

## **"Evens Prize 2005 for Intercultural Education Awarded to INTER Project"** ***Viennese company 'navreme' a co-laureate in Madrid-lead European project***

navreme knowledge development KEG from Vienna, Constantinus Award winner in Austria 2003, is a co-laureate of the prestigious Evens Prize for Intercultural Education in Europe, for its EU-funded Comenius project "INTER" with partners in 7 European countries.

On 22 October 2005 in Antwerpen (BE), this Prize is awarded to a project or organization recognized for making an "outstanding contribution to European social integration in the field of intercultural education, and [having] demonstrated determination and creativity." The award of 25.000 € is conferred every two years. Through a Europe-wide call, the Evens Foundation invites applications from among which a committee of independent experts selects a winner.

***The 2005 jury considered the "INTER" project to be "a very innovative and intercultural project which is capable of being transferred and implemented in schools, providing a practical tool for initial and in-service training of teachers".***

**INTER: A practical Guide to implement Intercultural Education** emerged from a Salzburg Seminar session on "Race and Ethnicity" in 1999, and was coordinated by the Spanish distance university UNED ([www.uned.es](http://www.uned.es)). Its aim is to improve quality of education and contribute to innovation by the implementation of an intercultural approach. The project focused on developing, utilising and validating a practical guide for teacher training (for both initial and in-service teachers) which facilitates Intercultural Education in European schools. Intercultural Education is understood in a broader sense as active learning to address xenophobia and racism, social and cultural diversity. Issues of ethnicity are only one dimension of the way in which "intercultural" is conceived in a process that enhances inclusive education.

During 2003-2005, the INTER Project has 1) mapped cultural diversity, educational practices and policies in Europe in addressing diversity issues; 2) prepared the initial version of the guide; and 3) tested the guide as a training tool in 14 participating institutions in 8 countries, adapting it to their practices (ODL and face to face) and target groups (initial and in-service teaching students).

The guide is now available in different formats to be used in face-to-face and virtual learning environments: Paper edition - CD-ROM - Web CT version (only in English) - Electronic version on Web Site. In addition to curriculum and teaching materials, a DVD "Kaleidoschool" on intercultural experiences of schools across Europe, a document resource base, and a glossary are included. The final version of the INTER Guide is now available in English, Spanish, Czech, Latvian, Norwegian, and Portuguese.

"The Evens Award highlights INTER and intercultural education at the right moment, as the European Union is suffering from an identity crisis," comments navreme's executive Bernd Baumgartl. "Only by managing and valuing diversity can a European identity emerge - in addition to national and other identities."

navreme (in Slavic languages the word means „at the right time“) works through a sustainable network of collaborators in the EU and its neighbourhood. On the basis of projects and assignments, international teams implement research, consulting, evaluation and training in the public sectors. Jointly with British, German and Italian partners, it advises the European Commission under a framework contract. Further clients include national ministries, international organizations, Council of Europe, World Bank and UN. The navreme network has nodes in [Vienna](#), [Prague](#) and [Skopje](#).

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