

NECE Conference
Brave New Worlds?!
The Future of Democracy and Citizenship Education

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Project Market

1. “All=in network”: The All=in network is an international learning network, which brings together European learners, practitioners, researchers and policy makers from formal, non-formal and informal education, NGOs and academic training and research settings. We aim to promote citizenship education appropriate to increasing diversity and which addresses fundamental problems of exclusion, inequality and marginalisation. The name of our focus group ‘Hard-to-reach learners’ is self-explanatory, but also carries implicit assumptions about deviance (from whose norms?), conformity, political alienation, economic segregation, labelling people as ‘outsiders and the fundamental aims of citizenship education. These are all crucial issues for critical examination as educators across Europe respond to the challenges and opportunities resulting from migration, cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity.

We seek partners and practical ideas to advance international cooperation, share interesting practice, training and resources and develop new research projects. Please see our book: “Beyond ‘Us versus Them” and find our short animated video on You Tube ‘How are we teaching citizenship’ <https://youtu.be/McnG1RNDM9s>

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2. Bridging the Gaps for Inclusive Civic Engagement: This EU-funded project supports democratic change in Ukraine through the introduction of active citizenship initiatives with a particular focus on smaller cities, towns and rural areas that have appeared to be the most vulnerable, especially in the aftermath of the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine. A grassroots movement, acting as a vehicle for exchange of people, collaborations, networks, citizen engagement and transfer of knowledge was established and empowered through the project. More than 1900 civil society leaders and 300 IDPs were directly engaged in the realisation of the project. Twelve communities of smaller Ukrainian towns from the conflict-affected regions benefited from the community mapping, aimed at the development of opportunities for local sustainable development.

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3. NECE Focus Group “Citizenship Education in Eastern Europe”: The first workshop “Citizenship Education in Eastern Europe” took place in November 2015 in Berlin, Germany. 26 participants from seven countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine) discussed problems and challenges in the field of citizenship education, especially in Eastern Europe, and exchanged ideas and experiences. They also presented their projects, organisations and programmes in which they are currently involved. The Focus Group is currently working to develop principles for Citizenship Education (CE) for the projects of the members of the focus group from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine, to get an overview of approaches and methods in CE, to try out methods and to develop the focus group Citizenship Education in Eastern Europe.

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4. Electeurs en Herbe: Established in Québec in 2001, Électeurs en Herbe is a non-partisan citizenship education programme, which consists of organising educational activities at schools and youth structures creating a context of a real election campaign. The process includes a simulation of elections allowing young people to position themselves towards a real candidate or list in local or national elections.

Web: www.electeursenherbe.fr

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5. eurodoc: eurodoc is a grassroots federation of national associations representing doctoral candidates and junior researchers in 28 countries across Europe. It is a non-profit organisation based in Brussels and the main stakeholder for the 1+ million early-career researchers in Europe who form the majority of all researchers and are at the centre of research and innovation.

Citizen science, also referred to as community science or public participation in scientific research, became a global movement with the power to improve the relationship between science, policy and the general public across a wide range of disciplines. A new goal of the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers (Eurodoc) is to create opportunities for critical reflections, learning and networking for the future growth of Citizen Science with a focus on the role of early-career researchers « ECRs » in the implementation of a European Citizen Science culture.

Web: www.eurodoc.net/

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6. euro|topics – The European Press Roundup: What does Europe think? The euro|topics press review keeps you up to date on the debates that are stirring Europe and reflects the diversity of opinions, ideas and moods. euro|topics takes a daily look at Europe's press and cites the most important voices in English, French, German, Russian and Turkish.

Web: www.eurotopics.net

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7. Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO): The organisation promotes exchange programmes and encounters of children, adolescents and young adults between Germany and France and sometimes a third country. The institution funds projects put into practice by youth organisations proposing very different kinds of programmes. Among others, it funds basic and advanced trainings on intercultural learning helping youth leaders to guide intercultural learning processes while leading exchange programmes. By means of evaluation and research conducted by French and German specialists, numerous methods and tools regarding language didactics and intercultural learning have been created. FGYO follows youth politics and topics concerning young people especially in France and Germany. Since 2016, it has been supporting a transnational study group assembling and discussing methods to introduce ways of citizenship education and best practice in this field.

Web: www.fgyo.org

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8. Generation Europe – “Young Democracy in Action: The programme was created by the International Association for Education and Exchange (IBB e.V.) and aims at furthering active European citizenship. It initiates an international youth network and motivates young people from 15 European countries to common political action. In each case, youths from three countries continually collaborate over the course of three years in order to identify and address local problems, meet in international encounter and support each another in their projects.

Web: www.european-republic.eu

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9. Let's play the Fraternity card in Europe (La Ligue de l'Enseignement): The project was implemented in France, Spain, Poland and Croatia within the Erasmus+ programme. It was originally designed in 2002 in France by the Ligue de l'Enseignement and has since been conducted every year in France as an educational response to growing negative social trends including racism and exclusion. The project emphasises the importance of coexistence of diverse ideas, religions, races, status groups etc. through a simple activity of sending messages of solidarity from school students to random people in their communities, evoking the idea of a "message in a bottle". The postcards are usually sent on 21 March, the International Day of the elimination of racial discriminations. Students are trained in critical thinking and photo analyses prior to writing their messages of solidarity. With their teachers they cover topics of discrimination, migration, poverty, volunteering, gender equality etc. Recipients of the postcards are invited to share their response to the coordinating organisations, La Ligue de l'Enseignement in France, Centre for Peace Studies in Croatia, Fundación CIVÉS in Spain and Fundacja Szkoła z Klasą in Poland. In school year 2017/2018 approximately 150 000 pupils participated in the project.

Web: www.fraternity-card.eu

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10. Networking Arab Civic Education: NACE is a platform that connects and enhances the diverse initiatives of Civic Education in the Arab Region. It connects individuals and institutions active in the field to help make their work stronger and more focused. It contributes to the overall development of Civic Education in the region and other similar networks. NACE provides spaces for exchanges on knowledge and tools in order to advocate Civic Education in the Arab Region. NACE builds on and promotes values enabling participation of citizens and institutions, responsibility of citizens and institutions to care for individuals and society, inclusivity that cherishes and builds on the benefits and synergies of diversity, and transparency that provides for open and accountable cooperation.

Web: <http://nacecommunity.org>

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11. SIRIUS Policy Network on Migrant Education: SIRIUS has been the leading international policy network regarding the education of children and young people with migration background since 2012. SIRIUS is a membership-based organisation whose purpose is to encourage inclusive policymaking so that governments, authorities, schools and communities take action to promote and implement policies and measures aimed at promoting equity and social justice in education, at improving educational opportunities, promoting social inclusion and fight against discrimination. Our overall objective is to feed the best evidence and practice into the major education policy debates by mobilising mainstream migration and education activities and building the capacity of migrant and grassroots education initiatives.

Web: <http://www.sirius-migrationeducation.org/home/>

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12. Local organisations from Marseille and the region: Don't have the chance to join a field trip? Interested in getting to know local projects and initiatives engaged in education and civic activity? Here you can exchange with organisations and activists from Marseille and the region working in the fields of citizenship education, arts and culture, migration and diversity.

13. NECE Partners & bpb book stall: Seven partner organisations from France, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Slovenia, Poland and the Czech Republic make up NECE. They are cooperating closely across national borders and consist of a wide variety of different governmental and non-governmental institutions. Interested in getting involved? Pass by the bpb book stall or get in touch with representatives of the NECE partners!