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Interactive Ideas

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Abstract

We are going to continue with the presentation of one successful research project called “Social dialogue and cohesion – factors of competitive economic growth” with 1st rank scientific researcher Constantin Ciutacu as the project manager and full professor PhD Ioan Done as coordinator of the Petroleum-Gas University research team. In this issue, we are presenting several researching opportunities for young teachers and students. The editorial contains the presentation of the book “Food Security – Coordinates and Implications” which was written by asisstant professor Corina Ene and published at the Petroleum-Gas University Publishing House of Ploiesti.

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Successful Project

Project identification

Project name: Social dialogue and cohesion – factors of competitive economic growth
Project type: CEEEX Project, PN II, Model 4

Period: 2007-2010

Project manager: Deputy Director, PhD Constantin Ciutacu, scientific researcher 1st rank, The Institute of National Economy

Project coordinator: PhD Ioan Done, Full Professor, Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiești

Project description

During the last three and a half years respectively from October, 1st 2007 to May 31, 2010, National Institute of National Economy from the Romanian Academy, as leading project coordinator, in partnership with Petroleum and Gas University of Ploiesti and the Centre for the Economy of Industry and Services, carried out the project called *Social dialogue and cohesion – competitive economic growth factors*. The project manager was the Deputy Director of the Institute of National Economy, PhD Constantin Ciutacu, Scientific researcher 1st rank, and the coordinator for Petroleum and Gas University of Ploiesti was Ioan Done, Full Professor. Now this project is in the final stage of research, so we are glad to share the findings.

The main aims of this research project was to provide answers to a complex, topical and highly challenging issue for an economy in transition, as is the Romanian one, undergoing institutional-legal changes and complex structural reforms. This changing reality coupled with the high-speed pace of sciences and technology, brings the novelty of the issues of continuing renewal of knowledge, the need to acquire new skills, impossible to achieve without the participation, involvement and motivation of workers.

As it is known the social dialogue represents one of the fundamental pillars of the European social model and the provisions regarding the need for discussions, consulting, negotiations and joint actions of social partners for the well-being of Europe are closely aligned to the content of art. 138 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with the Directives regarding the information and consultation of workers, the European Works Council, the transfer of an enterprise or a part of an enterprise.

In view of its goals, the project “Social dialogue and cohesion – factors of competitive economic growth”, provided substantial support to competent authorities such as: Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities or to the bi - and tripartite bodies as National Agency for Employment and its territorial directorates or to the regional and local authorities, including Economic and Social Council, local social dialogue commissions, within ministries, National Board for Adult Vocational Training, national and regional representative social partners.

This project was organized in four stages, respectively:

- The 1st stage was entitled the *Social dialogue and involvement of workers – characteristics of the Romanian institutional model in the European context*, and was carried out over a 3-month interval, respectively from October the first, 2007 to December, 30 2007. The target of this stage was the development of a study on the legal-institutional framework of social dialogue and the involvement of workers in Romania, identifying the characteristics of the Romanian institutional model in the context of the European framework.
- The 2nd stage was called *Impact of social dialogue on the quality of employment and competitive economic growth*. Theoretical and methodological approaches took place from 1 January to 30 November 2008 and the aims of this stage were to outline the scientific-methodological tools used in the multi-dimensional approach to the application of social dialogue and its impact in terms of employment quality and competitive economic growth. In the course of this stage, a round table was organized in September 2008, for discussing the questionnaires and interview forms for SWOT analyses at national and international level as well as the local and company-level case studies used in the 3rd stage.
- The 3rd stage named *Social-economic assessments of the social dialogue. Impact on the quality of work, employment and economic growth. SWOT analyses at national and sectoral level*. The case studies at local and company level had an eleven months period, respectively from 1 December 2008 to 31 October 2009 and comprised 2 major subsections: an initial practical analysis subsection of fieldwork as interviews, SWOT analyses or case studies and a second subsection for processing and summarizing the information gathered in the course of practical analyses.
- The 4th stage regarding the *Courses of action to activate the functions of social dialogue as a factor of work quality and employment growth* was conducted over a period of 7 months starting from 1 November 2009 to 31 May 2010. The results obtained during the research were analysed and discussed for the purpose of outlining the possibility of activating the functions of social dialogue as a factor of work quality and employment growth and implicitly from the perspective of competitive economic growth.

From a scientific point of view, in addition to studies on conducted the topic of the project, it was proposed a multi-dimensional approach to social dialogue: national-local, regional-company-level and also the identification of relationships between these components. As an additional novelty, the studies carried out on economic growth has included in the equation

factors such as: human capital, education and lifelong learning with social dialogue, however, not necessarily highlighted as a factor of cohesion and fostering growth.

Also, the dissemination of project results has a two-tiered process: the publication of study reports and books and the organization of round tables and seminars with the participation of social partners and representatives of competent institutions in the field. The results obtained in the course of the research stages were the object of analysis and debate for the purpose of outlining the possibility of activating the functions of social dialogue as a factor of work quality and employment growth and implicitly from the perspective of competitive economic growth. The first draft of the study drawn up at the end of the project was the subject of a seminar organized in April. The period between 16 April - 31 May 2010 was earmarked for the completion of the stage report and also for the final report preparations for publishing a book.

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International Challenges

Master Européen en Science Politiques

L'Université libre de Bruxelles, l'Université of Bucarest et l'Université of Wroclaw organisent conjointement le master "European Master in Political Science. Central and Eastern European Politics and Societies".

Le programme se focalise sur la façon dont les pays de la région sont organisés et gouvernés, sur leur développement dans des contextes historiques et politiques spécifiques et leurs objectifs dans le domaine politique et social.



Le Master offre :

- un double diplôme accordé par l'Université d'accueil et l'Université choisie pour la mobilité;
- un certificat signé par tous les membres du Consortium;
- la possibilité d'étudier dans un cadre multiculturel et de profiter des innovations pédagogiques mises au point par les membres du Consortium;
- un grand nombre de cours spécialisés;
- un programme de cours intégré coordonné par les membres du Consortium;
- la possibilité d'apprendre une langue européenne dans le pays choisi pour la

mobilité;

- la possibilité d'acquérir une expérience professionnelle dans un environnement culturel, social et politique spécifique.

Le Master est soutenu par une équipe de chercheurs et professeurs jeunes et motivés, spécialistes des processus de démocratisation et d'europanisation des pays d'Europe centrale et orientale. Ce Master permet à ses diplômés de se positionner sur le marché du travail et d'y décrocher un emploi pour lequel la connaissance approfondie des pays de la région représente un atout important. Les étudiants sont bien armés pour accéder à des emplois dans différents secteurs : recherche, institutions publiques, entreprises, think thanks, organisations non gouvernementales, medias, institutions européennes et organisations internationales.

Le Master offre aussi la possibilité de participer à des voyages d'études en Roumanie, Pologne et Belgique.

Master Francophone en Relations Internationales et Politique Comparée

La Nouvelle Université Bulgare propose l'enseignement de master en langue française "Relations internationales et politique comparée" depuis 2007. Jusqu'ici, le programme a formé et forme une vingtaine d'étudiants bulgares et français.

Le master est la prolongation de la formation de baccalaver en langue française, offerte depuis dix ans par la Filière francophone du Département de sciences politiques de la Nouvelle Université Bulgare.

Le Master "Relations internationales et politique comparée" est l'unique en langue française en Bulgarie dans le domaine des sciences politiques et des relations internationales. Le programme est conçu avec des spécialistes de Belgique, de France, du Québec.



Une grande partie des cours du programme sont assurés par une équipe d'un professeur bulgare et d'un professeur français, belge ou canadien. Ceci permet l'ouverture des étudiants à des tendances et techniques d'éducation occidentales, tutorat avec les professeurs occidentaux et l'amélioration du niveau de langue française.

Leur ambition est d'internationaliser le programme, de l'ouvrir le plus possible à des étudiants venant d'autres pays membres de l'UE mais aussi d'autres pays membres de l'AUF. En même temps, au cours du troisième semestre les étudiants ont la possibilité de partir dans une université francophone dans le cadre des échanges du programme Erasmus ou des bourses de master de l'AUF.

La Nouvelle Université Bulgare offre à ses étudiants des locaux de cours très modernes et une ambiance créatrice. L'université mise sur une formation interactive, l'implication effective des étudiants et leur épanouissement. Le système informatisé facilite et encourage l'entretien des contacts à distance entre enseignants et étudiants.

Master régional “Management et politiques culturelles”

Le master, enseigné en anglais et en français, a atteint une réputation internationale. Accrédité auprès de l’Université Lyon 2 et soutenu autant par d’autres universités partenaires dans le programme que par des organisations professionnelles et des invités experts en la matière venant de l’Europe entière, le master attire non seulement les étudiants en provenance des Balkans mais aussi ceux de l’Europe et de tous les coins du monde qui sont intéressés à faire face aux nombreux défis et à se retrouver dans un environnement d’études nouveau, stimulant et différent.



Etant située au coeur des Balkans, l’Université profite des ressources culturelles que lui offre la capitale ainsi que de la richesse de l’art régionale et de la culture des communautés qui se rejoignent à Belgrade. Ce programme permet aux étudiants de faire partie de cette capital créatrice et du paysage multiculturel des Balkans.

Grâce à son excellence à promouvoir la coopération interculturelle et à ses capacités de médiateur dans le domaine de la culture, le Master en Management et politiques culturelles dans les Balkans a reçu la nomination de la Chaire de l’UNESCO pour l’année 2004.

Le Master en Management et politiques culturelles se réalise à travers des enseignements théoriques, des élaborations de projet, des travaux de recherche et résolutions de problèmes, de travail en petits groupes, des travaux dirigés individuels ou en groupe, des stages en France ainsi que dans les pays des Balkans, des séminaires et des ateliers conçus pour aider les étudiants à développer une vaste compréhension du contexte et une habileté en matière de recherche, ainsi qu’à devenir conscient des problèmes professionnels, etc.

Le programme est couronné par la rédaction et la soutenance d’un mémoire et finalement par l’obtention d’un diplôme *Master en Management et politiques culturelles* délivré par l’Université des Arts de Belgrade et un diplôme *Master 2 professionnel Développement culturel et Direction de projet* délivré par l’Université Lyon2.

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Editorial Event

Food Security - Coordinates and Implications

by Corina Ene

This book is a synthesis thoroughly based on scientific research in the context of the author's purpose - addressing the major milestones, interventions, achievements and trends at national, regional and international level, concerning food security implications on food and nutrition policies.

The area of the targeted issues is extensive and important to many sciences - as object of investigation; in this context, the author has opted for orienting the research in the field of the science of commodities, taking into account that such an approach requires systematic and systemic vision based on a multidisciplinary approach, which finally enabled her to provide a striking character of originality of all the work, while making it timely, relevant and useful.

The book is adequately structured in chapters, addressing issues in a balanced way, in a logical sequence. In its contents, various issues related with food security are addressed, such as:

- its meaning and implications as a major problem in the contemporary world;
- a successive approach of food security components;
- emphasizing basic coordinates of the relation between nutrition and health;
- the food demand and supply connection and its implications in food security;
- food security implications for *food security - nutrition and food policy* equation;
- international organizations created to promote efforts to ensure global food security;
- systematizing those courses of action that can contribute to food security through joint efforts of developed and developing countries.

The book is, by theme, structure and scientific contributions, a thorough research conducted and presented in clear and rigorous scientific style.

Its structure is balanced and the original character of the work is adequately represented by the uniform approach, the vastness of theoretical issues and practical implications, as well as by combining the concepts and methodologies researched and stated by the author. In this context, the book appears to be a very useful study for both economy students and actors involved in research and practice of food production and related fields.



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Opinii interactive

Rezumat

Continuăm în acest număr cu prezentarea unui proiect de cercetare câștigat prin competiție, intitulat “Dialogul și coeziunea socială – factori ai creșterii economice competitive”, având drept coordonator pe Constantin Ciutacu, cercetător științific gradul I și ca director de proiect din partea Universității Petrol-Gaze din Ploiești pe profesor universitar Ioan Done. În acest număr vă prezentăm câteva oportunități de cercetare și pregătire profesională dedicate cadrelor didactice tinere și studenților. În cadrul evenimentului editorial este prezentată cartea „Securitatea alimentară – coordonate și implicații” scrisă de lector universitar Corina Ene și publicată la Editura Universității Petrol-Gaze din Ploiești.