

Strategical meeting of the Working Group “Political Education”

Institutions: - International Centre for Civil Initiatives “Our House”

Countries: Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan

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The strategic planning and discussion of the action plan of the Working Group on Political Education and the creation of a training video on the developed terminology and approaches of the project took place in a strategical meeting of the Working Group in early November in Vilnius (Lithuania) to discuss and develop our common understanding of the terminology and challenges facing Political Education in different countries. Six persons was the planned number of participants.

At the three-day Working Group meeting the first step was to develop a common understanding of the terminology of Political Education, to collect and discuss the best practices on Political Education in different countries and to formalize all developments in the special protocol of the meeting. The common activity plan of the Working Group for 2018-2019 was also developed, some concepts and ideas of the common projects were developed (with the opportunity for the participation of other EENCE members). We applied for two additional projects to continue the work of the Working Group. One goal was to create a video as the result of the meeting but instead we created three videos concerning the discussion of the differences between political and civil education with English subtitles. The plan was to have at least 1,000 people interested in the topic of Political Education who will review our video on the basis of the discussion. In reality the number of the people was 1.439 people. At the end of the meeting, at least three articles on the topic of Political Education on the websites of the participating CSOs were written.

You can find the videos here:

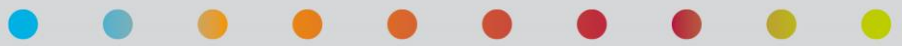
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8sRJfnOkLk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96ws6DIZ67I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2nNykQgbgY>

The meetings were organized with Lithuanian organizations that are engaged in Political Education to expand the networking of the Working Group on Political Education and to exchange experience, in particular with the Department of Political Science and Public Policy of the European Humanitarian University (EHU).

There were several effects the project had as the members of the Working Group agreed about the development of the cooperation and created the ideas for the different projects. By working on it the understanding and common vision concerning the political and civil education among the members of the Working Group got more clear as well as how we can develop the work of the group in the future. Therefore we created a plan of work. We



did not expect to get as many views on the YouTube video as we did because the topics are probably only interesting for experts in the non-formal education field. Nonetheless we gained more subscribers for our YouTube channel and gained some positive feedback from our viewers.

We will continue the project in the future and applied support for two competitions. We wait for the results of the competitions which are including a book concerning the best practices of Civil and Political Education and the course of Political Education for young bloggers.

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