



★ NETWORKING EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

# 1914 – 2014 Conflicts and the role of citizenship education in conflict management and reconciliation

A preparatory workshop  
for the NECE Conference in Vienna 2014

30 March - 1 April 2014  
Belgrade, Serbia

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## Background and Aims

The reference point of the workshop is the First World War, due to the fact that this war is still regarded as “The Great War” in many countries. Moreover, it shows a strong presence in collective memories, in expressions of national identities as well as in remembrance days and memorials. Yet, this is not the case everywhere in Europe and the world: In Germany, for instance, the Second World War and the Holocaust occupy a vast space in the German culture of remembrance, whereas the First World War plays a rather subordinate role which has considerably more significance in the neighbouring countries. This discrepancy in remembrance and interpretation of a globally encompassing event in recent history will become evident in 2014, as the outbreak of the First World War reaches its centenary.

In this context, the NECE preparatory workshop is going to focus on different issues that can be connected from this historic starting point to current conflicts, conflict management and reconciliation in citizenship education in Europe today.

The NECE Workshop provides an open exchange platform for discussing concepts, definitions or projects that tackle multiple aspects of and perspectives on the overall topic, which might be relevant at the NECE Conference in Vienna 2014.

## Programme

**Moderator:** **Susanne Ulrich**, Center for Applied Policy Research (C·A·P)/  
Academy Leadership & Competence (Germany)

**Sunday, 30 March 2014**

*Venue: KC GRAD, Braće Krsmanović 4*

5:00 pm Registration at KC GRAD, Braće Krsmanović 4, Belgrade

6:00 pm **Welcome**  
**Dejan Ubović**, Cultural Center GRAD (Serbia)

**Opening**  
**Thomas Krüger**, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)

### *Introduction round of partners and participants*

6:45 pm **“Nationalisms vs. Europeanisation? Which memories and narratives form the basis of a European consciousness in the Balkans?”**  
**Vedran Dzihic**, University Vienna (Austria)

**“History - one truth or many parallel ones?”**  
**Nenad Sebek**, Center for Democracy and Reconciliation (Greece)

Discussion

8:00 pm Reception

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**Monday, 31 March 2014**

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9:00 am	Introduction
9:15 am	<p><b>“Learning from history – what does it mean for conflict management in citizenship education”</b>  <b>Vedrana Spajić-Vrkaš</b>, University of Zagreb (Croatia)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
10:15 am	Coffee break
10:45 am	<p><b>Talk round with the NECE Partners</b>  <b>Presenting the initiative “NECE – Networking European Citizenship Education” and outlook of the NECE Conference in Vienna 2014</b></p>
11:15 am	<b>Open discussion about conflicts and the role of citizenship education</b>
1:00 pm	Lunch snack
2:30 pm	<p><b>Round table discussions, 1<sup>st</sup> session</b>          The workshop provides several smaller parallel open exchange platforms for discussing concepts, contexts, definitions or projects, which tackle various aspects of and perspectives on the role of citizenship education in conflicts, conflict management and reconciliation as for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the role of dialogue in conflict resolution and reconciliation?</li> <li>• Rising conflicts in changing democracies: How to deal with populism?</li> <li>• Conflicting ideas about Europe: How to create a common European narrative?</li> </ul> <p>Ideas and positions that are developed and exchanged during the workshop will be incorporated into the design of the NECE Conference in Vienna.</p>

- 4:00 pm Coffee break
- 4:30 pm **Round table discussions, 2<sup>nd</sup> session**
- Culture and conflicts: What are the roles of history and competing memories?
  - How to handle conflicts between international / cosmopolitan/ European/ national identities?
  - How to define the role of values in citizenship education and in conflict situations?
- 6:00 pm Coffee break
- 6:15 pm Feedback from the working groups
- Wrapping up of discussions and working group outcomes  
Further questions, perspectives, next steps
- 7:00 pm Walk to the restaurant (450 m)
- 7:30 pm Dinner at Gnezdo Organic d.o.o., Male stepenice 1a, Belgrade

## Tuesday, 1 April 2014

Departure