

## **Regional UN Academy**

Based on the close cooperation among representatives of United Nations Associations in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia; Academic Council on the United Nations System and UN headquarters in Vienna a new program of Regional UN Academy was launched on January 13, 2012 at the UN offices in Vienna. This international project aims to educate university students about work and activities of the United Nations and to provide them with a better understanding of UN mission and values.

During this program 40 students from Central-European countries will participate in special lectures covering main range of UN activities where practitioners from various fields will share their experience. Besides lectures on national level, each country will host one international lecture session for students from participating countries.

In addition, students will take field trips to UN institutions in Vienna to meet the practitioners outside the class. This unique opportunity will enable them to talk to well-known experts and to people who are directly involved in UN activities. Moreover, students will be supposed to make research on selected topic in international teams throughout the whole year and make presentation of their outcomes during the final session at the Vienna International Center.

Program will be open for the students of Bachelor's and Master's programs related to international studies, world politics and diplomacy in cooperating universities. Applicants to the program will be interviewed based on the knowledge and interest in the United Nations. 10 students from each country will be chosen to participate in the program. After finishing the program students will receive a certificate of Regional UN Academy issued in Vienna by the United Nations Information Service (UNIS).

Partners of this project are institutions operating in the field of international relations such Members of World Federation of United Nations Associations, Academic Council on the United Nations System. Universities in participating countries, UN institutions (UNIS, CTBTO), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and Austria.

### **TIMELINE:**

#### January 12-13, 2012:

Launching the project Vienna, Austria

#### Beginning of May, 2012:

Session in Prague, Czech Republic

#### Beginning of October, 2012:

Session in Szeged, Hungary

#### Early December, 2012:

Closing session in Vienna, Austria (maybe linked to Bratislava, Slovakia). At the same time, certificates for completing the program will be issued by UNIS Vienna.