



Round table on the role of knowledge in regional economy

On 22 September 2009 the International School for Social and Business Studies (ISSBS) organised a round table »The Role of Knowledge in Regional Economy and International Challenges«, attended by representatives of the ISSBS, representatives of the Polish College of Enterprise and Administration (WSPA) from Lublin and representatives of the local community and companies from Celje region.



ISSBS is well-known for organisation of discussions, such as meetings of its representatives with human resources professionals of Celje region. The organised round table enabled exchange of opinions, ideas and proposals among the key players in the field of development of tertiary education in Celje and its region. In the frames of the Erasmus programme the discussion was also attended by representatives of the Polish partner faculty who shared their own experience and viewpoint of the role of knowledge in regional economy.

Mr. Stane Rozman, deputy mayor of the Municipality of Celje, represented the current state of tertiary education in Celje region and the vision for its future development. He stressed the importance of development of the region into an attractive and education promoting environment for the prevention of brain drain from the region and encouragement of influx of educated people from other parts of Slovenia and abroad. Ms. Katja Esih, director of Regional Study Centre in Celje, suggested that cooperation between educational institutions, local community and local economy is a key factor of successful development of the “region of knowledge”.



An ISSBS's representative, doc. dr. Kristijan Lešnik Musek, represented the faculty's experience in cooperation with local community and economy, and challenges and opportunities of international cooperation. Representatives of the Polish college, prof. dr. Zbigniew Pastuszek and dr. Joanna Bielecka-Prus, gave examples of good cooperation between Polish higher education institutions, economy and local community, and offered recommendations for the Slovene environment.



Dr. Drago Dubrovski, ISSBS's associate professor, talked about the international dimension of knowledge in economy and the importance of knowledge in times of an economic crisis. The discussion was also joined by students and lecturers of the ISSBS.



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