

Connecting (ex)You: kick-off meeting

*Connecting young people with ex-Yugoslavian background
by means of radio production*

On April 16, 2015, the kick-off meeting for the two year Connecting (ex)You project funded by the Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme took place in Vienna.

This project aims to encourage knowledge and cultural exchange among young people interested in radio journalism and EU affairs from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia. The participants will be trained in the production of radio programs that will serve as the basis for exchanging ideas and experiences as well as a learning platform for a variety of topics related to the European Union, understanding common history and cultural diversity.

The project is coordinated by ORANGE 94.0 community radio from Vienna, School of Journalism and Public Relations from Skopje, and eFM student radio from Sarajevo. The lead partners from three countries met and discussed a number of issues and made important decisions pertaining to the successful project delivery.

In the beginning the background, purpose and objectives were presented followed by the discussion of the financial rules, the timeline and responsibilities of each of the lead partners. One of the most important matters all project partners agreed on was the criteria for selection of 12 trainees and the specific topics to be tackled at each of the training sessions. The discussion then focused on intellectual outputs, widening the impact of the aims of the project and finally increasing visibility of the final results.

The next step within the Connecting (ex)You project is the first training session which will take place in Vienna in July 2015, and will deal with the technical aspects of radio production, and the issues pertaining to the Human Rights and the EU.