

## **Connecting(ex)You**

### **Second coordination meeting in Skopje**

The second coordination meeting for the Connecting(ex)You project took place on 6 and 7 October 2015 in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. The meeting was organized at the premises of the School of Journalism and Public Relations. Representatives of all three partner organizations were present.

The main purpose of the coordination meeting was to evaluate the results from the first two international training sessions that took place in Vienna and in Skopje and to agree on the training targets and schedule for the rest of the project life-cycle.

The meeting started with a summary of the training sessions. In order to evaluate the learning progress of the trainees the participants listened to the radio pieces produced during the trainings. They made the conclusion that the trainees had progressed a lot for a very short period. Although some of the trainees had never practiced radio production before, the radio pieces sounded professionally done. Their selection of topics was also impressive: they chose complex issues such as media freedom, the migrant crisis in Europe and the rights of people with disabilities, and made serious research on these topics.

The next point on the agenda was the scheduling and planing of the webinars and training sessions to be organized until the end of the project. The partners decided that the general topic for the next radio productions would be "the Bologna System and the problems of higher education in Europe". The trainees would be working in small groups. Each group would have to chose a specific aspect of the general topic and produce a short radio piece. In order to support the trainees with their preparation, the partners decided to use some of the upcoming webinars as an introduction to the topic.

At the end of the meeting activities after the end of the last international training were discussed. The partners agreed that in order to stimulate continuous collaboration between the trainees, follow-up productions should be organized. Since the number of joint training sessions is limited, they agreed that the trainees would be working on the follow-up productions from a distance via the Internet. They decided to organize additional webinars and Skype-sessions in order to provide support to the trainees during the production process.

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