

On June 12th 1998, in Timisoara took place the first Euro-regional meeting of independent radio stations from Romania, Serbia and Hungary. Representatives from Radio West Timisoara, Radio 021 Novi Sad (Yugoslavia) and Radio Media 6 Szeged (Hungary) signed an agreement with the aim to stimulate the tri-lateral collaboration. On July 4th 1998, at the end of a second meeting, in Szeged (Hungary), the representatives of the three independent radio stations signed a new Agreement stipulating the foundation of "Euro-media Danube-Maris-Tisa-Kris" project with the following goals:

- a) to inform the public, media and international organizations about "Euro-media Danube-Maris-Tisa-Kris" project;
- b) to establish the most suitable ways to accomplish the technical needs in order to exchange the audio and other materials between the studios and to create the basis for further development of the technical mechanisms used for communication already debated at the first meeting from Timisoara;
- c) to analyze and decide the structure and the deadlines of the audio materials which will be broadcasted as a part of the project;
- d) to establish the basic elements of a unique marketing strategy;
- e) to debate and elaborate a project to inform the European Community, the European Union and international organizations who support quick Euro-regional development about "Euro-media Danube-Maris-Tisa-Kris".

On September 12th 1998, in Novi Sad, the participants signed The Novi Sad Agreement (see the Annex) with the concrete activities for the first common Euro-regional radio program. In December 1998, the first 60 minutes Euro-regional radio program "Euro-media Danube-Maris-Tisa-Kris" was broadcasted simultaneously in Timisoara (by Radio West), Novi Sad (by Radio 021) and Szeged (by Radio Media 6).

The cooperation between the three partners continued at the beginning of the Kosovo war and in the 1999 summer (when representatives of the three radio stations participated at the First Edition of the Summer School for the Regional and Euro-regional Journalism organized by Radio West and West Foundation in Sebis, Arad County). The co-operation stopped in the 1999 Autumn, under the constraints of the Serbian regime hindering freedom of speech.

The Euro-regional cooperation was relaunched again on April 5-7th 2001, on the occasion of the Euro-regional Mass Media Meeting, organized by CED in Timisoara. The event aimed at bringing together journalists, press institution and media related NGO's and thus at increasing media's contribution to the establishment and/or consolidation of democracy in the region. At this meeting did participate representatives from Radio 021 Novi Sad, VK Radio Kikinda & City Radio Senta, Radio Implus Vrsac, Radio Pancevo etc. Debates focused on the results of "Euro-media Danube-Maris-Tisa-Kris" project. All participants approved the initiation of the PROBITAS Project as an important step for the promotion of regional co-operation.

The participants agreed the Project objectives as follows: a) to train the future journalists; b) to create a suitable framework for developing the interdisciplinary and co-operative journalistic activities; c) to create an appropriate background for identifying and approaching the common problems from ex-communist countries.

The proposed project has to respond to this by: a) identifying the common problems in Euro-region; b) initiating young journalists and enhancing their technical and professional skills, through inter-operational training programs, in the utilization of modern equipments and technologies of communication; c) an inter-operational journalistic network (consolidating the Euro-regional journalistic community)