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FILM FESTIVAL PROMOTES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Primary school teachers, with support from the USAID Primary Education Project (PEP), created a film festival to showcase best teaching methods in Macedonia. Through the festival, teachers share with each other filmed examples of good educational and classroom practices applied in their everyday work.

“USAID stimulated teacher professional development in Macedonia in several ways,” said USAID Mission Director Robert Wuertz. “For one, we helped 750 teachers learn about video as a medium for sharing good school practices, for self- and peer-evaluation, and enhancing on-line collaboration.”

The USAID PEP is helping introduce technology tools that can change and improve the way students learn and teachers teach. The project trained 750 teachers to use flip cameras and video as a medium for sharing good school practices. 150 teachers submitted films that they produced with those cameras and the 20 best films were screened at the festival.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The USAID Primary Education Project works with all public primary schools and electro technical secondary schools as well as selected gymnasiums in Macedonia to improve the quality of instruction and increase student employment skills. The overall goal of the USAID Education Program is to strengthen education in Macedonia and to support decentralization efforts as Macedonia seeks entrance to the European Union.

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