

## “Regional Support for Inclusive Education”

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## EXPO FOR INCLUSION

**Hotel International, Zagreb, 28-29 October 2014**

“Expo for Inclusive Education” is an open event that will take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in South East Europe “**Inclusive Education in practice**” in Zagreb, Croatia, on 28-29 October 2014. This event will be organised with the kind support of the Ministries responsible for inclusive education from each Beneficiary of the Joint Project including partners from network of Education Policy Centres and Policy Focal Points in each beneficiary. “Expo for Inclusive Education” is an opportunity for the region to celebrate what has been achieved and the progress made so far in making children feel welcome at school.

<b>The objective</b>	To value the achievements of the region in the area of inclusion in education, through an exposition of the best examples, practices and experiences.
<b>Content and theme</b>	<p>Themes of the Expo will be based on the variety of experiences and practices, projects and programmes implemented on the inclusive education area in each Beneficiary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Themes may focus on <b>target groups</b>: inclusion of children with disabilities, children from different ethnic groups, challenged economic backgrounds or children with learning difficulties.</li><li>• Themes can also be based on <b>approaches</b>: changes of school culture, empowerment of school structures, strengthening school staff competences, involvement of parents and community, support to teachers and education staff, peer learning and networking, regional and bilateral cooperation, etc.</li><li>• <b>Diversified teaching methodologies and/or materials</b> (e.g. textbooks adapted to students with learning difficulties, assistive technologies used in schools, teaching aids/materials for specific student groups, etc.</li><li>• Sharing of <b>real stories and examples</b> is encouraged. The Living Library model promoted by the Council of Europe for dealing with prejudices and discrimination can serve as an inspirational approach. For more info follow the link below.<sup>1</sup></li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/eycb/Source/EYCB%20Living%20Library.pdf>

<b>Duration</b>	Official opening of the Expo will be on the first day of the conference. The Expo will last throughout the duration of the regional conference, from 28 to 29 October 2014.
<b>Participants</b>	The regional conference will be attended by approximately 180 participants from all over the South East Europe. The Expo will also be open to other interested visitors from schools, organisations, institutions and media.
<b>Location</b>	The Expo will be organised in the Hotel International, Banquet Lobby (approximately 200 m2). Each Beneficiary will have a dedicated stand to display its own experience and good practices of inclusion. The total space in the Banquet Lobby is around 200m2 and will accommodate 8 tables, 6-8 m2 maximum (for 7 beneficiaries and the Council of Europe). During the conference, coffee and meals will be served in the same place so the participants at the conference can use the free time to learn about inclusion in other beneficiaries.
<b>The display materials</b>	<p>Each Beneficiary may use the space available at the stand creatively (e.g. use power point presentations, videos, posters, promotional materials like brochures and hand-outs, textbooks, manuals, guidebooks and other publications, photos, didactic materials, assistive technologies, PR materials, etc. If possible, please provide display materials in <b>both local language and in English</b>. Each stand will have a laptop and video projector. Additional audio and visual equipment will be available upon request. Display boards, projectors, sound amplifiers, screens, flip chart stands and laptops if required will be provided by the conference organisers. Please also inform the CoE team of any other requests you have for the display during the Expo.</p> <p><b>Contact list of partners and key stakeholders</b> in each beneficiary should be prepared and available and the stands (the list should be sent to CoE team for printing at the email address below).</p> <p>CoE team will prepare a display of the project material and achievements in CoE stand. CoE stand will also have a <b>registration desk</b> for the participants who want to register for our Web Platform and CoE staff will be there to assist the registration during opening of the Expo and coffee breaks.</p>
<b>Organisation</b>	The <i>Project Steering Board</i> members will be the <b>primary contacts</b> for the organisation of the Expo event with the support of the <i>Policy Focal Points</i> in each beneficiary and <i>NEPC partners</i> (list of contacts is attached). During official launch of the expo, each stand or Expo corner should also have <b>one or two hosts</b> , who will welcome visiting guests, answer questions and make a short presentation of the display. One host should be also appointed by Steering Board members to be present at the stand during coffee breaks. During conference sessions, hostesses appointed by the hotel will be present at each stand in case visitors come during conference working time, but will only provide visitors with contact list and take care that all materials are at the display.
<b>The layout</b>	You will be informed in good time about the layout and setting of your Expo location.

<b>Shipping</b>	If you need any material (banner, publications etc.) to be send/brought to the conference location, please send your request for shipping to the project team not later than <b>15 October 2014</b> , at the contact below.
<b>Interpretation</b>	Interpretation during the Expo event will not be provided. It is preferable that the <b>hosts</b> during coffee breaks (appointed by Steering Board members) <b>speak English</b> .
<b>Contact person for the Expo</b>	Mrs Delina Cici: <a href="mailto:Delina.cici@coe.int">Delina.cici@coe.int</a>