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Dear colleagues and potential future partners!

We would like to use this opportunity to present you with our intention to apply for the Comenius multilateral partnership (a part of EU Life-long learning program) in February 2013. and to invite you to become our partnership organization.

Kindergarten/preschool institution "Dječji vrtić Botinec" is located in the southern part of the city of Zagreb, Croatia. It is a educational institution for around 500 children aged one to six/seven. We work in 21 groups and employ 42 teaching staff supported by other professionals (educational professional, psychologist and speech therapist) and administrative/technical staff.

We are distinct by our work with the local environment and implementation of elements of education for active and democratic citizenship in our curriculum at an earliest possible age. This latter is the subject of our special interest and the main reason we decided to start up a project within Comenius multilateral partnership.

The aim of the project is to connect different preschool education institutions/organizations which are implementing elements of active and democratic citizenship education in their curriculums so they can improve and develop their work through exchange of experiences and ideas. Except presenting their own experience and positive practice examples, we could cooperate on additional subject/problem according to the profile and interests of potential partner organizations:

- examining democratic and active-citizenship values of the teaching staff,
- knowledge transfer between teaching staff of various level of experience,
- active and democratic citizenship as a basis for building peace and cooperation within the EU
- etc. (these are just suggestions open to revision once the potential-partner network has been established).

We seek potential partners from neighboring countries (Slovenia, Hungary, Italy, Austria, and other countries who are included in the Lifelong learning program), as well as other EU countries. Ideas expressed in this call for cooperation are just the outline of the proposed partnership and are prone to discussion and revision with potential partners. Deadline for defining, preparing and applying for the project is February 21st, 2013.

In hope we will manage to build a good and productive cooperation we invite you to contact us with further questions.

Sincerely,

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