

Dear all,

Welcome to 3rd edition of our eBCC Newsletter!

At the beginning of May, we have successfully completed our first round of **Sub-Competitions (SCs)** and with all the positive experiences from this first set of competitions we are ready to start into the second round.

As already announced in the previous newsletters, the two winners of each discipline qualify directly for the international finals in Vienna from July 6 to 11, 2008. The others are put on the waiting list. **By May 28, the definite list of participants of the finals will be published.**

So far SCs have already been taking place in:

Moldova:	April 11-13, 2008
Bosnia-Herzegovina:	April 19-20, 2008
Macedonia:	April 18-20, 2008
Montenegro:	April 18-20, 2008
Serbia:	April 19-20, 2008
Slovenia:	April 18-20, 2008

Still to be held are SCs in:

Albania:	May 10-11, 2008
Austria:	May 17-18, 2008
Bulgaria:	May 14-15, 2008
Croatia:	May 16-17, 2008
Kosovo:	May 10-11, 2008
Romania:	May 10-11, 2008

Congratulations to all the winners that have already been selected: You really did a great job and impressed jury and judges with your excellent performances. We are looking forward to **welcoming you to**

the international finals in July! Also for those you were not among the winners: We hope that you enjoyed your participation and that it added a valuable element to your personal and professional CVs. Share your experiences with your colleagues and apply again next year! And of course **good luck** for the participants of the upcoming Sub-Competitions!

In this context, we are happy to invite **ALL** participants to provide us with any sort of **feedback** on your experiences! It is the first time that we are implementing SCs in all 12 participating countries and also for us - the whole BCC team - this ongoing process constitutes a unique experience. We are proud of our many positive results so far and also want to learn from the points that have not been that great (yet)... Obviously, it is your information that lays the basis for further developments that will then be of benefit to the up-coming BCC generations. Therefore, please keep that in mind and take a minute and write back to us on what your impressions were! (Mail to any of us in the BCC Team: veronika.nitsche@wus-austria.org; elisabeth.campestrini@wus-austria.org or jasmin.moser@wus-austria.org.)

For those of you who will participate in the *Finals in Vienna from July 6 to 11*- please check the **website**www.bcchallenge.org regularly for **relevant information/news**. In addition, also the **Local Coordinator** in your respective home country will support you on any questions you might have.

Well that is it for now! After completing our rounds of Sub-Competitions, we'll continue introducing our Local Coordinators and present to you selected successful participants of the BCC.

Meanwhile enjoy looking at pictures from our first SC in Moldova and reading further about the impressions, our Local Coordinator in Moldova, Irina Aga, had on this FIRST implementation of all our SCs in SEE.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Cheers,

Your BCC Team

Moldova Case Challenge 2008
by Irina Aga (Local Coordinator in Moldova)



Moldova Case Challenge in the frame of the Balkan Case Challenge was a great experience for the actors involved in this project. During 11th-13th of April 2008, WUS Austria in cooperation with Student Alliance from Moldova organized the first holding of the BCC Sub-Competition. The event took place at the Free International University of Moldova. At the opening ceremony, partners, participants, media and Honor Guests expressed their impressions and expectations from this project. According to the agenda, participants had the unique chance to assist and to take part in several trainings such as a **Professional Power Point Presentations (Valeria Ieseanu, UNDP)**, **Presentation Skills (Mariana Turcan, National Youth Council of Moldova)**, **Oleg Palanciuc (CV writing and Job Fair)**. In addition, organizers of this event facilitated a meeting of the candidates from the Edition 2008 of the project with the Alumni of the BCC. This shared experience and all the questions that were discussed gave to participants the motivation that *they have to face the challenge*.



The BCC was a unique chance for us – the BCC Team – to interact and to negotiate with partners. In this wonderful team, Alumni of the BCC, the Project Coordination team from WUS Austria, the Local Coordinator of the BCC in Moldova and volunteers were included. All of them proved that there are no limits to the perspective of the promotion of the best students from Moldova. Companies offered internships in their offices - professionally organized, paid internships - and further we received from the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova internships for the students from MEC competition. Now we have even many more proposals from different institutions who are recommending qualified young specialists.



In May we agreed with our partners to organize the Recruitment Event with the participation of the students from the universities of Moldova, and to invite potential partners for the next year in the frame of the Balkan Case Challenge at local level.



The impressions of the participants and of the partners are the best, because they had the possibility to discover new fresh potential in a professional approach. The contacts that Moldova Case Challenge obtained from this project are the best basis for new contacts for the Balkan Case Challenge 2009 at local level. There is no perfect way; there is only experience, work, ambition and motivation to achieve the goal proposed. From Moldova Case Challenge we discovered the best students, not by their academic results, but by their professional skills in practice, due to the real case studies, real judges, which was a challenge that they were able to deal with successfully.



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