Challenge of teaching Sociology in Slovakia posed by entry into the European Union

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- Population: **5.4 mil. inhabitants**
- Area: **49,035 km²**
- Density: **111 / km²**
- EU accession: **May 1, 2004**
- GDP (PPP) per capita: **$ 22,241,- (in 2008)**
Number of University full time students

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Challenges for studying Sociology

after EU - accession

Practise in new international enterprises or agencies – resident in Slovakia:
- as personal professionals,
- as analytical experts,
- as public relation workers

Practise in state administration (new institutions) as analytical clerks:
- in Labour Offices,
- in the ministries,
- in insurance agencies
Challenges for studying Sociology after EU – accession – cont.

Practise in public opinion:
- as journalists,
- as analysts,
- as spokesmen,

Practise at universities and scientific workplaces (mainly in Slovakia, but also abroad – in EU-member states):
- as teachers,
- as research workers
Recruitment of young secondary students for Sociology:

- Handbook on secondary school choice,
- Computer programme „Path to occupation“
- Handbook on profession world
- Theses on sociology education in curricula of „Teaching about society“ (as subject of education)
- Counselling work of secondary school teachers
- Attitudes of Sociologists in media (TV, Internet, etc.)
- Public presentation of Sociology study at Universities for secondary graduate students
Graduates in Sociology:

1965 – 1998 total 600 persons from 1 University (Bratislava),
1998 – 2008 total 400 persons from 2 Universities (Bratislava + Trnava)

Sociology Departments at 3 Universities:

- Comenius University, Bratislava (started in 1965),
- University of Trnava (started in 1993)
- Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra (started in 2004)
Number of Sociology students:

- about 20 – 25 students in year-class,
- enrolled at full-time study – yearly total 80
- total 360 students in full-time study (in bachelor and master form),
- total 20 students in PhD. study programm
- some students in Universities abroad (notably in Czech Republic).