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To Whom it May Concern,

The University of Rijeka (CROATIA) is looking for partners for a two-year **Tempus project** in the field of health promotion and drug prevention worth approx. 300.000 Euro. The deadline for applications is 15/12, so please act quickly. For details on the project please refer to the summary below.

Following the document of European Council (Drugs strategy 2005-2012), Croatia adopted its own National drug strategy for 2006-2012, as well as action plan for 2007-2009. One of key organizational element of these documents is national network of Public health institutes working on drug prevention and outpatient treatment in close collaboration with universities. In the last few years a promising collaboration was established between Public health institute and University of Rijeka, particularly with Faculty of Medicine and Psychology. Until recently most of the programs related to drug prevention were actually drug treatment programs. Only recently priority was given to drug prevention programs, as well as to violence and abuse prevention programs. University is recognized as the key partner for creation and development, monitoring an devaluation of these programs. This project aims to straighten those bonds and to creation of new interdisciplinary postgraduate course at University of Rijeka. Since these are relatively new phenomena, staff working with children and youngsters conducting these programs often lacks the basic knowledge and skills to cope with these themes and problems. University has done little so far to change this situation. University students who shall tomorrow work with young are still studying old programs with only little possibility to broaden their perspective, knowledge and skills in this interdisciplinary field.

Therefore this project is designed to build and strengthen institutional capacity to combat this problem. Our primary goal is to determine and strengthen capacity of our University for providing new interdisciplinary courses and studies for health and education professionals, public administration and NGO workers, working on drug prevention and health promotion.

The projects immediate aim is to train trainers and help to create an interdisciplinary postgraduate course on drug prevention and health promotion. The project will focus on transfer of knowledge and development of skills related to the above field at the University of Rijeka.

Therefore the core of this project consists of training Croatian University and professional staff, and cooperatively developing a new postgraduate course with the European partners. The course will be taught to the final target group of health and education professionals, public administration and civil sector at a fully-equipped training centre located at the University of Rijeka.

The project is planned for duration of two years and will involve a kick-off and a programme development meeting in Rijeka, two-week training unit development for the future course module at the European partners, as well as support in the initial training.

Thereafter the training course will run at regular intervals and be optimized according to experience and feedback.

This results, evaluation and experience gained on this project will test the possibility for development of a new master or doctoral study in health promotion and drug prevention.

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Please forward this partner search to For additional information and the project's responsible person:



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