

CORE DOCUMENT
on
NIHA-plans
for the
Celebration of 400 years
NL-TR diplomatic relations
in 2012

A great number of Dutch & Turkish Organisations and individual persons are planning to organise various activities in 2012 to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of NL-TR diplomatic relations.

Some of them prefer to organise an event on their own, others try to organise events together with partner organisations or plan to give logistic support to the plans of others.

NIHA will be active in all the above-mentioned approaches.

The plans of NIHA and its partners are summarised below. We will start with a series of OPEN CONCEPTS -which can in principle be used by everyone- and will be followed by our other 2012 projects

The various links in this document lead you to information about co-organisers, more detailed information about the project and visual material. This document will be reviewed regularly and revised if necessary.

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OPEN CONCEPTS for 2012

- **MEETING YOUR PARTNERS IN YOUR OWN TRAIN!!**

There is a wide range of possibilities to travel throughout Turkey by train and visit (possible) partners at the various stop-over's, organise seminars in the conference carriage, have great meals in the restaurant carriage prepared by Dutch & Turkish interns, and sleep as long as you need in the sleeping carriage, while you are passing through the exciting Turkish landscape.

For more information: <http://www.nihankara.org/2012-2/train-concept/>

The following organisations have planned to use this concept, A.O.:

- SIOO, the inter-university Centre for Organisational Changes, Change and Innovation Management for its Executive Change Management Master Course ECM-12 ;
- The Dutch Alliance, an Organisation of Dutch VET-schools (7 ROC's, Regional Educational Colleges & 2 AOC's, Agricultural Educational Colleges);

- **Thematic NL-TR-400 WEEKS @ NIHA**

NIHA has reserved its VET-premises in Ankara (office in Kahraman Kadin Sokağı) for thematic weeks. (Dutch) participants will be hosted in this building. Thematic weeks aim to create a basis for exchanging knowledge and ideas about selected themes. Participants consist of Dutch and Turkish journalists/writers, scientists, (visual) artists and other experts (depending on the theme). Their cooperation will hopefully lead to interesting discussions, ideas, more knowledge about each other and more collaboration.

The basic concept of these thematic weeks consists of the following elements:

- Saturday: arrival;
- Sunday: visit Ankara;
- Monday – Wednesday: work (alone & together);
- Wednesday evening: reception & dinner @ residency of the NL Ambassador with other guests;
- Thursday & Friday: work (alone & together);
- Friday afternoon – evening Public presentation & discussion of the results + cocktail @ NIHA.

A few concrete weeks are already planned on the following themes:

- ‘An interdisciplinary view on Migration NL-TR’ and
- ‘Painters painting Capitals: Amsterdam & Ankara’.

We will organise these weeks as much as possible with our direct partners in Ankara TÜHOD (<http://tuhod.org>) & NAATR (www.naatr.com) (For more information: jakdenexter@nihankara.org)

• **‘YOUTH IN ACTION’ SUMMER CAMPS**

NIHA offers the possibility to organisations from the Netherlands (universities, VET-schools, NGO’s, think-tanks and youth groups) to be partner in a NL-TR or more international thematic Youth Summer camps in Turkey and use NIHA’s network & logistic power.

Momentarily we are working on a theme-based summer camp regarding sustainable tourism, involving at least two Dutch partners, namely, NHTV Breda (<http://www.nhtv.nl/ENG/home.html>) and SAXION University (<http://www.saxion.edu>).

NIHA is applying for an EU-funding (Youth in Action program - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php) for this thematic summer camp project. (For more information: ilsenaves@nihankara.org).

• TO THE VERY PEAK OF TURKEY

Throughout August 2012, NIHA will organise a series of study-hiking-meeting trips to the north-eastern Turkish Kaçkar-mountains and to the highest peak of Turkey Mt. ARARAT (5165 m.) We have two types of tours: open tours and special cooperation tours for NL-TR partner institutions: universities, vocational educational institutes, NGO's, think-tanks, companies, etc.

All groups will consist of both Turkish and Dutch participants. The default tours start in Istanbul or Ankara and will take around 16 to 17 days.

Companies who want to sponsor this trip are most welcome. We will put their flag at the highest peak of Turkey: the Ararat and when requested organise follow-on events in Ankara, such as a photo exhibition or lecture.

Open tours: The open tours will provide an opportunity for individuals who want to participate in this trip and are able to climb at least to the base camp.

Open tours will start on 4 and 13 August 2012 in Istanbul.

For more information: <http://www.nihankara.org/2012-3/in-augustus-2012-samen-op-de-top-van-de-ararat/?lang=nl> and for a video-impression, see: <http://vimeo.com/33389327>

Special cooperation trips: All kinds of special cooperation trips between Turkish and Dutch institutions and companies are possible.

Momentarily, one tourism & hospitality VET-project is planned. In this project Turkish and Dutch cooks to be, will do the cooking during the trip, both in the train and in the mountain camps. Dutch participation will be coordinated by the knowledge centre Kenwerk (<http://www.kenwerk.nl/>). NIHA's Turkish partner in this cooperation will be the TÜRSAB (Turkish Association of Turkish Travel Agencies)-school in Ankara (<http://www.ozeltursabankaralisesi.k12.tr>)

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OTHER 2012 PROJECTS

• (Elderly) Care & Entrepreneurship

Project Aim: Sustainable VET-cooperation in the Fields of Care and Entrepreneurship

Project Content:

- Short study-trips to the Netherlands and Turkey for VET-teachers & Officials;
- Teacher's exchange
- Internship exchange of VET-students;
- Seminar on further cooperation between NL & TR.
- Skills Competition (p.m.) (www.skillsnetherlands.nl/)

Period: summer 2011 – end 2012

Project owner: NIHA

Cooperating partners: Dutch and Turkish Ministries of Education, 3 Dutch & 6 Turkish VET-schools.

Financially supported by the Dutch and Turkish Ministries of Education

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• **Music & MEMO**

Project Aim: Sustainable cooperation between Dutch & Turkish Conservatories and Foundation of a MEMO (Memorable Moments) - network in Turkey.

Project Content:

- Cooperation Turkish and Dutch Conservatories
- Musical cooperation between TR & NL conservatory students (baroque and Ottoman Palace music) (+ dance), with a final concert in Ankara in October 2012
- TR & NL conservatory students performing for very young children according to the MEMO formula (<http://www.memorabelemomenten.nl/>)

Period: End 2011 - October 2012

Project owner: NIHA

Cooperating partners: Dutch Ministry of Education, 2 or 3 Turkish and 2 Dutch Conservatories, Cer-Modern.

Financially supported by the Dutch Ministry of Education.

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• **Minor Social Studies of Turkey**

Project Aims:

- Internationalisation of NL Higher Education;
- Spread of scientific knowledge in the various fields of social studies;
- Sustainable cooperation between NL & TR universities in these fields.

Project Content: (on the basis of NIMAR-example & cooperation with VU-university)

- Formulating a program with a general introduction on Turkey; Turkish Language; lessons in social study of Turkey with an accent on anthropology, fieldwork, and thesis.
- Making the program ECTS worthy.
- Forming a NL-TR scientific consortium to run the program content-wise.

Period: Preparation end 2011 – end 2012: start of the program in 2013

Project owner: NIHA & NIT (<http://www.nit-istanbul.org/>)

Cooperating partners: VU, UL, Hacettepe; other NL & TR universities will be involved.

Project has to be self-sustaining

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• Introduction Course Turkey: nation, people, language, politics

Project Aim:

- Internationalisation of NL Higher Education;
- Spread of scientific knowledge in the various fields of social studies on Turkey;

Project Content:

- General information on geology, geography, politics, economics, language, religion, ethnicity, literature, film, etc. of Turkey
- Excursions in Istanbul, Ankara & the countryside

Period: Start in summer 2012, 2 weeks each.

Project owner: NIHA & NIT (<http://www.nit-istanbul.org/>)

Project has to be self-sustaining, also by attracting participants other than students.

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- **Turkey Guideline on Higher Education**

Project Aim: Enhancing effective cooperation between NL & TR in the field of Higher Education

Project Content: Preparing an overview (booklet, dBase, website) on existing cooperation in higher education, do's & don'ts, good practices, etc.

Period: Two products: one in February 2012 and one in the summer of 2012

Project owner: NIHA & NUFFIC (<http://www.nuffic.nl/>)

Cooperating partners: Financially supported by NIHA - NUFFIC

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- **Visit to Turkey of University-rectors & Board members (WO-HBO)**

Project Aim: Enhancing effective cooperation between NL & TR in the field of Higher Education.

Project Content:

- Short trip with visits to outstanding universities in the big cities in western Turkey & some official organisations like the Higher Education Council YÖK

Period: May 2012

Project owner: NIHA (NUFFIC will organise a NL-trip for Turkish rectors). Project has to be self-sustaining.

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- **Conference of TR & NL scientists on sustainable mobility**

Project Aim: Sustainable cooperation between scientists in the field of sustainable mobility, both bilaterally as in EU Framework-programmes.

Project Content:

- Conference in Istanbul

Period: June 2012 (with reservation)

Project owner: NIHA

Cooperating partners: VSNU, NWO, TÜBİTAK. Financially supported by NWO & TÜBİTAK

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MISCELLANEOUS

Besides these projects, NIHA is or will be involved in the following projects:

- The organisation of various visits of Dutch universities and VET-schools. Already planned are visits of A.O. ROC Flevoland, Rijn-IJssel and ROC-Eindhoven;
- Cooperation with the NL diplomatic team in Turkey in a great number of projects varying from 'Holland Village' in Ankara, NL-participation to the extensive Izmir Fair, activities in Istanbul, Eskişehir and Diyarbakır and a short film competition;
- Coordination of Dutch Educational Participation in the Expo & Floriade in Antalya;
- Participation in activities to be organised in places like Adıyaman, Karabük, Gaziantep;

- Organisation of some of the Global Entrepreneurship Week activities in 2012 in Turkey (coordinated by AGNL);
- Restoration and exploitation of the greenhouse in Botanik Parkı in Ankara;
- Organisation of a series of lectures, film evenings and seminars of various Dutch and Turkish academics;
- Translation of a special 400 year NL-TR book for children with stories by Serpil Ural & Ayça Nur Kip Akyol;
- Foundation of an English spoken NL-TR Associate Degree Academy (to start with tourism and later on possibly, elderly care, horticulture, logistics and automotive);
- Revitalisation of the Department For Dutch Language & Culture at Ankara University (together with Ankara University, Utrecht University, TÜHOD & NAATR);
- Founding a chair on Contemporary Turkey at Leiden University (Law & Humanities) financed by a Turkish public-private fund (according to the London School of Economics Model see: <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/europeaninstitute/research/ContemporaryTurkishStudies/Home.aspx>. NIHA is working on this together with TÜHOD and the former advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the LSE Model. The initiative is supported by the NL Ambassador to Turkey and the Turkish Ambassador in the Netherlands;
- Cooperation in the establishment of a network of sustainable footpaths in Turkey (especially in the north-west of the country (including possible international VET-projects on the Via Egnatia (Albania – Istanbul) and educational project near Bergama. Participants: A.O. Scouting Turkey, Çanakkale University, Bergama Municipality, special VET-school Spinaker.