

Connecting(ex)You: Fourth coordination meeting in Sarajevo

The fourth coordination meeting took place between 1 and 2 December 2016 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The meeting was organized at the premises of the Association for Cultural and Media Decontamination. Representatives of all three partner organizations were present.

The main purpose of the coordination meeting was to evaluate the results from the fourth international training session that took place in Sarajevo between 28 November and 2 December 2016. The aim of this meeting was also to evaluate the project as a whole in the presence of all the participants.

At the beginning of the meeting the representatives of the partner organizations together with the the trainees listened together to the produced radio shows. Then a discussion of the results followed. Everybody was very impressed with the huge progress the trainees had made during the project period: the radio pieces produced during the last training sounded much more professional in comparison to previous productions. This time the trainees paid more attention to language and to the story-line and they managed to include more diverse opinions in their radio pieces. Also the participants learned how to use sound bridges that helped them create more engaging stories. Besides producing radio pieces, the trainees also recorded a live radio show. Everybody reported with excitement about this experience: for many of the trainees this was the first time they conducted a live radio show and they were very happy with the results.

After the end of the first evaluation session the participants together with the representatives of the three organizations discussed their experiences and impressions from the project as a whole. All participants reported that they enjoyed the project and benefited a lot from the international trainings. They were able to learn a lot about journalism, EU politics and inter-cultural communication. Also thanks to the project beautiful friendships were created. Through spending a lot of time with each other the trainees discovered how similar people from the different Balkan countries are and that experience helped them overcome prejudices they had about each other. Also many of the participants were very enthusiastic about their experience with radio production. Many shared their plans to continue with radio journalism also in the future.

At the end of the meeting all the trainees received certificates for their participation in the traineeship program. Many of them expressed their willingness to cooperate with each other within different journalistic projects in the future and shared their hope to be able to attend future trainings financed by ERASMUS+.