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## Letter Circular

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To: All Heads of School (State and Non-State) and Sections

From: Ms. Louise Cutajar Davis, Education Officer – International Relations

Subject: International Relations – Opportunities to enhance Intercultural Education

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We have received the attached partner searches. Teachers are encouraged to take up opportunities to communicate with other countries in order to strengthen awareness of cultural diversity and enhance intercultural competence.

Schools are also reminded that **Europe Direct Malta** can help to find partners all over Europe. In order to disseminate your request, Europe Direct requires a one page document with the school logo giving all the relevant information, including the type of project you are proposing and the deadline by when interested partners can send their replies. The information should be presented in the following order:

1. Background information on the school
2. The objectives of the project
3. A description of the collaboration envisaged
4. The time frame
5. Preferred countries if applicable
6. Your contact details, including name, address, telephone & fax numbers, e-mail address and school website if available.

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**Dr. C. Borg**

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**Partner search for a project *Cultural Variety as the Common Heritage of European Union* within the Partner School Projects Comenius in the new programme LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME (LLP).**

**Searching institution:** Zespół Szkół Techniczno-Ekonomicznych (Technical and Economical High School), Skawina, Malopolska Region (Poland).

This is the biggest in the region school providing high- level education services within the field of Information Technology, Economy, Trade and Electronics to over 1000 students aged 15-19. It has remarkable experience in carrying out the European projects (participation in the Socrates/Erasmus programme and eTwinning projects).

**Description of the project:**

The project *Cultural Variety as the Common Heritage of European Union* will be carried out within the Partner School Projects Comenius in the new programme LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME (LLP).

The aim of the project is to present and enable the participants to learn about various forms of regional culture (regional architecture, customs, ceremonials, outfits, music, cuisine) through the creation of **Virtual Region in the Internet**, which will provide an exceptional opportunity to the partners to present their own regions.

Moreover, **working visits** will be organised in order to promote the partner regions and to give a possibility to acquire the knowledge on cultural variety.

**Searched partners:** schools providing education for 15-19- year- old students

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We work at a school in Borlänge in Dalarna, Sweden. Borlänge is a city with almost 50 000 inhabitants and our school has about 250 pupils in the ages from six to twelve years.

Tjörnaskolan has pupils with many different nationalities. We have children from among others Kurdistan, Somalia, Lebanon and Kosovo. 25% has another background than Swedish.

We have recently completed an EU-project (Comenius) and now we search for new partners to work with. Preferably schools that already have experiences working internationally, but that is not absolutely necessary. We plan to start a Comenius school development project. The name of the project that we plan to start is "The multi cultural school" and the issues we are interested in working with are:

- Language
- Integration
- Hostility towards foreigners (xenophobia)

We plan to have a preparatory visit together with our project partners in March 2007, in order to plan and write an application before March the 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in working with us in this project, please contact:

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Work language: english

Field of cooperation : ecology, cultural heritage. We are open for another proposals.

School presentation:

We are experienced school in international cooperation.

We are awarded and granted the title 'European School' by the German educational authorities. We have had students' exchange with schools in Berlin and Nordenham for ten years. Additionally, we take part in the bilingual polish- german project and realize education in both sides of the border. Our students are at the age 13 – 15 and learn two foreign languages: English and German. Our school put emphasis on getting to know other cultures and traditions. Education and students' personal interests are the things we also attach importance to.

For three years now we have cooperated with Austria, Malta and Germany in Socrates Comenius project. We would like to start another one. We are looking for the partners taking part in the project '**Comenius - School Projects**'. Experience of teachers and students' involvement guarantee success of cooperation.

Świnoujście – the town bordering on Germany is situated on the islands by the Baltic sea. Additionally, it is the area of national park what offers a lot of possibilities connected with such projects.

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Our school is located in northwestern Poland in a city with more than 400.000 inhabitants - Szczecin. Over 600 students aged 13-19 attend our Gimnazjum and Liceum, which provide excellent facilities for studying and developing their interests. All of the facilities including a swimming pool, a gym, a cinema, a library and computer rooms are adapted for disabled children thanks to lifts and drives. The school offers a canteen and two bistros, where students can have their lunch, as well as a hostel for guests.

We have gained experience of working internationally by having successfully completed four projects:

- Socrates Comenius – “On the Way to Europe” with schools from Portugal, Austria, and Czech Republic
- Youth Programme – “Worse? Better? The Same!” with a school from France
- Youth Programme – “How do they do that?” with a school from France
- Mondialogo Project for schools associated in UNESCO with a school from Pakistan

Now we are searching for new partners to work with. As the range of students’ preferences is wide and the teaching staff is open-minded and devoted to their work, we are eager to involve in miscellaneous projects.

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Work language : german or english

Field of cooperation: cooperation of teachers and pupils, pupils exchange, correspondence

School presentation:

Unsere Schule liegt im Zentrum der Stadt Szczecin. Alle unserer Schueler lernen eine oder zwei Fremdsprachen- Deutsch und Englisch. Wir mochten uns mit der anderer Schule in Europa in Kontakt setzen, um unsere Schueler die Moglichkeit haben, ihre Sprachkenntnisse zu verbessern. In unserer Schule gibt es uber 600 Schueler. Wir laden Sie zu Zusammenarbeit ein.

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