



Romanian Mobility Centre initiative to straighten ERA-MORE

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1. Green Charta

The Green Charta is one of the main activities of the Discover Europe Project. It contains the lessons learned from each partner, along with general recommendations for improvement of the four EURAXESS centres. The aim of the project was to straighten the EURAXESS participation of the two new member states, Bulgaria and Romania, by stimulating the cooperation between the centres. The project was needed due to the expected increase of mobility in the next years, the growth in complexity of services needed from the network, and the disparities between experience of the centres (especially to the ones from the new member states). The partners of the Discover Europe Project came up with a list of pertinent recommendations for, not only their own use, but also for the EURAXESS network, and other stakeholders.

In order to support new member states within their development, there is an increased need for best practice exchange schemes and training sessions. This would allow newer member to reach the same level as development as older member-states, and therefore ease collaboration between them. Moreover twinning schemes are needed to facilitate this process.

The European Commission (EC), as well as national authorities, needs to play an active role within the promotion and support of the EURAXESS network. The EC needs to inform national authorities about the existence of these networks and about the benefits that they hold within national development, in order to increase awareness. These mobility centres need full time dedicated personal and financial support in order to grow and fulfil their aim. There is also an increased need for a link between Marie Curie Initiative and the EURAXESS network, in order to show how these two can support and help each other grow.

All these recommendations, along with others can be found in more detail within the full text of the Green Charta which is available for free within the Downloads section on:
<http://www.icmpp.ro/discovereurope/#>

2. Final Conference Discover Europe

On the 15th of July 2011 took place the Final Conference of the Discover Europe project. The event was hosted by the Petru Poni Institute, Iasi Romania and it was a great opportunity for partners to present the main achievements of the project and to share ideas.

Although the two partners, which were the *trainers* within the project, France and Poland, could not participate to the conference itself, they did send their thoughts and presentations.

Svetlana Dimitrova BHO, EURAXESS Bulgaria presented the sister project of Discover Europe, E*CARE (see newsletter number two) which was implemented within the same call.

During the Final Conference a special attention was given to the Green Charta, which was finalized and adopted on this occasion.

Two members of the Steering committee, DI Martin Felix Gajdusek – Centre for Social Innovation/Zentrum für Soziale Innovation, Vienna, Austria, and Maria Sava – HoU Project Management, AL.I. Cuza University Iasi, Romania, were also present at the event and congratulated the partners for their achievements within the past three years.



Discover Europe Final Conference



Project Coordinator Mihela Olaru presenting the objectives of the Discover Europe project

3. Final Good Bye

The time has come for the final good bye word. Three years have passed since the beginning of the Discover Europe project. Along these three years important lessons were learned and new friendships were formed. The working trips allowed partners to learn more about each other and their countries, not only on a research and mobility perspective, but also cultural.

The ones that learned the most lessons were the trainees, Bulgaria and Romania. They accumulated important knowledge that in time will help them reach a common level with the older member states. However it is important to note that the lessons learned within the Discover Europe are more valuable, as they opened the door for new perspectives, and new lessons that is yet to be acquired. There are still many areas that need improvement and it is up to each partner to focus their effort to excel.

Although the Discover Europe project targeted mainly the two new member states, the teachers, France and Poland had a few lessons to learn too. It is important to know that the trainees could be a great source for knowledge too. The two teachers could also see which areas they need more focus on, and what exactly from their actions are the most valuable.

There is still a lot to learn! Although the time-line of the Discover Europe project reached an end, the real discovery starts only now. Having all the information gathered and the lessons fresh, it is time for all partners to sit down and improve and explore a more open and mobile Europe. The discovery has just begun!



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