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RMC Staff training seminar

The first RMC staff training seminar was held on 18-19 May 2005 in Sofia.

At the seminar participated representatives of all Bulgarian mobility centers – from Sofia, Varna, Stara Zagora and Rousse (Annex 1)

The main topics of the seminar agenda included:

1. Conditions for entry and stay in Bulgaria, Assoc. Prof. Ljubomir Timchev
2. Conditions for entry with a vehicle in Bulgaria, Assoc. Prof. Ljubomir Timchev
3. Information and services for the mobile researchers, Elissaveta Gourova
4. Work with the National research mobility portal, Elissaveta Gourova
5. Social insurance in Bulgaria, Hristina Mitreva
6. Health insurance in Bulgaria, Hristina Mitreva

In addition to the lectures offered by experts in the relevant field, at the seminar were provided comprehensive training materials for further self-training in the area of visa and entry conditions, social and health insurance (see Deliverable 3.4).

An interactive computer session was held for work with the National mobility portal. The participants were invited to assist mobile researchers on the basis of a variety of case studies (Annex 2).

As the topics were considered very interesting for all participants, it was decided that at regional level the seminar will be repeated with the same format.

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Case study 1

A Latvian Researcher will take up a position in one of the Institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for two years.

His wife and two children will move with him. They do not speak Bulgarian, but one child is already at school (primary), the other would need kindergarten.

He would like to get advice on the following:

- What is the procedure and the necessary documents for obtaining a Visa and permission for 2 years stay in Bulgaria for him and his family.
- Problems related to the welcome and happiness of his family and of the children: schooling, language courses, kindergarten

Case study 2

A Polish doctoral candidate (just started the doctorate) is moving to Bulgaria as she received a Marie Curie grant to carry out part of the doctoral training in a lab in Varna.

She intends to stay for 3 years and to possibly carry out most of the research work.

Please help her for finding accommodation in Varna, and provide her advice on the necessary visa and long-stay arrangements.

Case study 3

A German Professor will take up a position at the Technical University of Sofia for two years.

He does not speak Bulgarian, but would like to study during his stay.

He would like to get advice on the following:

- Work permit, what does he need to do ?
- Finding accommodation?
- Bulgarian language courses for foreigners

Case study 4

A French doctoral candidate (just started the doctorate) is moving to Rousse as he received a Marie Curie grant to carry out part of the doctoral training in a lab in Rousse.

He intends to stay for 2 years and to possibly carry out most of the research work.

He is married and would like to find a position for his wife, who is currently working as an engineer in a postdoc position with a short term contract.

He would like to bring her car with her.

Please advise him on the necessary paper work for entering Bulgaria with a car, and driving in Bulgaria with a foreign driving license.

Secondly: please help him to find a job for his wife.

Case study 5

A researcher from the USA is invited as a guest professor at Sofia university. He will stay 6 months in Sofia and will need accommodation.

He needs also information related to visa and working permit for his stay.

Please help him to solve his problems with accommodation and the necessary documents for entry and work in Bulgaria.

Case study 6

An Albanian researchers intends to move to Bulgaria to carry out research work in Stara Zagora.

She intends to stay for 3 years.

She is afraid that the stay and work in Bulgaria would be not recognised by the Albanian social security authorities.

She would need a doctor and health insurance.

Please help her with advises about social security and pension rights transfer to Albania. Provide her help for obtaining health insurance and services.

Case study 7

A researcher from India got a research position at Bulgarian high tech company and she needs your assistance for the following:

Visa formalities and work permit as well as all the necessary information about taxes, as she intends to stay in Bulgaria for a maximum of 4 years.

Case study 8:

A Spanish researcher met the woman of his life and intends to move to Plovdiv as she still studies there.

He has already found a professor at Plovdiv university who would allow him to continue his doctorate, but he could not yet guarantee him a grant.

However, before moving he wants to know from the Spanish authorities whether they will recognise his PhD diploma obtained in Bulgaria? What about taxes in Bulgaria? And how to find a grant for his stay in Plovdiv?

It is now up to you to provide him with very detailed information which will help him to take this important decision.

Case study 9

A researcher from India is just finishing his 4 years postdoc in computer science and engineering. He would like to continue to stay in Bulgaria though he needs another position.

Meanwhile also his partner would like to move to Bulgaria and undertake a doctoral programme.

The question now is where to get the right information whether or not her degree would be recognised so that she could get a PhD position? And where could she find information about PhD positions.

Please can you help also the Indian researchers for finding a new job.

Case study 10

A researcher from Ukraina has got a position in one of the Institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for two years.

His wife will move with him. They are expecting their first child.

The researcher would like to know all about social security in Bulgaria (health and pension insurance). He is interested if his work time spent in Bulgaria would be recognised back home. The other issue is to find a doctor and a hospital where his child will be born. Please advise him on the issues above.

Case study 11

A Bulgarian researcher is moving to Spain. He will take his wife and two children with him.

He would like to get advice on the following:

- What is the procedure and the necessary documents for obtaining a Visa and permission for 2 years stay in Spain for him and his family.
- Which is the procedure for recognition of their documents (school and university diplomas, other certificates) in Spain?

Case study 12

A Bulgarian researcher is moving to Slovakia. He has got a 2 years contract for doing a research work in Bratislava.

He would like to get advice on the following:

- What he needs to do for health and pension insurance in Slovakia? Will his working period in Slovakia be recognised for pension later on? How he will gain health rights in Bulgaria after coming back?
- What is the situation with taxes in Bulgaria?

Case study 13

A Bulgarian PhD student has got a grant for doing his PhD thesis in Germany. However, he would like after that to return in Bulgaria, as his wife will not move with him as she has a very good position in Bulgaria and would not like to lose it.

He would like to get advice on the following:

- What is the procedure and the necessary documents for obtaining a Visa and permission for 1.5 years stay in Germany?
- Which is the procedure for recognition of his diploma after coming back in Bulgaria?

Case study 14

A Norwegian doctoral candidate is moving to Bulgaria as she received a Marie Curie grant to carry out part of the doctoral training at UNWE in Sofia. She intends to stay for 3 years and to possibly carry out most of the research work.

Please help her for finding a student accommodation in Sofia, and provide her advice on the necessary visa and long-stay arrangements.

Case study 15

A Canadian Researcher will take up a position in one of the Institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for three years. His wife and small child will move with him. They do not speak Bulgarian, and would like to study the language. They would need a kindergarten. The whole family would like to get knowledge about Bulgaria and Bulgarian culture. They intend to travel on their own on weekends and would need a car.

Please help them for the following:

- to find kindergarten for the child and a language course for the wife;
- advise them where to rent a car and to find information for sightseeing in Bulgaria.