Higher Education for Social Cohesion (HERD) project

A1 group:

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Purposes of the A1 group

- The study of the national (Romanian and Hungarian) higher education policies, with special regard to the transformations of higher education systems and the Bologna Process

- The research of the Bihar-Hajdu-Bihar Euro-region from the perspective of the opportunities for integrated scientific, economic, social and educational development embodied in the concept of Learning Regions

- The study of the interactions between higher education policies and ethno-cultural policies, with particular regard to the educational opportunities available for ethnic, national and confessional minorities
Research methods of A1 group

- Combined methodologies, and varied methods and data sources.
- Beside the analysis of structural and institutional changes we will concentrate on the study of territorial relations (national and international catchments). The data collection and analysis will be followed by cartographic presentation of territorial-regional processes. Based on international research experiences (CLI: Composite Learning Index, ELLI: European Lifelong Learning Indicators) we will develop a complex index on attitudes towards learning in the studied area. With the support of this index, we present the attitudes towards different forms of learning in settlement breaking (in Bihor county through commune) and through this the emergence of Learning Regions.

Methods:

- Quantitative survey (Learning Regions)
- For the higher education policy perspectives: case studies, expert interviews, document analysis
Schedule of A1 group

01 June 2011 – 30 September 2011
- Detailed research plan, hypotheses, comprehensive background studies

01 October 2011- 31 January 2012
- Preparing the questionnaire for higher education students, our tasks: gender-section, minority students’ problems-section, students in a disadvantages position-section
- Further preliminary/background papers (3)
- Finalizing the questionnaire, specifying the sample methods, testing the questionnaire, printing (together with group A3, B1)
- Making a summarizing study about the methodology (together with group A3, B1)

01 February 2012 – 31 May 2012
- Filling in the questionnaire (conduct the survey), data input (if it is needed), finalizing the database (together with group A3, B1)

01 June 2012 – 30 September 2012
- Data analysis, writing papers (in English and in Hungarian and Romanian) which will be published in a volume of studies and conference books

01 October 2012 – 31 November 2012
- Summarizing the results, conference, conference volumes (6 papers in English, Hungarian and Romanian) dissemination
Comprehensive background studies

- Gábor Erdei, Tamás Kozma, Károly Teperics, Zoltán Tőzsér: Measuring Social Learning. The Case of a Cross-Border Region (Bihar – Bihor)

- Emese Belényi, Gábor Flóra, Éva Szolár: Minority Higher Education in Romania: A Contextual Analysis


- Éva Szolár: The Bologna Process in Romania

- András Győrbíró, Tímea Ceglédi: The Legal Environment of Talent Development in Hungarian and Romanian Higher Education
Tasks from 01. Febr to 30. Sept 2012 I.

- Learning Regions research: finalizing data collection and analysis

- Tamás Kozma, Károly Teperics, Zoltán Tőzsér, Edina Kovács: Measuring Life Long Learning: The Case Study of a Cross-Border Area (Bihor-Bihar Learning Region)

- Éva Szolár: The Higher Education Reforms and Bologna Process in CEE (collection of country case studies and documents, interviews)

- András Győrbíró- Tímea Ceglédi: Legal and Institutional Background of Talent Development Initiatives in Romania and Hungary
Tasks from 01. Febr to 30. Sept 2012 II.

- Gábor Flóra – Györgyi Szilágyi: Minority Educational Policies and Opportunities in the Micro-regions of Bihor County
- Károly Teperics: The Cross- Border Attraction Zone of Debrecen
- Károly Teperics, Klára Czimre, István Pásztor: Crossing Borders in Education: Information Flow in the Hungarian-Romanian Border Region
Planned papers until November 2012

- Éva Szolár: The Bologna Process in Central- and Eastern Europe
- Gábor Flóra: Cross Border Learning Regions in Higher Education Research and Development: the Case of Bihor-Hajdu Bihar Euro-region
- Győrbíró András - Ceglédi Tímea: Legal and Institutional Background of Talent Development Initiatives in Romania and Hungary
Thanks for your attention!