

**PRIZE-WINNING HISTORY PROJECT FROM THE BALKANS HONOURED DURING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE.**



On the 21st of September representatives of the project team '*History in Action*' from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia will receive the second prize of the fourth edition of the *Euro-Mediterranean Award for Dialogue Between Cultures*, which will be held in Stockholm, Sweden. The project team has been voted the first runner up project for the award, honoring initiatives in the field of *Intercultural Dialogue for Peace and Coexistence*. The ceremony marks the International Day of Peace and is held under the auspices of the Swedish Presidency of the EU and will take place in the Museum of the Mediterranean.

The project team, consisting of 55 historians and history educators from Bosnia -Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia, has been selected for this prize by the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Dialogue between Cultures because they have succeeded in overcoming ethnic, religious, linguistic divisions in order to develop a common resource book on the history of the region. Being rewarded runner-up is an important acknowledgement of the remarkable work carried out by the team of historians and history educators from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia who devoted a great deal of civic responsibility and courage to develop contacts with professionals from differing ethnic backgrounds so soon after the war.

The project '*History in Action – Planning for the Future*' was based on cross-cultural cooperation which envisaged as its major goal to implement history education as a means to contribute to awareness and the process of reconciliation. Simultaneously, the project promoted national and cross-border cooperation as well as communication in form of networking between and within the countries involved. It is now the ambition of the project to take their cooperation to the next level by including colleagues from other former Yugoslav countries and by addressing more sensitive topics in history.

The cross-border resource book *Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Country, Every Day Life in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia 1945-1990 Yugoslavia between East and West* can be downloaded from [www.euroclio.eu](http://www.euroclio.eu) in the languages of all three countries and in English. The project also fostered educational authorities in partner countries to write new, innovative history curricula. The project website with information on the project team is [www.cliohip.com](http://www.cliohip.com)

Background information:

<http://www.euromedalex.org/euromed-award/home> (information about the Award)

<http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/> (information about the Day of Peace)

<http://www.cliohip.com/> (information about the Project History in Action)

<http://www.teachers.tv/video/21611> (documentary about the project History in Action)

[Resource Book: Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Country](#) (in pdf)

[EUROCLIO Special Report: Five Years of Projects in the Former Yugoslavia](#) (with more information on history education in the Former Yugoslavia activities of EUROCLIO and the winning team)

[Watch here a video about the Project](#)

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