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# REPORT: Creating "Debate News for EU" October 2013

Name of event: Creating "Debate News for EU"

Date(s) of event: October 2013

Location of event: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Activities (training, seminar, tournament, etc): Publishing magazine

**Number of participants:** 8 (Members of the redaction)

Background of participants (type of school, age, ethnic background (if relevant) etc):

Redaction: Tijana Ljuboje - main editor of "Debate News", Anja Gengo - associate for the permanent section "Students' corner", Amer Musić – associate for the section "Visiting Debatology", Amela Ibrahimagić – associate for the permanent section "Words by the Greats", Anesa Vilić - DTP, Nadina Balagić - associate for coordination with schools and collecting debaters' texts for "Letters received", Sedika Cerić – associate for the permanent section "Coaches' corner", Zoran Marčeta – financial assistant.

October issue of Debate News IdebateEU was published on November 4th 2013 on www.ckdbih.com in section Publications/Debate News. The number of visits to CCD's official website was 1473, which proves the large popularity of Debate News and interest of young people from BiH and the Region for content which can be read in them. The October issue of Debate News had total of 39 pages.

## Motions/topics/focus:

Considering that September issue of Debate News connected debate and cultural heritage of BiH and that it provoked positive reactions from debate clubs that created original texts dedicated to the famous personalities in BiH cultural heritage, Debate News' address received materials prepared by the debaters in their clubs during September with aim to promote the cultural heritage of BiH. In October issue of Debate News, creative materials from the following debate clubs were published:

- 1. MSS Stjepana Radića Usora Stjepan Radić
- 2. KŠC Gimnazija Banja Luka Ivan Franjo Jukić
- 3. Srednja elektrotehnička škola Prijedor Isak Samokovlija
- 4. Internacionalna privatna gimnazija Mostar Dalibor Nikolić
- 5. Ekonomska škola Brčko cultural monuments of the city of Brčko
- 6. Elektrotehnička škola Tuzla Mak Dizdar
- 7. SŠC "Petar Kočić" Zvornik Duško Trifunović
- 8. MSŠ Čelić Nedžad Ibrišimović
- 9. Centar za slijepu i slabovidu djecu i omadinu Sarajevo presentation about the city of Tešanj

In the October issue of Debate News two demo debates were presented. They were organized on topic of EU in Banja Luka and Mostar. Gimnazija Banja Luka celebrated a year of existence of debate club "Gorgije" by organizing demo debate, and the Debate News presented the names of participants and judges. Debate was on topic: "Education should be priority and main motive of BiH in European integrations", and the participants shared their attitudes for an hour and tried to state the importance of the education for European integrations. Debate was attended by representatives of educational institutions and government, so the task

























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of young people was even more demanding, but a well prepared research and respect for debate rules contributed that the first birthday of debate club "Gorgije" was realized in the most successful manner.

In the October issue of Debate News a demo debate in Srednja elektrotehnička škola Mostar was also presented. It was on topic: "BiH should repeat the census by European standards". This debate was presented through the interview with Nadina Balagić, program assistant in CCD, who attended the debate, and the questions regarded the quality of the debate, the importance of the topic and the best team in the debate.

## Describe what happened/what the participants did in a bit more detail:

The October issue of Debate News presented the following texts related to European integrations:

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Public debate of debate club "Gorgije" from Gimnazija Banja Luka was held

BiH should repeat the census by European standards?

Visiting Barcelona – the worst drivers

Did you know this about EU

In 39 pages of Debate News the information about the implementation of the IdebateEU project were presented, interesting information about the EU member states, as well as creative materials prepared by the members of debate clubs about BiH's cultural heritage in order to contribute to promotion of BiH cultural heritage among young people, with objective to preserve the tradition from assimilation.

## Remarkable things (quotes, publicity of the event, impact on participants or public, reception, etc):

Debate News were delivered in two copies to coaches and captains of debate clubs - total of 98 copies. Considering that Debate News are a free monthly informer about CCD's activities dedicated to wider public, and not only for members of debate program, based on the number of visitations to CCD's website, it can be concluded that the number of reading October issue of Debate News is close to 1000. This data implies that the considerable number of readers from BiH and the surrounding countries had the chance to learn about the importance of the debate and culture of communication for BiH entering the EU. October issue of Debate News presented 9 creative materials from debate club in BiH which contributed to promote and preserve the cultural heritage of BiH and therefore influenced the decrease of prejudices about European culture. BiH is a part of Europe and European culture, and only the promotion of cultural heritage can contribute the preservation of BiH's culture from wasting away and to increase the awareness about its values in BiH and other countries.

### Lessons learned (if any):

Debate News' readers had the opportunity to gain new knowledge about EU legislative, institutions, membership and conditions for membership in the section: Did you know this about EU. Also, they were given interesting information about each member state. Through presentation of the creative students' work dedicated to cultural heritage and famous personalities in BiH. Debate News contributed to the promotion of culture of BiH and its establishment as important and unique culture in Europe.

Please add 1-3 pictures of the event to the email.

Please provide a link to any video material or photo albums of the event.





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