

Prepare DALMEX

Prepare Danube Area Labour Exchange; Duration: January 1, 2014 until December 31, 2015

The project of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB), "PREPARE DALMEX" will enable trade unionists and the other stakeholders of the labour market in the Danube region to establish and strengthen their networks – most notably through common activities in the countries of interest. In line with these activities, a project with countries from the common region should be developed within the framework of the Danube Strategy.

Apart from Austria, the countries of the Danube area include the following EU member states: Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Germany. The candidate countries include: Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova and the Ukraine.

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Initial position

The social and economic situation of the people in the common region differs strongly: youth unemployment, precarious employment and the marginalisation of minorities have increased dramatically. Additionally, the power of trade unions and employers' representatives has weakened substantially so that cooperation between social partners is very difficult. Social peace in our common region can only be achieved when people have social and economic stability. The rights of workers should be improved through the strong cooperation between trade unions, the social partners and all relevant stakeholders. The project, "Prepare DALMEX" should lay the groundwork for a future project that will make a contribution to social peace in the common region

Aims of the project

- Building sustainable networks for trade unions and social partners
- Providing information for workers concerning employment in border countries
- Planning of a longer term project within the EU strategy for the Danube region