# Working with South-East Europe

# Target audience

The company's managers and employees working in the Balkans: Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Slovenia, Serbia



# Prerequisite

No prerequisite



# **Objectives**

- Creation of your cultural profile
- Access to 70 country files
- Pragmatic and fun e-learning
- Interactive teaching
- Acquisition of operational keys





# **Corporate Training Solutions**

Duration: to define. You wish to organise a specific training course? Contact us!

# PROGRAMME OUTLINE

# MODULE 1: UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL CODES IN THE **BALKANS**

### 1. Interculturality, the key to success in international exchanges

- · Awareness of one's cultural background
- Basics of effective intercultural management
- · Identify and overcome stereotypes

#### 2. The essentials of Balkan culture

- Identify the Balkan countries: Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Slovenia, Serbia
- The ambiguities of a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society
- The divide between regions
- Historical heritage, the challenges of European integration
- Reality and complexity of corrupt practices

#### 3. Values and behaviors in the Balkans

- Specificities of the Balkans and characteristics by country
- The decompartmentalization of public and private spheres
- Relationship to work, relational, emotional on a daily basis
- Ways of thinking specific to each country

## 4. Corporate life in the Balkans

- Persistences of the Soviet organization
- Mediterranean influences
- Formalism and hierarchy
- Role of the State and the administration

# **MODULE 2: OPTIMIZING YOUR PROFESSIONAL ACTION IN** THE BALKANS

# 1. Communicate effectively with Balkan nationals

- · The essential networks
- Languages: practices and benchmarks
- Non-verbal communication: beyond preconceived ideas
- · Direct and implicit communication

#### 2. Adapt your methods to work effectively in the Balkans

- Manage effectively: listen, support, step back
- · Master the temptation of conformism, establish your authority: know how to say
- Supporting productivity: empowering and valuing the individual
- · Managing conflicts: passions, intrigues and transience

#### 3. Succeed in your meetings and negotiations with Balkan nationals

- Meet the decision-makers
- Support a close personal relationship
- The importance of the written contract
- Manage time and recovery

## 4. Final practical advice

- · Prudence, patience, humility
- Social codes, gifts, business cards, dress
- Delicate subjects: "Roma" population, communist era, corruption
- Humor and sensitive subjects



