



**Conclusions from the First International Conference
"Giftedness - identification and support"
Novi Sad, September 29 - October 1, 2017.**

Works were presented at the gathering in the area of work with gifted - talented, exceptional - in total 63 exhibitors and authors from the country and abroad; a total of 36 works were presented, out of which 26 oral presentations, 3 poster presentations and 4 workshops; invited exhibitors held 4 introductory presentations.

On the occasion of the Conference, two editions were prepared: a collection of abstracts of all presentations from the conference, as well as the Thematic Collection of papers of international importance "Giftedness - identification and support".

Based on presentations and discussions, the conclusions of the meeting were formulated:

- In all countries of the region there are similar difficulties and problems in identifying, discovering and working with gifted people as well as there is a lack of programs for training educators working with such persons, who do not have the necessary competencies because they did not receive them through the initial education.
- Giftedness in itself is not always related to performance in other areas or high intelligence; there are gifted people with disabilities whose recognition requires additional knowledge and should be given special attention.
- Gifted students require specific professional support that the society is obliged to provide, in accordance with existing legal provisions.
- Experience from Europe has shown that national Mensas, as civil associations, are a good resource for working with gifted people, as are the special centers for talented, that exist in the country and abroad.
- In order to overcome the identified difficulties in the field of work with gifted, it is necessary: more research in this field, standardization of terminology, creation of programs of support for employees in several sectors for identification and work with gifted people, downloading good practice model regarding extracurricular work with gifted pupils, a service to support all gifted at regional and local levels, as well as creating a strategy for working with gifted at the national level.
- In addition, it is necessary to gather experts and theoreticians to share experiences and improve the theory and practice of working with gifted people, as well as the participation of the gifted themselves in such meetings.
- It was concluded that it is necessary to continue to hold such meetings that contribute to the improvement of competencies and the exchange of experience of employees in all sectors in which gifted persons can appear.
- The organizers will prepare a similar meeting next year.

Organizing Committee of the Conference
"Giving - identification and support"