



Sofinancirano iz programa Evropske unije „Evropa za državljane“.



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

»THE MINORITY STORIES: European Perspectives and Learning Opportunities«

23 - 26th May 2019

Rimske Toplice, Laško, Celje

Thursday, May 23th 2019

16.00 – 18.00	Arrival of participants of partner organizations
19.00 – 20.00	Welcome and International culinary fair
20.00 – 22.00	Dinner and Informal gathering

The program of the Day 1 will begin with the arrival of participants from partner organizations, accommodation activities and networking among participants at the international culinary fair.

Participants: Representatives of the applicant and partner organizations, participants, other invited guests

Location: Aqua Roma Center, Toplice 2, Rimske Toplice

Friday, May 24th 2019

08.00 – 09.00	Networking breakfast
09.30 – 10.00	Registration and Conference opening
10.00 – 12.00	Round table: <i>EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES :MINORTY CULTURAL HERITAGE AS A TOOL FOR FACING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.30 – 15.30	<i>EUROPE CAFÉ: CHANGING PERSPECTIVES – UNDERSTANDING MINORITY CULTURE FOR INCREASING MOTIVATION IN EDUCATION</i>
17.00 – 19.30	Sight signing tour of Rimske Toplice, Thermal spa treatment and tour
20.00 – 22.00	Conference dinner and Cultural programme: The festival of minority art

In the introductory part partner organizations will present their municipalities and their field of work. The participants will learn about the basic characteristics of the Europe for Citizens programme. The plenary sessions will include following topics: 1) The role of intercultural learning and learning opportunities for minorities 2) Understanding minority culture for increasing motivation of minorities for engaging in educational programmes 3) Lifelong learning: learning through work and everyday life 4) Minority cultural heritage as a tool for facing challenges and opportunities of education 5) Intercultural education for encouraging greater social inclusion. In the afternoon sessions participants will discuss about the innovative and integrated approaches in formal and non-formal education in a light of achieving greater social inclusion and equity. Participating organizations and their representatives will also debate how to develop practically oriented educational projects and programmes, tailored

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to the needs and desires of minorities. The participants will exchange good practices on how to preserve and develop a minority culture that provides members with various cultural, economic and educational opportunities in the labour market as well as in everyday life.

Participants will discuss on the future role of minorities in the EU and their European perspective, the successful integration of minorities into cultural and social life and will seek suggestions on how minority organizations, in cooperation with local communities, can help reduce discrimination and prejudice.

The programme will continue with the guided tour of Rimske Toplice and Roman Thermal spa. The day will conclude with an exhibition of minority art and a conference dinner. The cultural programme will encourage debate on the importance of intercultural dialogue and minority culture in the development of talents and creativity of minorities.

Participants: Representatives of the applicant and partner organizations, participants, other invited guests

Location: Aqua Roma Center, Toplice 2, Rimske Toplice

Saturday, May 25th 2019

08.00 – 09.00	Networking breakfast
10.00 – 11.30	Round table: <i>NEW METHODS AND APPROCHES FOR MINORITIES IN NON – FORMAL EDUCATION</i>
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	EUROPE CAFÉ: <i>DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING KEY COMPETENCES OF PEOPLE WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES</i>
13.00 – 13.30	Light lunch with local specialties
13.30 – 15.30	Sight signing tour of Laško, including castle and brewery
15.30 – 17.00	Coffee break
20:00 – 21.30	Cultural programme - Performance of the ensemble Bisernica Bijeljina in Celje

The day 3 will begin with the presentation of European and national programmes in the field of culture and opportunities of minorities to participate in different programmes, project and activities on a local, national and EU level. Presentations will include funding opportunities for the implementation of projects and events in the field of adult and youth education and the role of municipalities in supporting educational programmes in local communities. At the workshops participants will debate with experts and decision makers on the European perspectives and local challenges in framing inclusive education programmes and improving the key skills of people with fewer opportunities. The workshop will include the active participation of minority participants.

The programme will continue with a guided tour of the town of Laško, including castle, river Savinja, old city centre and Brewery Laško. The tour will also include the sight signing of completed projects that were carried out in the Municipality of Laško with the support of the EU. The cultural programme with the performance of ensemble Bisernica Bijeljina will be held at the National House in Celje.

Participants: Representatives of the applicant and partner organizations, participants, other invited guests

Location: Aqua Roma Center, Toplice 2, Rimske Toplice,
National house Celje, Krekov trg 3, 3000 Celje

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Sunday, May 26th 2019

7.00 – 8.00	Breakfast
8.00 – 9.00	Final notes and Joint statement
9.30 – 11:00	Departure of the participants

The conference will conclude with the signing of a joint statement on the importance of non-formal education in the development of intercultural dialogue and the importance of local communities in promoting social inclusion and active citizenship.

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The conference is organised by the Institute Burja with the cooperation of Municipality of Laško and following partners:

- ❖ Municipality of Umag, Croatia
- ❖ Municipality of Bijeljina, Bosnia Hercegovina
- ❖ Nevo Koncepti Prizren, Kosovo
- ❖ The institute of deaf and hard of hearing Nova Gradiška, Croatia
- ❖ Croatian Cultural and Educational Association Matija Gubec Tavankut, Serbia
- ❖ Südost Europa Kultur e.V., Berlin, Germany

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