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**4TH MEETING OF
THE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATORS
OF THE UNIDEM CAMPUS SEMINARS**

(Trieste, 4 October 2004)

SYNOPSIS

The UNIDEM Campus project, the Venice Commission's programme of legal training for civil servants from 11 countries¹ financed by the Region Friuli-Venezia Giulia, is completing its fourth year.

The national co-ordinators of the project held a meeting on 4 October 2004, in Trieste, in order *inter alia* to choose the topics for the seminars of 2005, and to perfect the follow-up to training seminars.

During the meeting, the participants agreed that the topics to be dealt with in the five (5) seminars of 2005 will be the following:

- The role of media freedom and pluralism in strengthening democracy (24 – 28 January 2005),
- Administrative justice and inter-ministerial communication within the public administration (14 – 18 March 2005),
- Diversity and cohesion : integration policies for minorities and immigrants (16 – 20 May 2005),
- The legal framework for public administration performance indicators and performance measurement (27 June – 1 July 2005), and
- The impact of the enlarged EU on new member states and prospects for further enlargement (24 – 28 October 2005).

In respect of the choice of the participants by the national co-ordinators, the importance of candidates being in a position where they can not only apply the knowledge gained from the seminar, but also ensure that such knowledge is transmitted to other public officials within the country was underlined.

In order to facilitate the realisation of the very objective of the UNIDEM Campus, that is the “training of trainees”, and thus contribute towards dissemination of information within participating countries, the Co-ordinators agreed to endeavour to ensure that adequate follow-up initiatives (such as internal conferences and round tables) be indeed organised by the participants upon their return.

Additional funding of the UNIDEM Campus Programme is necessary. Participants thus agreed on the need to obtain financial support from other member-States.

Participants were also informed of the intention to organise, within the framework of the UNIDEM Campus, a summer school for civil servants by the University of Trieste in co-operation with the University of Graz.

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¹ *The nine countries concerned by the Stability Pact (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, “the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Moldova, Slovenia, and Romania) plus Belarus and Ukraine, which have more recently been admitted to the programme.*