

# Application Form

## Exchange Programme 2006

### EUROPE *DIRECT* Information Networks

Before filling out this form, please consult the **Exchange Programme Guidelines 2006**

For Commission use only	
<b>Exchange project reference:</b>	
<b>Project received on:</b>	

<b>Hosting Relay or EDC: name and e-mail address</b>	EuropeDirect Informationsnetzwerk Steiermark <a href="mailto:europe-direct@steiermark.at">europe-direct@steiermark.at</a>
<b>Project title</b>	"Ciao! Zivijo! Servus! Szia! - I do understand you!" Language Competence: A Basis of Partnership Co-operations
<b>Total number of participating Relays or EDCs</b>	
<b>Number of days for the project</b>	

#### I. Description of the exchange project and its anticipated results

The Region of Styria borders Slovenia, but also has close contact with Hungary and Italy, due to economic and educational co-operations. For several years, these countries have been working on a collaboration within the European region Adria-Alps-Pannonia which deals with the opportunities of this region. Therefore, contacts with administrative agencies, political representatives and various interest groups are strong. Connections to the region have already spawned a large number of events and meetings. EuropeDirect events have frequently discussed the topic of language barriers. Great importance has been ascribed to learning the language of a neighbouring country by all relevant EU-institutions – EU-citizens should be able to speak at least three languages. We want to emphasize this not only in order to compete on the European labour market, but also to give people the possibility to communicate with neighbours beyond their borders and thus to get to know peoples, cultures and different approaches to (solving) problems.

Here are some examples of the closeness within the region: Maribor - the second largest town in Slovenia - is faster to reach for citizens of the Styrian capital Graz than the second largest Styrian city, Leoben. Udine is just as close as Innsbruck; Szombathely is closer to Graz than the nearest Regional capital in Austria, Klagenfurt. Nevertheless, people are still under the impression that a "border situation" exists, which is defined, first and foremost, by language barriers. This is where we want to take action

Meeting syllabus:

- Getting to know EuropeDirect partners in the above mentioned European region Adria-Alps-Pannonia
- Exchanging interests between networks
- Deliberating on creative and motivating language-learning-possibilities by including models developed in Styria
- Preparing a joint event in the various capitals of the region
- Including all relevant contact persons
- Contacting institutions interested in the EU
- Including regional media

Aims:

- Curiosity to understand one's neighbour's language
- Motivation to learn one's neighbour's language
- Continuing joint activities to create target-group-specific language-learning-possibilities
- Creating a network dealing with the topic of language
- Sustained contacts of EuropeDirect networks within the European region Adria-Alps-Pannonia. By regional cooperation, all of over 400 networks installed across Europe should gather the various concerns and interests via the general information line in Brussels and be a joint pilot project for active information providers
- Possible common information folder
- Positioning EuropeDirect's significance within the region by providing quality work and topics which take people one step closer to Europe.

**MAXIMUM LENGTH: 3000 CHARACTERS**

**II. Dates and place**

Project start date (dd/mm/yy): 17.10.2006.....

Project end (dd/mm/yy) 19.10.2006 .....

City: Graz.....

Country: Styria / Austria.....

**III. Joint application for the following participants:**

Version: May 24 2006 – 18:00 pm

N°	Host and participants	Name of Relay / EDC	Country (code)	Surname	Name	Official post in Relay
1	Host <sup>1</sup>	ED Steiermark	AT			
2	Participant	ED Burgenland Süd	AT			
3	Participant	ED Kärnten Land	AT			
4	Participant	EIP Baranya	HU			
5	Participant					
6	Participant					
7	Participant					
8	Participant					
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**IV. Travel and subsistence cost estimation (in Euro)**

Please note that financial support is limited to a maximum of 7 participants (excluding the Hosting Relay/EDC)

N°	Name	Travel from	Travel to	(A) Air fare	(B) Train or bus fare	(C) Total km (Own car only) <sup>2</sup>	(D) Expected lodging costs (max 2 nights)	Total per individual participant (A+B+C+D)
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
<b>Total sum:</b>								

<sup>1</sup> The Relay or EDC hosting the exchange will not be reimbursed. Therefore, this Relay/EDC does not count as one of the seven participants, which is the maximum number of participants accepted for co-financing by the Commission within the Exchange Programme.

<sup>2</sup> Car travel will be reimbursed by 0.22€/km (travel distance minimum: 100km).

## V. Eligibility checklist

Please carefully verify the following points before signing the form.

1	All sections of this form are duly filled in	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	All participants in this project are permanent members of staff of Relays or EDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	All participants have valid agreements with the Commission	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	This project proposal includes members of Relays or EDCs from at least 2 different Member States, and a request for financing for a maximum of 7 participants	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	The project does not foresee or prepare the participants for any other EU funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	The sole objective of this project is not to participate in a seminar, fair or conference	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	The call for applications is still open (deadline has not passed) and the project is planned for the time period from September 1–October 31, 2006	<input type="checkbox"/>

## VI. Declaration

I hereby declare that the details included in this form as well as the attached documents<sup>3</sup> are correct to the best of my knowledge.

<b>Name and Relay/EDC:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>Tel. number:</b>	<b>Signature and date:</b>

<sup>3</sup> E-mail or other documents from each participant confirming that they agree to this joint application.