

OECD Conference: “Education Policies for Inclusion in South Eastern Europe: Challenge and Opportunities”

22 – 23 May 2007

Vienna, “Wolke 19” at the Ares Tower, Donau-city-straße 11, 22.district

Information Sheet on Organisational Issues

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Please find some organisational details concerning the above mentioned event.

And welcome to Vienna!

◆ **Accommodation**

Participants are accommodated at the **Hotel Ananas**, Rechte Wienzeile 93-95, 1050 Vienna. The cost for a single room per person per night is 84 Euro. You are kindly asked to pay to the hotel directly in cash or by credit card.

Selfpay participants are kindly asked to submit their credit card numbers (which will be handled with care) to guarantee for their room reservations.

◆ **Conference Registration**

Please register for the conference on the day of your arrival at the venue, where you will also receive your conference map, including a name tag.

◆ **Conference Materials**

At the conference venue there will be the possibility of tabling materials you have brought with you. There is no possibility of making a larger amount of copies on the spot, so please make sure to copy documents beforehand (approx. 70 participants).

◆ **Welcome reception, 21 May, 19:30**

Austrian Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture is pleased to invite you to a welcome reception at the Hotel Ananas (Rechte Wienzeile 93-95, 1050 Vienna) at 19:30. The meeting point is the bar of the hotel on the ground floor.

◆ **Welcome dinner, 22 May, 19:00**

Austrian Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture is pleased to invite you to a welcome reception at the Hotel de France (Schottenring 3, 1010 Vienna) at 19:00. The meeting point is the reception of Hotel Ananas on the ground floor at 18:30.

◆ **Venue**

The conference will take place at the "Wolke 19" in the Ares Tower, Donau-city-straße 11, 1220 Vienna. Transfer is provided from/to the hotel on both days: www.wolke19.at

◆ **TRANSFER PLAN**

▪ **Arriving/departing by plane or train**

You are kindly asked to arrange your own transfer from and to the airport/ train station. The costs for a single taxi transfer are approximately 25 – 35 Euros. If you decide to use public transport you can take the CAT (fast train, every 30 minutes) to Landstraße/Wien Mitte (8 Euro, return ticket 15 Euro) and

from there you take the green metro line called U4 till "Pilgramgasse" (1,5 Euro). This metro station is situated directly in front of the hotel. Both ways take between 25-40 minutes.

▪ **Hotel-Venue-Hotel**

A shuttle bus service will be provided by the organizers leaving at 8:00 from Hotel Ananas on 22 May and at 8:25 on 23 May. The meeting point is the hotel reception hall.

▪ **Hotel-Restaurant-Hotel**

A shuttle bus service will be provided by the organizers on 22 May leaving at 18:45 from the Hotel Ananas. Meeting point is the hotel reception hall.

◆ **21 May – Optional Cultural Program** (registration necessary and open until 10 May)

"Dialog in the Dark - an exhibition for discovering the unseen"

The basic idea is simple: Blind/visually impaired people lead small groups of visitors (8 persons) through the completely dark rooms of an exhibition. Smells, winds, temperatures, sounds and textures shape scenes like a park, a city or a bar - everyday scenes that are given a completely new dimension by not seeing anything. A role reversal takes place: Seeing people are relieved from routine and familiar perceptions. Blind people ensure orientation and mobility and become ambassadors of a culture without pictures.

On the journey along a lightless path through various rooms of the basement of Wiener Stadthalle the staff will safely guide you through different scenes. For approximately one hour you will walk on fragrant meadows, walk along the edge of a forest, come to a busy intersection and maybe shop around in a store. A simple ride on the bus will become an unbelievable adventure. The Dunkel-Bar ("dark bar") at the end of your journey suggests an extraordinary encounter for it is also pitch black.

The tour starts at 16:00 and will take an hour. A transfer to the Wiener Stadthalle will be organised and meet those who would like to participate at the Hotel Ananas (reception) at 15:30. The tour costs 14,50 Euro and is to be paid directly.

For organizational reasons it will be necessary to know the number of persons interested in the tour beforehand. We would therefore like to ask you to register for this program by 10 May at the latest.

◆ **Emergency:**

In case of any emergency before/during the conference please make use of the following telephone number: **0043 676 502 1711 (Claudia Kragulj)**. The organisers will do their best to be at your service.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Vienna.

With kind regards

The organisers.