself. Project leader: Mary Koutselini, Cyprus |
| Outcomes: Plan for prospective future collaboration within follow up Daphne project |

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| NGO policy-makers |
| Institution name: NGO ASCEND |
| March 2012 Meeting with the director of NGO/ discussion about collaboration within the project DAFNE: An indirect harmful effect of violence: Victimizing the child and Re-victimizing the woman-mother through her child’s exposure to violence against herself. Project leader: Mary Koutselini, Cyprus |
| Outcomes: Plan for prospective future collaboration within follow up Daphne project |

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| University of Matej Bell, Banska Bystrica |
| Institution name: University of Presov |
| Discussion with representatives of University of Matej Bell, Banska Bystrica, Faculty of Education, Department of Ethics about prospective CiCe resp. CiCea membership, December 2011, consequently this idea was transferred to the dean of the Faculty, |
| Outcomes: |

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| 2 representatives from of University of Matej Bell, Banska Bystrica, Faculty of Education, Department of Ethics – participate on York conference |
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CONFERENCES/LECTURES/COURSES/WORKSHOPS

Two CiCe members from University of Presov participated on the conference in York.

Two CiCe members participated on regional CiCe conference in Czech Republic, Plzen, Czech Republic 2011 – active contributions: participation on round table discussion led by Alistair Ross – related to the Presov University and Matej Bel University contribution to Jean Monnet research.

Three colleagues from University of Presov participated on conference – University of Cyprus, agenda related to Daphne project on domestic violence.

EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

As an example of a good practice I can count the international as well as research projects, that were developed and implemented at University of Presov as a consequence of “*common CiCe past*” together with other CiCe members: Sandra Chistolini, Mary Koutselini, Magda Danciu, Beata Rynkiewicz, Kim Kratsborn, Alistair Ross, Marta Fulop, Jelena Petrucijova...

In the course of 2010-2012 3 **international** projects were implemented at University of Presov, all connected with CiCe background and derived from the network as such. I think this is the best example of the practice and proof that the network has a sense and is able to produce the added value. The number of the microteams was created at the university, involved in the particular project. In spite of the fact that there are 4 members of CiCe at University of Presov only, the number of the academics as well as the students who actually collaborated within the mentioned projects is cca 25. Moreover, 6 faculties of University of Presov are involved in interdisciplinary CiCe agenda within the projects that has been bringing the applied dimension to the contextual, scientific as well as social dimension created and offered by CiCe:

Faculty of Arts,
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Natural Sciences and Humanities
Greek-Catholic Theological Faculty
Faculty of Orthodox Theology
Faculty of Management.

In order to develop real academic activity – the financial support is needed. The projects have provided the institutions with relevant financing.

Within the mentioned projects the courses, summer schools, lectures, festivals, research ... were developed and applied.

There are no more networks at university with such effective added value represented in the portfolio of international projects.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Iveta Kovalcikova, NC from Slovak Republic on demand of Alistair Ross reviewed 5 articles for International J Progressive education.

Currently the team – Marta Fulop, Beata Rynkiewicz, Iveta Kovalcikova, Jelena Petrucijova are finalizing the monographs that is the outcome of common research on Social Capital in Visegrad context.

CiCe members – Iveta Kovalcikova and Juraj Kresila in June 2012 published the monographs “Selected context of national curriculum reform: case of England and Slovakia”. Monographs was issued by University of Dragomanov Press, Kijev, Ukraine.

FUTURE PLANS

1. Erasmus students colloquium – Which topics should be taught in Citizenship Education with relation to the country of origin context? (February 2013, 20 students)
2. Erasmus students colloquium – how you as a student and future professional in the field of education can contribute to the future of Europe? (March 2013, 20 students)
3. Erasmus students colloquium – Geosemiotics of my country. (April 2012, 25 students)
4. Open discussion forum on International Discussion platform My University <http://www.myuniversity-project.eu/>, topic for discussion – What are the barriers for happy life in your country? (September 2012, 100 participants)
5. Continuing of the implementation of current projects with CiCe partners, looking for the possible grant scheme for future collaboration. Indicate the area for research collaboration within common interest.
6. Using of CiCe materials in the process of designing of new curriculum of ALL-DAY-CARE-System for Roma Children in Slovakia – National project on demand of Slovak government.