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Short description of project

The wider objective of the project is to adjust the legal education in Croatia to the Bologna requirements and facilitate the integration of Croatian faculties of law into the EHEA. The specific project objectives are: to set up a Foreign Language Center of Law of Croatian law faculties at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb, to ensure continuous specialized teacher training in foreign languages for law, to update and develop foreign language curricula and teaching methodology at BA and MA levels at Croatian law faculties according to the Bologna requirements and to introduce new intensive language training courses for legal practitioners within the framework of lifelong education.

The Faculty of Law, University Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek is a Consortium member of the Project, and the coordinator (the contact person) for the region Slawonia and Baranya is ph.D. Ljubica Kordić. Active participants in the implementation of the Project are Ms. Dubravka Papa and Mr. Željko Rišner, professors of English and German as the members of the Chair for Foreign Languages at the Faculty of Law Osijek.

Short description of the task performed by Croatian partner

Project task:
- to ensure continuous specialized teacher training in foreign languages for law; to update and develop foreign language curricula and teaching methodology at BA and MA level at Croatian law faculties and to introduce new intensive language training courses for legal practitioners within the framework of a lifelong education.

The duties of the Faculty of Law, University Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek within the Project are fully performed by taking part of the members of its Chair for Foreign Languages in curriculum development, teacher training, implementation and dissemination of the results achieved. Language training courses in English language are being continuously organized for legal practitioners in the spring semester of the academic year 2007/08 (2 groups in the course «English for EU Law» and one group in the course «International Legal English»). In the autumn semester of the year 2008/09 five language training courses in German and English have been offered to legal practitioners from all over the County Osijek-Baranya: “German for Lawyers”, «English for Lawyers», «English for EU Law I» and «English for EU Law II» and «International Legal English Course». More then 80 participants take part in these courses, so we can proudly say that the Law Faculty in Osijek fully participates in carrying out the goals of the Project by implementing and disseminating the results of good practice in our local environment. In that way the Faculty of Law in Osijek contributes to the reform of the higher education in Croatia and brings about the quality of a lifelong education of Croatian legal practitioners.

The Consortium members organized the International Conference «Curriculum, Language and the Law» in Dubrovnik, which took place from 18-21 September 2008. Ljubica Kordić and Dubravka Papa participated in the conference by presenting their papers «Importance of Teaching German as FL at Croatian Faculties of Law» and «American Political Terminology». The implementation of the Project will continue until 2009, and its results will be applied further in the sense of the development of foreign language curricula and the teaching
methodology at the BA and MA level of higher education, as well as in cooperation of the Law Faculty in Osijek with its local environment by means of organizing foreign language courses for lawyers in order to foster lifelong learning process in the field of law.