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## **New Perspectives for European Cooperation in History Education: A plea for collaborative curriculum development and educational media production (Romania – Moldova – Ukraine)**

**8-11 December 2022**

**Location:** 'Ion Creangă' Pedagogical State University of Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

The candidature of both Moldova and Ukraine for membership of the European Union is an expression of the legitimate belief in their ability to shape Europe as equals. The field of history education would appear to be a particularly promising testing ground for future cooperation in Europe as it identifies differences and develops strategies to overcome divisions. The process of accession offers a unique opportunity to create meaningful material for lessons on European history from the specific experiences of dealing with historical-cultural conflicts in the region and to give voice to the particular expectations of colleagues in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine and their innovative ideas for new history lessons using new educational media.

The EFREC workshop will investigate what is required at policy level for school education in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine and what these countries can offer in terms of European cooperation in the field of curriculum development and educational media production.

Several bilateral and multilateral educational media projects that have been successful in the field of history education in Europe will present their experiences at the workshop: such as the German-French history textbook, the German-Polish history textbook, the Southeast European joint history textbook or the outcome of the Bulgarian – North Macedonian History Commission.



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The workshop will use the experience gained by these projects to explore the possibilities of putting trilateral projects for curriculum development and educational media production into practice between Moldova, Romania and Ukraine, within the framework of EFREC. The focus is particularly on collaborative practices of producing innovative educational technologies for history lessons and the potential of new learning environments.

Finally, the participants will discuss the contribution that could be made in future to the EFREC network by colleagues from Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. The network aims to document and archive experiences in bi- and multilateral textbook work and to create and sustain an active network of practitioners in bi- and multilateral curriculum development and educational media production in Europe and beyond.

**The workshop will be divided into five sections:**

1. Prerequisites and expectations for cooperation in regional and European curriculum development and educational media production by education policymakers in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine.
2. Experiences of bilateral and multilateral textbook work in Europe. Best practice examples from the German-French and the German-Polish textbooks, the Southeast European joint textbook initiative as well as the experiences of the Bulgarian – North Macedonian and the Lithuanian – Russian history commissions.
3. What shape should take the cooperation in the field of curriculum development and educational media production between Moldova, Romania and Ukraine and how can it be implemented?
4. Plea for a new kind of history lesson: New educational media for new learning environments.
5. Concluding round-table scenarios for European cooperation with and within EFREC



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## WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY, 8 December 2022

**20:00** Welcome: Arrival and Come together in Chişinău, Hotel Jolly Alon, str. Maria Cebotari no. 37

### FRIDAY, 9 December 2022

**Workshop Location:** 'Ion Creangă' Pedagogical State University, str. Ion Creangă no. 1, main building, ground floor, "Clasa Viitorului"

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- 9:00-9:30**      **Opening remarks by representatives from:**
- Igor Grosu, President of the Parliament, Republic of Moldova
  - Adriana Cazacu-Tigaie, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research, Republic of Moldova
  - Alexandra Barbăneagră, Rector, Pedagogical Stat University „Ion Creangă”, Chişinău
  - H. E. Ullrich Kinne, Ambassador, German Embassy in Moldova
  - Eckhardt Fuchs (Braunschweig, Germany) Georg Eckert Institute
  - Aurora Ailincăi (Strasbourg, France) Executive Director OHE
- 9:30-11:00**      **Section 1:** Prerequisites and expectations for cooperation in regional and European curriculum development and educational media production by education policymakers in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine.
- Moderator:** Eckhardt Fuchs (Braunschweig, Germany)
- Speakers:** Introduction: Sergiu Musteata, Igor Casu, Corina Lungu (Chişinău, Moldova), Alexandru Mitru (Romania), Maria Kovalchuk (Ukraine)



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- 11:00-11:30** Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00** **Section 2 (part I):** Experiences of bilateral and multilateral textbook work in Europe. Political and institutional challenges for best practice examples from the Bulgarian-North Macedonian History Commission, the Russia-Lithuanian History Commission and the Southeast European Joint Textbook initiative
- Moderator:** Igor Kačkolewski (Berlin/Warsaw, Poland)
- Speakers:** Naoum Kaytchev (Sofia, Bulgaria), Darko Stojanov (Vienna, Austria), Alvydas Nikžentaitis (Vilnius, Lithuania), Marko Šuica (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 13:00-14:30** Lunch
- 14:30-16:00** **Section 2 (part II):** Experiences of bilateral and multilateral textbook work in Europe. Writing narratives fostering reconciliation and cooperation in Europe. Best practice examples from the German-French and the German-Polish textbooks, the Southeast European Joint Textbook Initiative
- Moderator:** Steffen Sammler (Braunschweig, Germany)
- Speakers:** Igor Kačkolewski (Berlin/Warsaw, Poland); Naoum Kaytchev (Sofia, Bulgaria), Darko Stojanov (Vienna, Austria), Alvydas Nikžentaitis (Vilnius, Lithuania), Marko Šuica (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 16:00-16:30** Coffee Break
- 16:30-18:00** **Section 3.** Plea for a new kind of history lesson: New educational media for new learning environments. Institutional frameworks, media and classroom experiences
- Moderator:** Aurora Ailincăi (Strasbourg, France)
- Speakers:** Eve Ryan, (Strasbourg, France), Steven Stegers (The Hague, Netherlands) Stoica Stan (Bucharest, Romania)
- 19:00** Dinner



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## SATURDAY, 10 December 2022

**Workshop Location:** 'Ion Creangă' Pedagogical State University, str. Ion Creangă no. 1, main building, third floor, „Google classroom“

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**9:00-10:30 Section 4:** What shape should cooperation in the field of curriculum development and educational media production between Moldova, Romania and Ukraine take and how can it be implemented?

**Moderator:** Stoica Stan (Bucharest, Romania)

**Speakers:** Sergiu Musteata (Chişinău, Moldova), Alexandru Mitru (Târgovişte, Romania), Maria Kovalchuk, (Ukraine)

**10:30-10:45** Coffee Break

**10:45-12:15 Section 5:** Presentation of European Forum for Reconciliation and Cooperation in History and Social Sciences Education (EFREC) and concluding roundtable. What do we expect from a cooperation with and within EFREC?

**Introduction to EFREC and Moderator:** Steffen Sammler (Braunschweig, Germany)

**Speakers:** Eckhardt Fuchs (Braunschweig, Germany), Sergiu Musteață (Chisinau, Moldova)

**12:00-13:00** End of the official programme and lunch

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