



# Task Force Fostering & Building Human Capital

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## Fostering and Building Human Capital for Sustainable Knowledge Societies in South Eastern Europe

**Bucharest, 6 - 7 March 2009**

### Conference Agenda

#### Contributors



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**Venue: Rin Grand Hotel (7D, Vitan-Birzesti street);  
13<sup>th</sup> floor, conference room: PARIS**

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

- 13:00 – 22:00 **Registration of participants**
- 18:30 – 19:30 **Workshop briefing for WS chairs, moderators and rapporteurs**  
(room Madrid, floor 13)
- 19:30 – 22:00 **Dinner**

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

- 7:30 – 8:30 **Registration of participants**
- 9:00–11:30 **Plenary Session I: Setting the Stage**
- Chair**  
*Ms. Madlen Serban*  
Director of the National Centre for TVET Development  
Chair of the Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital
- Official opening and welcome by the host**  
*Ms. Ecaterina Andronescu*  
Minister of Education, Research and Innovation of Romania
- Mr. Ionel Haiduc*  
President of the Romanian Academy
- Welcome by the European Commission**  
*Message of Mr. Ján Figel*  
Commissioner responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth  
*Message of Mr. Leonard Orban*  
Commissioner responsible for Multilingualism
- Welcome by the RCC**  
*Mr. Mladen Dragasevic*  
Head of the Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues Unit of the RCC
- SEECF priorities**  
*Ms. Lidia Gutu*, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Bucharest
- ❖ **Keynote Speeches**
- Valuing human capital. A business perspective**  
*Ms. Sanja Smoljak*  
Croatian Employers Association (COE), director of the COE's Commerce Association
- Understanding dynamics of human capital in a changing policy context.  
Challenges for education, training and research**  
*Mr. Andrei Popescu*  
professor dr., National School of Political Studies and Public Administration,  
Bucharest, Romania
- 11:30-12:00 *Coffee break*
- visit of the exhibition:*  
**"ICT and human capital development. Romanian experiences"**

12:00-13:30	<p><b>Plenary Session II: Building human capital - Experiences and future Challenges</b></p>
	<p><b>Chair:</b>  <i>Mr. Anton Dobart</i>          Director general at the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Culture          Co - Chair of the Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital</p>
	<p><b>Building Human Capital: EU priorities and South Eastern Europe challenges</b>  <i>Heads of delegation from SEE countries</i></p>
	<p><b>SEE Networks: experiences and future challenges</b></p>
	<p>❖ <b>Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe</b>  <i>Ms. Aspasija Hadzisce</i>          Executive Director of the Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe</p>
	<p>❖ <b>Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkans, SEE-ERA.NET, WBC-Inco.net</b></p>
	<p><b>Research strategy for Western Balkan Countries: research capacity and human capital dimension</b>  <i>Ms. Tania Friederichs</i>          DG Research, European Commission, Research actions for WBC scientists under FP7 and in European Research Area and role of Steering Platform</p>
	<p><b>Integration of the Western Balkans to the European Research Area – ongoing projects WBC-INCO.NET and SEE-ERA.NET</b>  <i>Ms. Elke Dall</i>          Information Office of the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkans, Head of Research Policy &amp; Development, Centre for Social Innovation</p>
	<p><b>European and international organisations perspective</b></p>
	<p><i>Ms. Muriel Dunbar</i>          Director of the European Training Foundation</p>
	<p><i>Ms. Sarah Keating</i>          Education coordinator for SEE, Council of Europe</p>
	<p><i>Mr. Ian Whitman</i>          Head of the Programme for Co-operation with Non Member Economies, Directorate for Education - OECD</p>
	<p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p>
13:30-13:45	<p><b>Introduction to the thematic regional workshops</b></p>
13:45-15:00	<p><i>Lunch</i>  <i>visit of the exhibition:</i>  <b>"ICT and human capital development. Romanian experiences"</b></p>

15.00-  
17.30

**Parallel sessions: Human capital in a changing policy context:  
internationalization and globalization**

(coffee break 16:00 – 16:30)

**Thematic regional workshops**

**I.1 Human capital contribution to regional development – Towards learning regions and communities**

Facilitator: Task Force BHC – Austrian Co-chairmanship

Chair and Moderator:

*Ms. Mira Vukcevic*, University of Podgorica, Montenegro

Speakers:

*Mr. Josef Hochgerner*, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria

*Mr. Klaus Thien*, Austrian Institute for Adult Education, Austria

*Ms. Amra Hadzijahic*, Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussants:

*Ms. Katarina Popovic*, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Rapporteur:

*Ms. Monika Mott*, Kulturkontakt Austria, Austria

**I.2 Effective Policies for building human capital; using evidence and trends**

Facilitator: OECD – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Chair:

*Mr. Goran Sirovatka*, National Centre for External Evaluation of Education, Croatia

Moderator:

*Hrvoje Kresic*, Journalist, Croatia

Speakers:

*Ms. Tracey Burns*, OECD

*Mr. Henno Theisens*, OECD

Discussants:

*Mr. Zdravko Uskokovic*, vice rector, University of Montenegro

*Mr. Milan Petkovic*, chairman, Student Union, Republika Srpska

*Ms. Tanja Rankovic*, coordinator for Education and Human Capital Development, Government of Serbia

*Ms. Liliana Preoteasa*, director general for pre-university education, Ministry of Education, Research and Innovation, Romania

*Ms. Daliborka Luketic*, assistant, University of Zadar, Croatia

Rapporteur:

*Mr. Mihaylo Milovanovitch*, OECD

**I.3 Fostering human capital for labour market needs and competitiveness**

Facilitator: ETF – European Training Foundation

Chair and Moderator:

*Ms. Ivana Radonova*, Ministry of Education and Science, Bulgaria

Speakers and Discussants:

*Mr. Arjen Deij*, European Training Foundation

*Mr. Markus Schwertl*, CISCO, Germany

*Ms. Slavica Vucic*, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*Mr. Bozidar Sisevic*, Employment Agency of Montenegro

Rapporteur:

*Mr. Bozidar Sisevic*, Employment Agency of Montenegro

**I.4 Human capital contribution to sustainable development**

Facilitator: NCSO - Romanian National Centre for Sustainable Development

Chair and Moderator:

*Mr. Slobodan Milutinovic*, University of Nis, Serbia

Speakers and Discussants:

*Mr. Calin Georgescu*, NCSO, Romania

*Mr. Sergiu Celac*, NCSO, Romania

*Mr. Harry Stolte* (input person), Head of Department, Modern Media and Development of Vocational Training Curricula, InWent - Capacity Building International

*Mr. Jochen Sonntag* (discussant), Senior Project Manager, InWent - Capacity Building International

*Ms. Rada Tchalakova*, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria

*Ms. Marian Baruh*, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria

*Mr. Thomas Schauer*, European Support Centre of the Club of Rome

Rapporteur:

*Ms. Olivia Popescu*, NCSO, Romania

**I.5 TVET and HE modernization in Romania through Phare projects: challenges for building human capital in a changing society**

*Facilitator: Romanian National Centre for TVET Development  
(under Phare TVET RO 2006/018-  
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Chair and Moderator:

*Ms. Zoica Vladut*, Romanian National Centre for TVET Development

Speakers and Discussants:

*Ms. Adriana Trifu*, TVET College Gh. Airinei, Bucharest

*Ms. Margareta Ivan*, Romanian Agency for Qualifications in HE

*Mr. Mihai Floroiu*, Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in HE

*Mr. Tibor Kelemen*, Regional Consortium for Central Region

*Mr. Lucian Goaga*, Romanian National Centre for TVET Development

Rapporteur:

*Ms. Gabriela Ciobanu*, Romanian National Centre for TVET Development

18:30 Transfer to the dinner venue (*participants should have the badge and an ID*)

19:30 Dinner

22:00

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

9:00-  
10:00

**Plenary Session III: Human capital in a changing policy context:  
discussion outcome**

**Chair:**

*Ms. Ivana Puljiz*

Director of the Directorate for International Cooperation and European  
Integration of the Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports  
Co - Chair of the Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital

***Reports from the parallel sessions***

10:00-  
11:30

**Plenary Session IV: Building human capital: the stakeholders  
perspective**

**Chair:**

*Ms. Lidija Topic*

Advisor in the RCC Liaison Office in Brussels

**Moderator:**

*Ms. Sandra Pralong*

President of Synergy Communications

**Key speakers:**

- ❖ *Mrs. Ligia Deca*, Chair of the European Student Union
- ❖ *Ms. Elizabeta Buova*, Head of SIGME 7 - Center for Interdisciplinary  
Research, Education and Development, FYR of Macedonia
- ❖ *Ms. Anca Harasim*, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in  
Romania

Plenary discussion

11:30-  
12:00

*Coffee break*

*visit of the exhibition:*

***"ICT and human capital development. Romanian experiences"***

12:00-  
13:30

**Plenary Session V: The way ahead and recommendations**

**Chair:**

*Ms. Madlen Serban*

Chair of the Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital

**Conference report:**

*Ms. Tinde Kovac-Cerovic*

Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Serbia

**Key speakers:**

- ❖ *Mr. Anton Dobart*, Co - Chair of the Task Force Building Human Capital
- ❖ *Ms. Barbara Weitgruber*, Co - Chair of the Task Force Building Human  
Capital
- ❖ *Ms. Ivana Puljiz*, Co - Chair of the Task Force Building Human Capital
- ❖ *Mr. Mladen Dragasevic*, Head of the Building Human Capital and Cross-  
Cutting Issues Unit of the RCC
- ❖ *Mr. Marian-Jean Marinescu*, Member of the Delegation for relations with  
the countries of South-East Europe, European Parliament

Plenary discussion

Conclusions

14:00-  
15:00

*Lunch*