

Scenario-Workshop as a preparation for the NECE Conference 2013

*“The European Union and the Promise of Democracy:
What can Citizenship Education and Civil Society contribute?”*

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The Hague, the Netherlands

Venue: ProDemos – House for Democracy and the Rule of Law, Hofweg 1-H

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Background and Aims

Once a year, the NECE – Networking European Citizenship Education – network invites citizenship education multipliers from Europe, representatives of foundations, from politics, media and the sciences to a conference. The purpose of the conference is, on the one hand, to be a platform for networking and dialogue and, on the other hand, to provide a space for coupling discourses on the EU's political agenda to the tasks and challenges of citizenship education in Europe. In 2012 this platform was expanded by stakeholders and multipliers of the Arab Spring.

In 2013 the NECE conference will take place from 14-16 November in The Hague, The Netherlands. The conference will be a follow-up to the NECE Conference in Córdoba (21 – 24 November 2012) and will raise questions that take account of changes in the understanding of democracy in a EU that is affected by diverse crisis phenomena. Topics in this context will focus on the areas of solidarity and social inequality, the emergence of growing populism and nationalism in the EU, and on new ways of allowing EU citizens to take part and feel involved. As overlapping topical areas, the 2014 European elections and the outlooks of the younger generation will always be borne in mind as well. Against the background of this rather political scientific analysis, associated citizenship education questions will be discussed, such as:

- How can citizenship education contribute to the repoliticization of the European debate and illustrate Europe's plurality?
- How can citizenship education's European policy efforts and discourses be reflected?
- How can transnationally active citizenship education support civil society initiatives and help overcome the democratic deficit?
- How can citizen initiatives and other civil society alliances bring their social and political interests into the political process at the European level?
- How can citizenship education define its relationship with civil society initiatives and stakeholders?
- What practical approaches are there in order to organise the debate surrounding Europe and the crisis so that broad sections of the population can take part?
- How can citizenship education across Europe accompany elections to the European Parliament and the long-term reshaping of the EU?

Ahead of the conference a scenario workshop comprising 35 participants from Europe is due to take place from 7-9 July 2013 in The Hague, intended as preparation for the conference in November. Based on the issues “What type of a Europe do we want?”, “How do alternative future concepts for the EU look like?” and the challenges and opportunities arising from that, the central questioning of the NECE Conference 2013 - “What will be the crucial issues and challenges of citizenship education in the future?” - will be pursued. Therefore, different scenarios on the subject will be developed with the participants during the workshop. The results will form the point of departure and reference framework for the NECE conference.

The workshop language is English, without simultaneous translation.

The Scenario-Working Method

During a scenario workshop the scenario technique will be employed to portray and simulate possible future developments (scenarios) on one topic area. The objective is to try to describe the effects of potential future developments as well as to highlight opportunities to take action, in order thus to portray various courses of development and development alternatives. External support will be called on to lead the scenario workshop, in order to ensure that neutral discussions are held.

Programme

Sunday, 7 July 2013

Until 4.00 pm Arrival and Check-in at Novotel Den Haag City Centre Hotel, Hofweg 5

5.00 pm Registration in the hotel lobby

5.45 pm Meeting in the hotel lobby and walk to ProDemos

ProDemos, 3rd floor, Parlementszaal

6.00 pm **Words of Welcome / Aims and Purpose of the Workshop and the NECE Conference 2013**
Petra Grüne, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)
Kars Veling, ProDemos – House of Democracy and the Rule of Law (the Netherlands)

Introduction round of all participants

6.30 pm **Statements and Discussion**

“The EU and the promise of democracy – Where do we stand one year before the European elections?”
René Cuperus, Wiardi Beckmann Foundation (the Netherlands)

“What are the relevant future topics of citizenship education in the EU?”
Helle Becker, Office “Expertise & Kommunikation für Bildung” (Germany)

Moderation: **Renate Kenter**, De Ruijter Strategy (the Netherlands)

8.00 pm Reception (*3rd floor, foyer*)

Monday, 8 July 2013

9.15 am Meeting in the hotel lobby and walk to ProDemos

ProDemos, 3rd floor, Parlementszaal

9.30 am A short **introduction** of scenario thinking: its history and methodology by **Renate Kenter**, De Ruijter Strategy (the Netherlands)

Brainstorming and **elaborating trends** and uncertainties using format (1)*

11.00 am Coffee break (*3rd floor, foyer*)

11.30 am **Presenting** and discussing the **trends**

Developing a **scenario framework**: Based on the trend analyses, we collectively determine key-uncertainties regarding the future of citizenship in Europe and their extreme possible outcomes. With these we shall create a framework on which the scenarios will be based, using format (2)*.

1.00 pm Lunch break (*Restaurant 'Dudok', ground floor*)

ProDemos, 4th floor

2.00 pm **Creating scenario stories**

The group is divided in four smaller groups. Each group works on a specific scenario, elaborating on it, covering all relevant topics using format (3)*

The groups **present the first draft scenarios** to each other and discuss plausibility, relevance and insights

4.00 pm Coffee break (*4th floor, foyer*)

4.30 pm In a second round the groups work on finalising their scenario, and the **implications for civil society and citizen education** using format (4)*

The groups **present the results** to each other and we draw overall conclusions

7.30 pm Meeting in the hotel lobby and walk to a nice restaurant for dinner

* please double check at page 7 & 8 of the concept by Paul de Ruijter

Tuesday, 9 July 2013

9.15 am Meeting in the hotel lobby and walk to ProDemos

ProDemos, 3rd floor, Parlementszaal

9.30 am **Reflection** on DAY 1
Collectively we look back on day 1

Time to **improve** on yesterday's works

11.00 am Coffee break (*3rd floor, foyer*)

11.30 am **Connecting** scenario's to **November Conference programme**
We discuss how we are going to use the scenarios at the conference and how their content can be linked on the programme

1.00 am Lunch snack (*roof terrace, 2nd floor*)

3.00 pm Guided tour
(*tour takes about 1.15 h*)

Organisational Advice

Hosts:

German Federal Agency for Civic Education / bpb, **Petra Grüne & Christoph Müller-Hofstede**
 ProDemos – House for Democracy and the Rule of Law, **Kars Veling & Tatjana Meijvogel-Volk**
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Please note: The German Federal Agency for Civic Education cannot reimburse taxi costs.

Arrival at Schipol Airport, Amsterdam

Please take the direct train Sprinter (NS) in direction “Den Haag Centraal” and get off at the train station “Den Haag Centraal Station Tram Boven” (Central train station Den Haag). The train runs every 30 minutes on track 5 (single ticket costs 7,80 € 2nd class) and the journey takes approx. 39 minutes. As an alternative, you can take the Intercity in direction “Leiden Centraal”. The train runs every hour at 56’ on track 5-6 (single ticket costs 7,80 € 2nd class and the journey takes approx. 30 minutes).

Arrival at Rotterdam Airport

From the airport “Rotterdam The Hague”, please take the bus 50 in direction “Rotterdam” and get off at the metro station “Meijersplein Metro”. The bus runs every 10 minutes (single ticket costs 4,93 €) and the journey takes approx. 9 minutes. At “Meijersplein Metro” metro station please take the metro E to “Den Haag Centraal”. The journey takes approx. 25 minutes. You can use the ticket you bought in the bus*. As an alternative take the bus 33 from the airport in direction “Rotterdam The Hague” and get off at “Blijdorp Metro”. At “Blijdorp Metro” metro station please take the metro E to “Den Haag Centraal”. The journey takes approx. 29 minutes. You can use the ticket you bought in the bus*.

You can **book the train ticket** from the respective city to Den Haag **in advance online** at <http://www.ns.nl>; it is restricted to selected banks and there should be sufficient contingents due to the well-served public transport connection between the cities Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague.

***Single tickets** are valid for one day: from 00.00 on the date shown on the ticket to 04.00 the following morning.

***Day tickets**, HTM Dagkaarts, are valid for one whole day in The Haag and the neighbouring cities Delft and Zoetermeer and permit the use of all public transports. The price for a day ticket is about 7,70 €. (More information: <http://www.denhaag.nl/en/residents/to/Day-tickets-for-public-transport.htm>)

In order to validate the day ticket in The Hague, you need to check in and out when you get on and off public transportation. Scanner machines to validate tickets are located by the doors of all trams and buses.

Walking from Den Haag Centraal (central train station) to ProDemos (approx. 13 minutes)

Please head northwest on the “Rijnstraat” towards “Koningskade” and turn left after about 50m into “Bezuidenhoutseweg”. Keep straight on, The road will turn into “Korte Poten”, then into “Lange Poten”. Then turn right into “Hofweg” and follow it about 70m, than you will see ProDemos, Hofweg 1 on your left.

Walking from Den Haag Centraal (central train station) to Novotel (approx. 12 minutes)

Please head northwest onto the “Rijnstraat” towards “Koningskade” and turn left after about 50 m into “Bezuidenhoutseweg”. Keep straight on, The road will turn into “Korte Poten”, then into “Lange Poten”. Then turn right into “Hofweg” and follow it about 100 m, then turn left into “Passage”. After about 20 m you will reach Novotel, Hofweg 5-7 on your left hand side.

Walking from the Novotel Den Haag City Centre to ProDemos (1 minute)

Step out of the Hotel on “Hofweg” and head left. You will see ProDemos, Hofweg 1 after a few steps on the left.