

Lower Danube Region Development Priorities in the Context of EU Strategy for the Danube Region – Educational and Training Problems

There is a wide spread recognition of the fact that education and training are a strategic factor for a sustainable development through contribution to human capital development.

Taking into consideration this fact, within the Romania–Bulgaria Cross-Border Cooperation Program 2007–2013, the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, Romania and the D. Tsenov Academy of Economics in Svisthov, Bulgaria decided to collaborate in the field “Cooperation on human resources development – joint development of skills and knowledge”.

Our objective is to bring up new methods of training in the fields of consumer protection, local and regional development, agricultural and rural development, tourism services and logistic services in the Lower Danube Region.

In order to achieve this objective, we decided to collect and study the necessary information which sustain the need for educating and training experts in these fields and to discuss them together.

This was accomplished during 13th – 15th September 2010, during meetings at the D. Tsenov Academy of Economics in Svisthov, Bulgaria and at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, Romania, through the organization of a Workshop on “*Lower Danube Region Development Priorities in the Context of EU Strategy for the Danube Region – Educational and Training Problems*”.

The result of these discussions has been materialized in the elaboration of joint papers which describe the actual situation in Romania and Bulgaria as well as the possibilities for cooperation between universities on new ways of training in the fields of consumer protection, local and regional development, agricultural and rural development, tourism services and logistic services.

We believe that, by developing links and exchanges between our academic centres, we meet the needs for economic and social development through joint activities of identification and strengthening of comparative advantages of the cross-border area which are taking into account the specificity of the local, national and regional conditions, and also the European context.

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