

## The History Project "Remember for the future"

### REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN SARAJEVO, 2 – 5 July 2009

The History Project in a year 2009 has its focus on museum workers therefore Regional office of *dvv international* for South East Europe under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Canton Sarajevo organized first Regional Conference within the History Project for museum's and memorial's workers.



The aim of the conference was raise awareness of the development potential of museums and memorials but also to create a forum for discussion among stakeholders on

how to overcome the newest challenges in the museum work. By bringing together different stakeholders the conference opened-up a dialogue on the development potential of museums and memorials and their contribution to reconciliation in the region.

The Sarajevo meeting also gave opportunity to 30 museum workers from 8 countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia) to exchange experiences and learn how to transmit historical events with suitable methods for adults, foreigners and children. Specifically the aim is to use methods which reinforce a multi- instead of mono perspective view on history.



The workshops were held in 3 different locations related to the issue of history and culture such as the National Museum, Svrzina Kuca and the Orient meets Occident Pavilion which stand for different locations such as an ordinary museum, a museum in a historical location (Bosnian House) and surrounding of museum. The participants also had the opportunity to visit the Tunnel museum as an outstanding example of a Remembrance Memorial.



Dr. Beate Schmidt-Behlau coordinator of the region in the Bonn office of *dvv international* and Ms Dženana Ibišević on behalf of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Canton Sarajevo opened the conference, Burkad Grahn from IBB Dortmund, Marc Olejniczak and Christian Geiselmann moderated the workshops. The participants enjoyed their presentations and sharing ideas about history itself, methods of different pedagogical activities in museums / memorials and multi-perspective view on history.



At the end of the seminar, the participants were asked to link with a previous target group of the History Project – history teachers and to establish networks of museum workers and history teachers on a national level. The participants asked for more similar seminars and stress the need for learning more about different methods of presenting history in museums and memorials which would make history more interesting subject for children and young people, adults and foreigners.

