

ANNEX VI
INTERIM NARRATIVE REPORT

1. Description

1.1. Name of beneficiary of grant contract:

Preschool Teacher Training College
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26300 Vrsac
Serbia

1.2. Name and title of the Contact person :

Jelena Prtljaga
Project Coordinator

1.3. Name of partners in the Action:

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Romania

1.4. Title of the Action:

Gifted Children and Relevant Adults in the Region of South Banat and Timish

1.5. Contract number:

04SER02/07/006

1.6. Start date and end date of the reporting period:

28.12.2006. – 28.03.2007.

1.7. Target country(ies) or region(s):

Location of project implementation:
Serbia and Romania (South Banat and Timish)

1.8. Final beneficiaries &/or target groups¹ (if different) (including numbers of women and men):

Target groups are primary teachers, preschool teachers, students (future primary and preschool teachers), as well as other profiles included in education of young gifted children. Potential participants are mainly women.

1.9. Country (ies) in which the activities take place (if different from 1.7):

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¹ “Target groups” are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the project at the Project Purpose level, and “final beneficiaries” are those who will benefit from the project in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large.

2. Assessment of implementation of Action activities

2.1. Activities and results

WP 1 Informing potential participants in the program of professional development of educational workers within the Neighbouring programme SCG – Romania

Activity 1: Informing potential participants of the program was carried out through:

- designing (designed) and distribution (distributed) of a circular letter.

This was the first step in carrying out the action, having in mind that we have to draw as many as possible highly interested participants in the action. In order to do this, a circular letter was written with the title of the action, the date of its start, the description of its activities, as well as the institutions supporting the action. The letter contains the logos of EU, Preschool Teacher College – Vrsac and University Tibiscus – Romania. It was translated into Romanian and distributed to local primary schools and kindergartens in the region of South Banat and Timish. In the same time, the representatives of both institutions (Preschool Teacher College and University Tibiscus) had contacts with the principles of local kindergartens and primary schools in order to spread the information on the action and draw as many highly interested participants. It was important to involve the principles, because this is an official action, supported by an official institution. It was agreed that that the principles would inform and motivate his/her employees to take part in the action.

Outputs:

- a circular letter in Serbian and Romanian language with information about the programme of professional development of educational workers in the field of giftedness within the neighbouring programme SCG – Romania. The logos of EU, the main applicant and the local partner are included in the letter.

- organizing (organized) a press conference in Vrsac

On 9th of February 2007 at 11.00 the press conference was held for local and regional TV stations and newspapers. The press conference was held in the conference room of the Preschool Teacher Training College in Vrsac in order to present and promote the project *Gifted Children and Relevant Adults in the Region of South Banat and Timish* of cross boarder cooperation financed by the EU funds through EAR and national coordinator MIER.

Outputs:

- 1 Conference
- 1 TV show (local TV station – Banat) on 09.02.2007.
- photographs
- 1 Report
- 1 article in the local newspapers *Vrsacka kula*, issued on 16.02.2007.

- 1 article in the regional newspapers *Vojvodina*, issued on 10.02.2007.
- 1 article in the local newspapers in Romanian language *Libertatea*

In the same time, in order to inform the public about the action, our partner, Tibiscus University, also organized media events.

Outputs:

- 1 Conference
- 1 Radio show broadcasted by the Radio Timisoara on "Waves of Europe" with an Euroregional coverage, in Romanian and Hungarian on the 3rd of March
- 1 article in the regional newspapers *Agenda*

In February 2007 a bilingual Web page was created within the Web side of Preschool Teacher Training College of cross boarder cooperation in Serbian and Romanian language. The content is created in cooperation with Romanian partner. The page is to inform the public of all the undertaken steps within the programme. All future events and meetings to be included on the Web page are to be illustrated with photos, recordings and power point presentations. In the same time, the partner organization, University *Tibiscus* also created web pages within its sites informing the potential participants and the public of the action.

Outputs:

- 1 Web page dedicated to the neighbouring programme within the Web site of the Preschool Teacher Training College www.usckolavrsac.edu.yu. The logos of EU, Preschool Teacher Training College and Tibiscus University are included on the Web page. It is both in Serbian and Romanian language.
- 2 Web pages dedicated to the neighbouring programme within the Web site of the partner, Tibiscus University: www.tibiscus.ro, www.ericinfo.eu, the logos of EU, Preschool Teacher Training College and Tibiscus University are included on the Web pages.

Activity 2: Designing and distributing a questionnaire

- designing (designed) and distributing (distributed) a questionnaire

Simultaneously with the campaign of informing the potential participants of the action, a group of experts designed a questionnaire screening the needs of educational workers in both countries regarding the field of giftedness. The questionnaire will also show the level of the current knowledge of participants in the field of identification and work with gifted children, as well as the level of their interestedness in taking part in cross-border cooperation and professional development regarding the phenomenon of giftedness. The questionnaire was designed and translated into Romanian language. It contains the logos of EU, Preschool Teacher Training College and University Tibiscus.

In cooperation with the principles of the local primary schools and kindergartens in both Serbia and Romania, the representatives of the both partner institutions have distributed and gathered the questionnaire screening the current needs of potential participants. The questionnaires were distributed among the students of educational sciences in both countries, as well. We have experienced very good reaction from the institutions we visited, as well as from our potential participants regarding the action regarding their professional development and nurturing good neighbouring relations. It is important that all the principles of the schools and preschools

included in the polled group are aware that their employees will be included in the project and perhaps will be absent from work for the period of time predetermined for the seminar duration.

Outputs:

- 1 questionnaire in both Serbian and Romanian
- 50 filled questionnaires

Activity 3 Processing the data

Having distributed the questionnaire, and gathered the filled ones, the two experts from both partner institutions have processed the data obtained according to the questionnaire. Having processed the data, the experts gained an insight into the needs of educational workers in the field of giftedness and suggested the contents which should be covered by seminars and workshops. The results have also showed the current level of participants' knowledge. This piece of information is important for the future evaluation of the seminars. It will serve as a referent point. The data of the undertaken poll will also help forming the group of participants consisting of educational workers from the both sides of the border who have shown significant interest in the action. The first impression is that future participants of the seminars from both countries are highly interested in the action and keen on getting together soon. In the same time, being interested in giftedness, they all have a satisfying level of knowledge in the field. All indicators show that the future cross border cooperation will be successful.

Outputs:

- 1 Report showing the results of the undertaken poll
- 1 Report suggesting the contents which should be covered by seminars and workshops

Activity 4 Making the plan of the neighbouring programme

- During working meetings of the project team in Vrsac (7 meetings) the way of organizing the implementation of the project was considered and we accepted the dynamics and the methodology for making action plans and defined the responsibilities of each team member.
- On the meetings in Timisoara (3 meetings) with the Romanian partner Tibiscus University, the implementation of the project was discussed, the common plan of activities of the project was made and the responsibility of each partner was defined.

Outputs:

- minutes of the meetings
- 1 Report
- 1 visibility plan (PR strategy)
- 1 procurement table

Activity 5 Personal contacts and exchange of information through phone and E-mail

Having in mind regular project team members meetings, as well as 3 meetings in Tibiscus, with our colleagues from partner organization, we can say that numerous personal contacts were made. In the same time there was constant information exchange by phone and e-mail correspondence.

a. Please list all contracts (works, supplies, services) above 5000€ awarded for the implementation of the action during the reporting period, giving for each contract the amount, the award procedure followed and the name of the contractor

b. Please provide an updated action plan ²

Year 1													
Activity	Semester 1						Semester 2						Implementing body
	Month 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Preparation Activity 1 (Informing potential participants)													Main applicant Local partner 1
Execution Activity 1 (Informing potential participants)													Main applicant Local partner 1
Preparation Activity 2 (Designing a questionnaire)													Main applicant
Execution Activity 2 (Distributing the questionnaire)													Main applicant Local partner 1
Preparation Activity 3 (Processing the data)													Main applicant
Preparation Activity 4 (Designing the contents of seminars and workshops)													Main applicant
Preparation Activity 5 (The first set of seminars and workshops)													Main applicant
Execution Activity 5 (The first set of seminars and workshops)													Main applicant

² This plan will cover the financial period between the interim report and the next report.

3. Partners and other Co-operation

3.1. How do you assess the relationship between the formal partners of this Action (i.e. those partners which have signed a partnership statement)? Please specify for each partner organisation

Tibiscus University, Timisoara

It could be said that the action is the prolongation of previous cooperation between the two partner institutions regarding the field of giftedness. While the previous cooperation was in regard with theoretical and scientific aspects of the giftedness phenomenon in the scope of scientific conferences, the proposed action will represent transformation of contemporary theoretical knowledge and numerous research outcomes in practical ideas for identification and work with gifted children. Consequently the results of previous action will be built in the contents of the seminars which will be organized within the scope of the present action. Having in mind that we have years of undertaking mutual activities, the relationship with Tibiscus University was excellent, and all activities meant to be realized until now went smoothly - the maximum effort from both sides was put into fulfilling all the planned activities for this period. As it has already been mentioned, we had three meetings up to now, all in Timisoara, and we can say that they all were efficient and fruitful, having in mind that all activities anticipated by the project for this period have already been successfully undertaken.

3.2. How would you assess the relationship between your organisation and State authorities in the Action countries? How has this relationship affected the Action?

MIER has organized workshops for us, providing useful information regarding the implementation of the project. These workshops were also purposeful for us since we had time to get to know people from other organizations whose projects had been accepted and to establish cooperation with them. Consequently, the MIER can be assessed as excellent. We would like to underline the efforts of the staff in the Local branch office in Vrsac. They are very helpful for us in overcoming the problems that we come across in the activities connected with the implementation of the project, especially those regarding tender dossiers.

Ministry of finance and National Bank of Serbia were also very cooperative, saving donation means in EUR as foreign currency on foreign currency deposit.

Our communication with MIER, EAR and National bank of Serbia refers to getting several approvals for financial activities, such as opening the special account for foreign currency and opening the special dinar account – both at National Bank of Serbia, Treasury Administration. We also asked for permissions for opening the special dinar account for our financial contribution (as the applicant), and these days the sub account will be opened.

We would also like to mention good relationship with the principles of preschools and primary schools from both countries.

3.3. Where applicable, describe your relationship with any other organisations involved in implementing the Action:

- Associate(s) (if any)
- Sub-contractor(s) (if any)
- Final Beneficiaries and Target groups
- Other third parties involved.

3.4. Where applicable, outline any links you have developed with other actions

3.5. If your organisation has received previous EC grants in view of strengthening the same target group, in how far has this Action been able to build upon/complement the previous one(s)? (List all previous relevant EC grants).

4. Visibility

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured in the Action?

- dozen of circular letters have been distributed to local preschools and primary schools in Serbia and Romania containing the logos of EU, EAR, and Serbian and Romanian partner implementing the project, in accordance with the Visibility guidelines.
- 50 questionnaires with the logos of Serbian and Romanian partner and EU, emphasising the role of EAR in supporting the action were distributed in the local preschools and primary schools in the both regions.
- 1 TV show – broadcasted by the local TV station Banat on the 9th of February presented the Project “Gifted Children and Relevant Adults in the Region of South Banat and Timish” that is financed by EU emphasizing the contribution of EAR, MIER and EU to further cooperation between two countries and to the improvement of the situation in preschools and primary schools in both regions, regarding the phenomena of giftedness.
- 1 Radio show broadcasted by the Radio Timisoara on "Waves of Europe" with an Euroregional coverage, in Romanian and Hungarian on the 3rd of March - presented the Project “Gifted Children and Relevant Adults in the Region of South Banat and Timish” that is financed by EU emphasizing the contribution of EAR, MIER and EU to the preschool and primary school education in the region of South Banat and Timish.
- 4 articles in local and regional newspapers (1 article in the local newspapers *Vrsacka kula*, issued on 16.02.2007, 1 article in the regional newspapers *Vojvodina*, issued on 10.02.2007, 1 article in the local newspapers in Romanian language *Libertatea*, and 1 article in the regional newspapers *Agenda*);
- 7 photographs
- 1 Press conference organized on the 9th of February in the conference room of the Preschool Teacher Training College in Vrsac, presented the Project “Gifted Children and Relevant Adults in the Region of South Banat and Timish” that is financed by EU emphasizing the contribution of EAR, MIER and EU to good neighbouring relations between Serbia and Romania as well as the state in preschools and primary schools in the region.
- 3 Web pages - www.usckolavrsac.edu.yu; www.tibiscus.ro; www.ericinfo.eu – the logos of EU, EAR and the institutions implementing the neighbourhood programme are included, as well as the short description of all the steps undertaken within the scope of the program until now;

Having in mind that the money was transferred to the account of the Preschool Teacher Training College in Vrsac on the 7th of March and that we had to open a dinar sub account subsequently, there were no expenditures within the period of the first three months. Therefore, there are no such data in this part of Financial Report.

The European Commission may wish to publicise the results of Actions. Do you have any objection to this report being published on EuropeAid Co-operation Office website? If so, please state your objections here.

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Signature:

Location: Vrsac

Date report due: 03.04.2007.

Date report sent: