



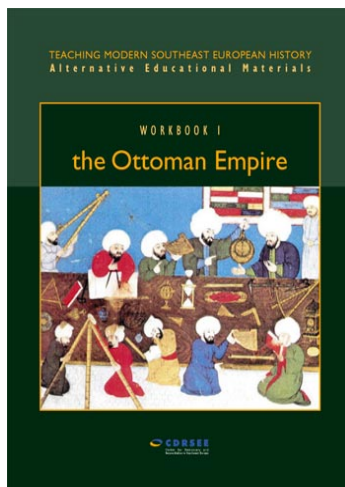
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ACTIVITY BRIEF

History and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe

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First of four History Workbooks being distributed to teachers in Southeastern Europe

Partners:

Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe

Geographic Targets:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, and Serbia

Project Duration:

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Activity Background

The Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (CDRSEE) aims to improve cross-border and inter-ethnic relations and to foster reconciliation in the Balkans. In recognition of the vital role that teachers play in shaping generations to come, CDRSEE's flagship project works to improve the quality of history teaching in SEE.

Core Current Interventions

- History and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (History Workbooks)

Completed Interventions

- The Lustration Project aimed to enhance lustration legislation and practice through structured workshops and seminars. This process is documented in "Disclosing Hidden History: Lustration in the Western Balkans", available at www.cdsee.org.
- Workshops for youth from SEE to learn leadership skills, design joint projects, and network;

Activity Results

- In June 2005, the work of 60 teachers, 7 editors, and 14 contributors from throughout Southeastern Europe (SEE) culminated in the publishing of resource materials designed to improve primary and secondary history education in SEE. These English-language "History Workbooks" form the basis for translation into local languages.
- The first of the local language versions of the four Workbooks was published in Serbian in November 2005. Dissemination of the History Workbooks was launched at the first teacher trainers workshops organized in September 2006 in Serbia. These workshops train the participants to use multi-perspectivity in their teaching, paving the way for use of the Workbooks in the school curriculum.
- Translation into Bosnian and Croatian is underway.
- CDRSEE has secured non U.S. funding for translation and publication in Albanian, Greek and Japanese.
- An ongoing network of history teachers has been created to facilitate the communication of CDRSEE's history reconciliation in the region.
- CDRSEE's presentation of the Workbooks in Brussels in March 2006 was widely covered in the press, including an article that appeared in *The Economist*.