

**Dr. Sirikit M. Amann
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Dear Ms Amann,

we are very grateful to you, all your colleagues and KulturKontakt Austria (former ÖKS) that we had the opportunity to participate in a programme of European scale.

We have completed three years of very hard work, the first experience of working together with students and teachers of similar schools in Europe and we can feel that our work is of great value for all of us.

We are very proud of the products of the three-year joint work (the 'Europe Calendar' and the project book 'Europe on the Way'), which proved, first of all, that we are able to work together -- and most important of all, that all our regional cultures are important not only for ourselves, but also from the point of view of a 'European' culture, because we all are part of it.

Our students have gained a deeper and broader scope of the world and they have become more open-minded to deal with 'European' matters because they feel that they belong to the same community. This project was a great contribution to not only getting to know ourselves, our culture and the other nations' cultures better but also helped to build up a kind of open-mindedness, thirst for knowledge and tolerance in our students. Besides the final project product this has been the outcome of greatest significance.

In our everyday lives we can feel that it has brought students and teachers of different EU countries nearer to each other. Lasting friendships have been established and wonderful memories are kept in mind. Whenever joining the EU is mentioned, this project will come to everyone's mind who took part in this programme.

This is why we are especially grateful to you, Ms Amann, all your colleagues and Kultur-Kontakt Austria (ÖKS) because without your help with finding partners and topics in Vienna 2002, and without your continuous guidance, ABC Network and all these precious projects couldn't have been realized.

All the meetings you have organized (Stadtschlaining, Kittsee and Krakow) were really spectacular, meaningful and memorable. Students and teachers had the opportunity to discuss the difficulties of the work, present the results of it and meet famous writers, politicians or educational authorities, talk to them and ask about their opinion.

These Comenius and Kulturkontakt Austria (ÖKS) meetings were the first time our students could taste the feeling of using their foreign language knowledge in real 'international environment'.

We highly appreciate your work and would like to say thank you to you, Ms Amann, all your kind and helpful colleagues at KulturKontakt Austria and all the authorities at the Austrian Ministry of Education who have made it possible for schools all over Europe to take part in this programme.

Wishing you further success in European-scale projects,

in the name of the participating students and teachers:

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