

» Comenius 3: Learning – Migration (the Czech Network)

Progress Report 2007

» 1 April 2007 Presentation of the NGO Southbohemian Mothers

Mgr. Monika Wittingerová (Southbohemian Mothers) and Ing. Jaroslav Švehla (Faculty of Agriculture, Southbohemian University), Title of the presentation was: Self-government of small villages and old burdens for the ecology - Ecology and the Southbohemian region.

This presentation took place in the Principles of Multicultural Tolerance course and was open to the public. (Presentation for Comenius 3 LM Network was provided for free by the Southbohemian Mothers)





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» 8 April 2007 Alena Kroupová, head of the Human Rights Education Centre of the Charles University in Prague gave a lecture for students of the University and members of the C3LM Network. Title of the lecture was Multicultural Education. Focus on Turkish minority in Germany.





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» 19 April 2007 JIMMR, Partner meeting, Oldenburg, Germany
Participation of Salim Murad and Ram Thein from the University of South Bohemia in the preparation of inclusion of the Pedagogical Faculty into the consortium providing the Master of Arts in Migration and Intercultural relations. During the consortium meeting plans for the Comenius 3 Learning Migration Network as well as plan of publications and conferences for the last two years of the project were also discussed. (The cost of the journey and all other expenses were covered from the budget of the Dean of the Pedagogical Faculty of University of South Bohemia.)

» 25-28 April 2007, Bulgaria
Migration and Intercultural Dialogue Challenges to Equality in Education; The second international conference of the Learning Migration Comenius 3 Network Conference, Contact Seminar, Film Festival
The Czech network was represented by Mgr. Václav Kůla, teacher at the Grammar School in Strakonice, and Mgr. Lenka Hessová, from the University of South Bohemia. (All expenditures were covered from the Comenius 3 LM budget)

» 29 April 2007 Southbohemian Mothers.
Lecture of Mgr. Monika Wittingerová. Lecture was organized within the frame of the Principles of Multicultural Tolerance course and was open for the public audience. The name of the lecture was: Civil Society in the Czech Republic, Current situation. (Presentation was for Comenius 3 LM Network provided for free by the Southbohemian Mothers)



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» 21 May 2007 Mgr. Miroslav Boček, NGO Multicultural Center, České Budějovice and two Ukrainian girls – one immigrant worker in the factory and the second (newcomer) student of the grammar school.

Mr. Boček is a teacher of Czech language in the NGO Multicultural Center, České Budějovice where he teaches recent immigrants. We invited him to present to students of the Southbohemian University and to our partners in the Comenius 3LM network his interesting and enriching experiences, thoughts and we asked him to share with us his best practise in the field of education of immigrants. In the second part of the meeting he introduced to participants two of his students – clients, two girls from Ukraine with totally different backgrounds and experiences, both were the same age. One student of a grammar school in České Budějovice, the second one worker in Kaplice (small town not far away from České Budějovice), where she seams the steering wheels in automotive factory. Discussion with Mr. Boček and his two clients was one of the high points of Comenius 3 LM events of 2007.





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» 22 May 2007 we were visited by Ms. PhDr. Dana Beková, director of the Council of Europe Information Office in Prague. She gave us two presentations both about the State of Human Rights in Contemporary Europe. Eva Fruhwirtová made an interview with Ms. Beková which was published in the University magazine.







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» Friday 22nd June 2007

EUROPEAN UNION AND THE ISSUE OF MIGRATION

Conference and public debate with European commissioner– Mr. Vladimír Špidla

The main event of the Czech Comenius 3 Learning Migration Network was Conference and public debate European Union and the Issue of Migration. Conference was organized in cooperation with Prague based NGO Ano pro Evropu (Yes for Europe) and Permanent Office of the South Bohemian Region in Brussels. In spring 2005 we sent together with Mr. Petr Šebek - director of the Permanent Office of the Region of South Bohemia in Brussels and Ms. Izabela Szczygielska (Warsaw University) letter inviting Mr. commissioner Dr. Vladimír Špidla. After one year we received positive response through the Prague based NGO Ano pro Evropu. Ano pro Evropu also brought to the conference well known political scientist Mr. Zdeněk Zbořil and photographer Mr. Alan Pajer. Other guests were hosts of our Comenius 3 LM network. Practical organization was done by our Comenius 3LM team in České Budějovice with support of Mr. Tomáš Bouška from Ano pro Evropu, Mr. Pavel Bouda from the office of Mr. commissioner and Ms. Lenka Housková, head of the Europe

Direct information center at the Region of South Bohemia Authority. The Conference took place in the Assembly Hall of the Regional Parliament, U Zimního stadionu 1952/2, České Budějovice, and was opened by welcome notes of Mr. MUDr. Vladimír Pavelka (Deputy Governor of the Region of South Bohemia), Mgr. Tomáš Bouška (ANO pro Evropu, o.s.), Doc. PhDr. Alena Hošpesová, Ph.D. (Dean of the Pedagogical Faculty) and PhDr. Lenka Housková (Europe Direct).

Greeting letter from the overall Comenius 3 network coordinator professor Dan Daatland was presented to guests of the conference.

Programme of the conference was:

10:30 – 10:45 Welcome notes

10:45 – 11:45 Keynote speaker - PhDr. Vladimír Špidla - European commissioner (Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)

Session – supplementary speakers:

- PhDr. Tomáš Urubek - Senior External Relations Officer, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Vienna. “Preparation of new EU Strategy programme for Justice and Home Affairs (2010-2015)”

- Mgr. Izabela Szczygielska – Warsaw University, Institute of Applied Social Sciences. „Migration from Poland in the context of the access to the EU. The experience of Polish migrants”

Discussion

Ing. Alena Kroupová, Doc. MUDr. Jaroslav Zvěřina, CSc., PhDr. Zdeněk Zbořil

11:45 – 11:55 Coffee break

11:55 – 13:15 Guests of discussion

- PhDr. Vladimír Špidla - European commissioner (Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)

- Doc. MUDr. Jaroslav Zvěřina, CSc. (Member of European Parliament)

- PhDr. Zdeněk Zbořil (political scientist, vice-rector Academia Rerum Civilium, Kolin, Czech Republic)

- Ing. Alena Kroupová (Charles University, Prague, head of Human Rights Education Center)

- chairman: PhDr. Salim Murad – University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, Department of Social Sciences, COMENIUS 3, Learning Migration project

13:15 Final remarks, lunch

We found the conference very stimulating, vibrant and well illustrating the discussion around topics of migration in current central Europe, so we decided to publish the record of the conference accompanied with short remarks as a separate publication.





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» 21 August 2007 Pedagogical Faculty Palacký in Olomouc. Summer School of Education towards citizenship and Europeanism. XIV. year;
Lecture : Integration of refugees in Europe, presentation of the Educational Material – To feel at home and presentation of the C3LM project. Salim Murad and Mgr. Marta Miklušáková UNHCR.

» 5 December 2007 Veronika Jandová
Veronika Jandová is a street caseworker in České Budějovice and was invited to give a lecture about narcotics and the Roma minority in České Budějovice town. Her lecture which took place in the main building of the Pedagogical faculty was called Drug users – why to help? Situation in České Budějovice, housing estate Máj, Roma community.





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» 19 December 2007 Jan Látal

Mr. Jan Látal was invited to speak about strategies for motivation of youth and also to give an overview about all kinds of European projects available for teachers in the structure of European project support scheme. Mr. Jan Látal is the Youth in Action coordinator in České Budějovice and non formal learning instructor.



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» 16 January 2008 Faculty of Health and Social Studies of the South Bohemian University.

Salim Murad. Presentation of the Comenius 3 Learning migration project to the participants of the Course on Human Rights. (Participants were mainly employees of the Ministry of Interior working with Asylum seekers). Lecture – Migration and Contemporary Europe. Course was organized as a part of the European Social Funds support scheme by the Faculty of Health and Social Studies.

» 23 January 2008 training organized by Ing. Alenou Kroupová for City Center of Social Services and Prevention, Prague.

Salim Murad - presentation of the Comenius 3 Learning migration project, presentation of the To Feel at Home educational material and lecture: the Czech Republic and the Asylum System. Duration of the course 13:00 – 16:30 (The same was repeated once more on 31 March 2008). Rašínovo nábřeží 2000, 120 00 Praha 2.

» 12-15 February 2008 Berlin

Lenka Hessová represented the University of South Bohemia in Partner meeting-preparation of new Comenius project in Berlin, Germany.

Partner meeting; preparation of a new Comenius project called AMOS. Working on a new application. The future project should be concerned with attitudes towards minorities in English and History classes.

Countries involved:

Germany, Norway, Czech Republic, Turkey

Project partners:

1. Senatsverwaltung für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung / SESB
2. Carl von Ossietzky-Oberschule
3. Ürgüp Hac? Ahmet Toksöz ?lkö?retim Okulu
4. Jihočeská univerzita v Českých Budějovicích
5. Gymnázium Strakonice, Máchova 174
6. Sola videregående skole
7. The Norwegian Emigration Center
8. Parvo osnovno uchilishte ' Georgy Bakalov'

Detailed description of the project to be found on: <http://www.learningmigration.com/lm/index.php?section=project&id=208>

» 11 March 2008 Multicultural Education for the European Citizenship (MEEC).

Conference organized by Doc. PhDr. Miroslav Sapík, Ph. D. České Budějovice.

Salim Murad, presentation: Multicultural Education and the Department of Social Sciences of the Pedagogical Faculty. Presentation of the Comenius 3 LM project to teachers from Slovakia, Hungary and Spain. Venue – British Centre, Krajinská 2. České Budějovice.

» 20 March 2008 University of South Bohemia, U Tří Lvů building, lecture theatre TL 102.

Mgr. Eva Přikrylová

Lecture organized by the Comenius 3 LM within the frame of the university course Principles of Multicultural Tolerance. Invited speaker was Eva Přikrylová. Addressed topic: What means practically so called practical education? Work with mentally disabled kids.



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» 3 April 2008 PhDr. Helena Nosková, CSc.

Ms. Helena Nosková is top scientist in the Czech Republic concerning the migration and resettlement during and after the WWII period in the Czechoslovakia. Ms. Nosková works at the Academy of Science, Institute of Contemporary History, Prague. As in previous years we invited her to present the migration issue, this time the name of her presentation was: Stalin – his big migratory work and its impact and consequences today. Venue - U Tří Lvů building, lecture theatre TL 201.

» 17 April 2008 Ing. Alena Kroupová

Ms. Alena Kroupová this time as an expert of Council of Europe (after her Human Rights Education Center was dissolved at the end of 2007), presented in her two lectures in our serie of presentations of the Comenius 3 Learning Migration network the issue of Human Rights, Identity and Migration issue in two lectures which she presented on 17 April 2008 at the Pedagogical Faculty of South Bohemian University. Venue - U Tří Lvů building, lecture theatre TL 201.



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» 19-21 April 2008 JIMMR, Partner meeting, Oldenburg, Germany

This time we went to Oldenburg to finalize the details of the MA in Migration studies and also professor Daatland and Cecilie Cave were informed about the development in our Czech Comenius 3 LM structure. The delegation of the Pedagogical Faculty was led by the Dean of the faculty Ms. Doc. PhDr. Alena Hošpesová, Ph. D., and PhDr. Jan Holec, Ph. D. (vice dean for study affairs at the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of South Bohemia). Other participants at the meeting were Anna Maršíková and Salim Murad.

» 18 April 2008 Carla Maria Estrada

During the spring 2008 was an American resident in the Czech Republic Ms. Carla Maria Estrada invited to speak in our C3LM project. Thanks to her unique life experience being Cuba born first generation American we took this opportunity and invited her to discuss with us her opinion about the life of Latin Americans in USA but also her observations on Czech society. This event was jointly organized with Mgr. Eva Kordova, who led the group

of students of Czech – Anglo High School and joined us at the Pedagogical faculty. Venue - U Tří Lvů building, lecture theatre TL 102.





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» 24 April 2008 Marta Miklušáková UNHCR

Mgr. Marta Miklušáková visited our faculty and delivered two speeches about changing refugee system within the EU structure. First lecture for students and other participants from the Principles of Multicultural Tolerance course and the second one as a public lecture. Venue - U Tří Lvů building, lecture theatre TL 201.

In the first half of 2008 UNHCR ordered to make additional 300 copies of the Educational tool promoting integration of Refugees "To Feel at Home" – "Najít nový domov", which is original British educational material which was adapted to the Czech language and was enlarged with Czech chapters by Marta Miklušáková and Salim Murad. Original 500 copies were already distributed for free to Czech Schools. The educational material was also selected by the Czech Ministry of Education to represent the Czech Republic as one of the five exhibited projects in the UNESCO exhibition of multicultural education, which took place in November in Paris.



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» 13 May 2008

Salim Murad, Conference: Integration of Refugees. Organizer. Faculty of Arts, Palackého University, Olomouc, the Czech Republic. Presentation of the C3LM project and speech called: Who is scared by immigrants, who scares immigrants?

» 19 May 2008 Macarena Miguel Perpignan, Maria Diaz Hervàs

Students Perpignan and Hervàs were Erasmus students at our Pedagogical Faculty and we organized for them informal seminar where they contributed with their presentation Current immigration to Spain. This was very lively and engaging lesson. Venue - U Tří Lvů building, lecture theatre TL 411.



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» Tuesday 20 May 2008, in Lecture Theatre TL 201, U Tří lvů 2/2, České Budějovice. The main event of the last year of the Comenius 3 Learning Migration Project at the Pedagogical Faculty was the Photo Exhibition and Conference and premiere of the ordered documentary movie. This set of events was called 37° of Celsius and the programme was:
Pedagogical Faculty Students' Photo Exhibition on Social Issues, Migration and Exclusion
37° of Celsius The Photo Exhibition Followed by a special programme took place on Tuesday 20th of May 2008, in Lecture Theatre TL 201, U Tří lvů 2/2, České Budějovice.

Programme

16:00 – 16:10 Exhibition opening

Doc. PhDr. Alena Hošpesová, Ph. D. (Dean of the Pedagogical Faculty)

Doc. PhDr. Miroslav Sapík, Ph.D. (Head of the department, Department of Social studies, Pedagogical faculty)

16:10 – 16:20 Miroslav Žitný – playing the violin

16:20 – 16:40 Introduction of individual photo projects

Pavel Čtvrtník

School for children with special needs in Českém Krumlově

Michaela Vybíhalová

Institute of Parasitology, University of South Bohemia

Eliška Pinkavová, Barbora Szilvayová

Homeless people

Martina Olecká

Generation succession

Michal Hofbauer

Turistic Prague

Anna Maršíková

Senior citizens

Nový Smíchov Fast Food

16:40 – 16:50 Vietnamese minority in Letná, Prague – original documentary by Jan Martinec

16:50 – 17:10 Miroslav Žitný Swing – musical contribution to the exhibition

17:10 - 18:00 Presentation of research projects

Šárka Šimečková

Czech minority in Germany

Eva Haferníková

Czechs in Romania

Mireia Díaz Hervàs

Current immigration to Spain

Salim Murad

Migration and culture of contemporary capitalism according to Richard Sennett.

18:00 – 18:20 Documentary film “Romanian Czechs“

From the exhibition - conference will be published catalogue of photos and also on internet is available the documentary movie Vietnamese minority in Letná, Prague – by Jan Martinec. This documentary serves not only as a nice movie, but also as a good practise example and because of this we invited in Jan Martinec, student of our faculty and author of the movie to share his experiences and to encourage other students to shoot such a

movies. This lecture took place on 13 November 2008 in the course Principles of Multicultural Tolerance.







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» Third Annual Network Conference, 2008 “Intercultural Dialogue in Education: Training Teachers for the Future” Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania, June 2–4
Václav Souček from the University of South Bohemia represented our network during this conference.

» 18 June 2008 Interview in the Czech national public radio Český rozhlas 6 on a programme: Talks about Europe, talk about illegal immigrants and Europe.
Together with Michaela Krčmová (staffer) and Mgr. Agnieszka Kuszcz, Palacký University, researcher on migration.

» 22 August 2008 Citizens and the European Union, European Identity.
Salim Murad - presentation of the C3LM project. Citizens and the EU, Issue of European Identity. Summer School in Journalism. Havlíčkův Brod 17– 24 August 2008.

» 6 November 2008 Jan Beránek Nuclear Energy Project Leader, Greenpeace International
Jan Beránek is former leader of the Green party in the Czech Republic and our Comenius 3 LM project together with Southbohemian Mothers organized his visit to our faculty, where he gave a speech for our students as well as for other participants, since the event was not only open to members of the Comenius 3 LM network, but also to wider public audience. (Presentation was for Comenius 3 LM Network provided for free by the Southbohemian Mothers)

» 21-23 November 2008, Oldenburg, Germany, Closing session of the project
Salim Murad, University of South Bohemia, took part in the very last session of the Comenius 3 Learning Migration Project.
From Each of this events photo documentation will be provided on the web of the Comenius 3 Learning Migration Sites.

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