

TRAINING SESSION VIENNA

Kick-Off-Workshop „ExYouRadio“. Vienna, Austria

The Kick-Off international training organized as part of the project “Connecting(ex)You” took place between 7 and 11 July 2015 in Vienna, Austria. The training was organized by ORANGE 94.0 community radio and served as an introduction to different aspects of radio production. It was attended by 12 participants coming from Vienna, Sarajevo and Skopje.

During the theoretical part of the training the participants were introduced to different broadcasting formats and got acquainted with the media landscapes in their countries of origin. Together with the trainer Cheyenne Mackay they reflected about their role as future journalists and became familiar with different approaches to radio production by listening to various examples. They were also introduced to the open source editing program Audacity and were presented with first recording assignments. The trainees also attended an introductory workshop in media and copyright law during which they got familiar with the concepts of press freedom and journalism ethics.

Within the practical part of the training the participants were divided into groups of three people. They were presented with the general topic, they had to work on: “Human rights and the European Union”. Each group had to choose a specific aspect of that topic, conduct research and produce a short radio piece by the end of the training. At the beginning of the production process the participants were trained in how to find focus and how to conduct interviews. Additionally they were instructed in how to record interviews over the phone, since one of their assignments was to find experts and conduct interviews with them over the phone.

At the end of the training session the participants listened to the radio pieces and each group received feedback on their work by the trainer. The radio productions were dedicated to the topics: “Freedom of expression and media freedom in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, “Living with down-syndrom in Macedonia and Croatia”, “Media freedom in Macedonia”, “No right to strike in Macedonia”.

Connecting (ex)You, funded by the European Union educational program ERASMUS+, aims at encouraging knowledge and cultural exchange among young people from Austria, Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina by organizing trainings in the production of radio programs. The project is coordinated by ORANGE 94.0 community radio (Vienna), together with its partner organizations: the School of Journalism and Public Relations (Skopje) and eFM radio (Sarajevo).