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## **INVITATION**

**Linz, 21. August 2003**

### **COMP@CT – Connecting Comenius Schools – Contact Seminar, Linz/ Austria AT, November 26. – 30. 2003**

We are very pleased to invite you to attend a **COMENIUS 1 Contact seminar in the field of educational use of information and communication technologies** which will be organized in **Austria in November 2003**.

**Please find attached a program. The deadline for online registration is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2003. Registrations take place on <http://www.eduprojects.net/conference>.**

**The conference is a joint event of the partners of the COMENIUS 3 network Comp@ct (Comenius Multimedia Projects and Communication Technologies, <http://compact.eduprojects.net>). The event is organized by the Austrian partner Education Highway in Linz, Austria, in close cooperation with the network partners. Please visit our website in order to know more about our activities!**

#### **This COMENIUS 1 Contact Seminar aims to:**

- provide background information about Comenius, especially Comenius 1 school projects
- provide an opportunity for partner-finding and creating new, ICT-based projects
- offer ideas and tools for making effective use of ICT for collaborative projects
- give advice on preparing an application and on strategies for evaluation and dissemination
- provide networking opportunities with others who can assist with project development and with the use of ICT

The contact seminar is an integrated part of a European **COMENIUS 3 thematic conference**. The Thematic conference aims at providing an opportunity for networking and the exchange of experiences in the in the following specific areas on the educational use of ICT:

- Use of ICT in projects on special needs education
- Use of virtual learning environments in education
- Use of emerging technologies (Streaming media, Media on demand, audio broadcasting, mobile learning devices)
- Best practice in collaboration via online media.

If you intend to take part in the whole event, **please note that the Contact seminar starts on Thursday morning**, while the **Thematic conference** only starts on Friday, 27. November 2003.

**Please note therefore:** COMENIUS 1 Project development and partner identification opportunities will be the main aim of the activities on Thursday and Saturday, while Friday is mainly concentrated to networking and exchanging experiences. But this will facilitate as a whole the project development and partner finding process.

### **Funding:**

As one of the main aims of a Contact seminar is to promote the development of new COMENIUS 1 projects, funding (**up to a max.** of 1.000,-- per person) is possible out from the **Preparatory visits budget for COMENIUS 1**. Please **contact your National Agency in order to get information on how to apply**.

### **Venue**

#### **Place**

The conference will take place at the **teacher education institute of the Diocese in Linz:**

Pädagogische Akademie der Diözese Linz,

Salesianumweg 3, 4020 Linz

<http://www.padl.ac.at>

### **Target group/ participants**

**ICT–experienced** teachers of Primary and Secondary schools. **Fluent English** is requested for active participation.

#### **Accommodation**

Rooms are booked in three different hotels. Registered teachers will be informed in which hotel they will stay.

#### **Conference fee**

**€ 450,00-** include:

- accommodation (4 nights)
- meals/coffee breaks (please see the program) and
- seminar programme (including also the conference participation).

All the other costs, like phone calls from the hotel, minibar products, other meals or ordered services must be paid by the user/participant. You (or your National Agency) will be asked to transfer the amount mentioned above on an account we will provide in time before the conference starts or at the latest when arriving.

**Preparation:**

**Please make yourself familiar with COMENIUS 1 beforehand. You will find information on COMENIUS on the Europa – server:**

**[http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/socrates/comenius/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/socrates/comenius/index_en.html)**

Please try to read the "**Handbook**", **available at your National Agency**, and try to get the **application forms in your national language as well as in English** as a preparation. This will facilitate communication with your a colleagues during the Contact seminar and will contribute to the success of your future project!

**We also invite you to visit the Comp@ct website, there is lots of information for schools interested in using ICT for teaching and learning:**

**<http://compact.eduprojects.net>**

Please do feel free to contact us by mail ([p.reiter@ist.eduhi.at](mailto:p.reiter@ist.eduhi.at)) if there are any further questions!

Best wishes

Petra Reiter (conference organizer) and Sonja Kurki (project coordinator)

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF CONTACT SEMINAR AND THEMATIC CONFERENCE

Wednesday 26 Nov 2003	Thursday 27 Nov 2003	Friday 28 Nov 2003	Saturday 29 Nov 2003	Sunday 30 Nov 2003
<p>Travelling day, arrivals of <b>Contact Seminar participants</b></p>	<p>9:00 Contact Seminar Opening</p> <p>9.15 - 10.00 Introduction info Comenius 1 (and 3)</p> <p>10.00 - 11.00 Examples of COMENIUS 1 projects, FAQ to COMENIUS 1</p> <p>11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break</p> <p>11.30 - 13.00 Participants present themselves, their schools and project ideas</p> <p>13.00 - 14.30 Lunch</p> <p>14.30 - 16.30 Workshops for future projects:                      *Use of virtual learning environments in education                      * Best practice in collaboration via online media                      * Use of emerging technologies (streaming media, media on demand solutions, audio broadcasting) in education                      *Use of ICT in projects on special needs education</p> <p>16.30 Plenary/ Outcomes of the workshops</p> <p>Arrival of participants for the Them. Conf., social event in the evening, common dinner</p> <p>Dinner together in the evening Social event in the evening</p>	<p><b>9:00</b> Opening of the Thematic conference Presentation of Comp@ct and each Special Interest Group <b>9.45</b> Keynote speaker</p> <p><b>10:30</b> Coffee break</p> <p><b>11:00</b> Group work in the thematic areas:                      * Use of ICT in projects on special needs education                      * Use of virtual learning environments in education                      * Best practice in collaboration via online media                      * Use of emerging technologies (streaming media, media on demand solutions, audio broadcasting) in education</p> <p><b>13:00</b> Lunch</p> <p><b>14:30</b> Continuation of group sessions</p> <p><b>16:00</b> Plenary session, exchange of results</p> <p><b>16:30</b> End of the working day</p> <p><b>19:30</b> Dinner</p>	<p><b>9:30</b> Opening of the day, objectives</p> <p><b>9:45</b> Keynote speaker <b>10:30</b> Coffee break</p> <p><b>11:00</b> Group sessions in the thematic areas and possibility to work in small groups on future projects, and to get advise on COMENIUS 1</p> <p><b>13:00</b> Lunch</p> <p><b>14:30</b> Plenary session, presentation of the workshops results and future project drafts , evaluation of the event</p> <p><b>16:00</b> End of the thematic conference</p> <p><b>19:30</b> Dinner</p>	<p>Departure of participants</p>