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## Retrospection MILESTONES 2006:



### EBC\*L Launch Kosovo Pristina, March 2006

In March 2006 the official opening ceremony of the EBC\*L office in Kosovo took place. The representation has been taken over by the company *smart bits* which is located in Pristina and managed by Mr. Bekim Kasumi.

### EBC\*L Launch Romania Bucharest, April 2006

Together with EBC\*L International the Council for Business Competence in Europe celebrated the opening of the representative office in Romania. In Romania the field work for EBC\*L will be done by the Romanian Association for Adult Education led by Ms. Mariana Matache.



### New EBC\*L Country Croatia Zagreb, May 2006

Once more a white spot on the European map was made accessible for EBC\*L because in May 2006 the Public Open University Zagreb (POUZ) took over the EBC\*L representation in Croatia. Head of the representative office is Mr Igor Njegovan.



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## New EBC\*L Country Slovakia

Trnava, May 2006

In May 2006 we could also welcome Slovakia as a new coming partner with EBC\*L International. The representation was taken over by the Slovakian Chamber of Trade and Industries, Regional Chamber Trnava. On the photo to the right we'd like to introduce you Ms. Jana Gallova, the head of the representative office.



## 1. Vienna Congress on European Business Competence – Ready for global Economy

Vienna, May 2006

In May 2006 the Council for Business Competence in Europe together with EBC\*L International have extended an invitation for the 1. Vienna Congress on European Business Competence. 60 participants coming from 14 European countries were present. The meeting concentrated on the

key qualification "business competence" in order to meet the challenges of global economy. The EBC\*L's role as being an international business certificate and the motor of education in management was highly appreciated.

## EBC\*L Austria Meeting, Presentation EBC\*L Level B

Vienna, August 2006

On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2006 the Austrian EBC\*L meeting 2006 took place in Vienna. More than 60 project leaders and deputy project leaders, invigilators, evaluators and trainers coming from accredited exam centres all over Austria attended the meeting and were informed about the current EBC\*L developments.

The most important subject of the conference was the information on EBC\*L Level B because in January 2007 Level B has been introduced in Austria and will gradually be initiated in all EBC\*L partner countries.



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## Train-the-Trainer Workshop in Croatia

Zagreb, September 2006

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2006 an international Train-the-Trainer seminar was held in English language in Croatia. 11 trainers from the 6 EBC\*L countries Serbia, Croatia, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Hungary participated at a three days event in Zagreb. This seminar enabled the participants to train instructors in their own countries for the EBC\*L.

As expected the feedback was more than positive. Furthermore they could use the time together for

the exchange of their personal experience.



## Co-operation Agreement

Vienna, September 2006

In September 2006 a co-operation contract was signed between the Foundation for Regional Knowledge Network, Pannon Forrás, and the Council for Business Competence, EBC\*L Hungary and EBC\*L International. The agreement will be the basis for the further expansion of EBC\*L in the Carpathian region.

## EBC\*L Launch Serbia

Belgrad, November 2006

In November 2006 the official opening of the EBC\*L office in Serbia could be arranged. Our representatives in Belgrad will be the Centre of Human Resources Development and Management located in Belgrad. Mr Vladimir Ivankovic acts as the head of the representative office.





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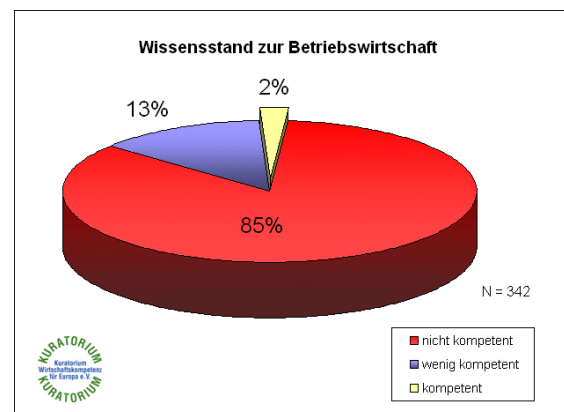


## Study on Business Competence in the German speaking Area

Vienna, November 2006

When politicians, journalist and entrepreneurs speak about business administration and therefore use a special terminology even academics do not know what the subject is all about. Only 2 out of 100 graduated candidates could actually pass the examination on the elementary expressions and interrelations of basics in the field of business management. The general know-how on managerial terms is worse than expected. This is what the study commissioned by the Council for Business Competence and EBC\*L International found out.

The study was conducted in the entire German speaking area which is Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Most of the people tested (432) come from Austria (195). However the results have turned out to be similarly bad in each single country and the percentage of those having passed the exam is almost vanishing.



## Friederike Martschitz is now part of our Team at EBC\*L International

Vienna, January 2006

In January 2007 we could welcome our new colleague, Ms. Friederike Martschitz. Together with Mr. Martin Purpur she will be responsible for EBC\*L International and will therefore take care of our existing representative office and concentrate on the acquisition of new countries.