

East Central European Talent Day and book première in Szeged

Representatives of talent support institutions in Transylvania, Upper Hungary, Subcarpathia and Voivodina shared their professional experiences at the East Central European Talent Day held in Szeged on 26 and 27 October 2010. The event was also the première of the volume of studies on “The Best Practices of Talent Support in East Central Europe”.

Szeged, 30 October 2012 – More than 900 institutions, including several cross-border schools and NGOs have joined the East Central European Talent Point Network targeting the identification of the talented youth and the enhancement and support of their development. In the past years, 32 talent points were created in the Romanian territories inhabited by ethnic Hungarians, 21 in Voivodina, 13 in Upper Hungary and 3 in Subcarpathia. **The representatives of the communities striving to espouse the cause of Hungarian talents living in ethnic minorities and to support their development met in this town along the River Tisza to exchange their experiences on the specific methods and problems of Hungarian-language talent support and to get acquainted with the relevant effective best practise and apply them in a creative way at home.** The achievement of this aim is promoted by a new volume of papers describing the talent-support-related best practices of the region, published as the 26th volume of the Géniusz series of books by the organiser of the Conference, the European Talent Centre in Budapest. (The book is accessible free of charge at their website; see below.)

Besides putting in the limelight those who nurture talents in the cross border areas, the **representatives of almost 50 institutions were handed over the “Accredited Excellent Talent Point” title granted to the best talent support institutions** at the East Central European Talent Day. The number of talent points active in Hungary and across its borders, operating well-designed quality professional programmes and working with well-prepared teachers has thus exceeded 200. The development of the professional quality of the talent support institutions is the task of the National Talent Point; the staff members of the institution provide professional guidance and organise training events to ensure that the talented youth receive the most appropriate support to realise their potentials both in Hungary and across its borders.

Before the Talent Day, the talent support professionals of East Central Europe had a two-day work discussion on 24-25 October in Szeged, organised by the European Talent Centre in Budapest. The participants set the target of developing a common knowledge map and of engaging in co-operation modelled on the Hungarian example to create the network of European Talent Points.

Interview options concerning the programme:

- with Csilla Fuszek, Director of the European Talent Centre , and with
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