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# NECE Conference 2016

## Crossing Borders. Migration and Citizenship Education in Europe

10-12 November 2016  
Zagreb, Croatia

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## Background

Against the background of a global “refugee crisis” deeply affecting the state of the European Union and its neighbours, NECE 2016 will aim at two areas: Firstly, we will look at the ongoing European response to the issue of migration including the divisions within and between European societies. Secondly the conference will discuss how citizenship education should react to the polarising debate and the controversies about migration, diversity and identity which have been triggered by the new wave of migration since summer 2015.

According to political scientist Ivan Krastev, there is a clear danger that the “migrants’ revolution” will radically change European politics and the world view of many on the continent towards exclusion and closure. The refugee crisis seems to re-open the gap between the East and the West in Europe and between those who see cosmopolitan values as a threat and those who are struggling to defend these as the core of a new European identity.

In order to successfully participate in this debate and add new perspectives, NECE 2016 will address three questions of fundamental relevance for citizenship educators:

- How can societies learn to live with uncertainties in an age of hybrid identities caused by migration and a “world without borders”?
- What kind of competencies, tools and/or projects do we need to deal with fears about migration and the future of the “West”?
- And against the background of the current crises: What is our vision of Europe, its values and its future?

NECE 2016 will strive to act as:

- An intellectual think tank involving a broad variety of international experts with different and controversial perspectives.
- A European and international platform for stakeholders of civil society, scholars and citizenship educators.
- A show case for good projects and a starting point for new ideas, concepts of citizenship education and transnational projects across Europe, its Eastern neighbours and countries of North Africa.

NECE 2016 will offer a rich variety of lectures, workshops, and open formats/spaces, among them a ‘Train the trainer’ workshop, and a scenario workshop on the future of Citizenship Education in an interdependent world in order to enable participants to actively shape the conference. ‘Field trips’ to Croatian initiatives and organisations working on migration will be part of the programme.

## Draft Programme

### Conference moderation:

**Almut Möller**, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR, Germany) &

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

### Thursday, 10 November 2016

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| 01:00 pm | Coffee, registration & project market   |
| 02:00 pm | <b>Welcome &amp; warm-up</b>  |
| 03:30 pm | <b>Opening address</b><br><b>Thomas Krüger</b> , President of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)  |
| 04:00 pm | <b>What is NECE about?</b><br>Presentation of the work of Focus group "Hard to reach"<br>Presentation of the work of Focus group "Exchange between Europe and North Africa"   |
| 04:45 pm | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 05:15 pm | <b>Keynote</b><br><b>"Learning from Others. Strategies for Migration Management in Europe after 2015"</b><br><b>Christine Langenfeld</b> , The Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration (SVR, Germany)                                     |
| 05:45 pm | <b>Opening Roundtable</b><br><b>Ana-Mária Bíró</b> , Tom Lantos Institute (Hungary)<br><b>Christine Langenfeld</b> , The Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration (SVR, Germany)<br><b>Nino Raspudic*</b> , University of Zagreb (Croatia) |
| 06:30 pm | <b>Discussion with the audience</b>   |
| 08:30 pm | <b>Dinner reception</b>   |

**Friday, 11 November 2016**

**Project market & networking**

09:30 am      **Keynotes**  
**“Citizenship education in societies facing migration and diversity”**  
**Michalis Kakos**, Leeds Beckett University (UK)  
**David Kerr**, University of Bristol (UK)

**Discussion with the audience**

10:45 am      **Project pitch:** one minute presentation per project (project market)

11:15 am      **Parallel sessions** (focusing on the main topic of the conference)

1. Train the trainer (*participation by application only*)  
*with David Kerr, University of Bristol (UK)*
2. Scenario exercise (*participation by application only*)  
*with Oliver Gnad, Bureau für Zeitgeschehen (Germany)*
3. Presentation of projects and approaches in citizenship education –  
How to increase participation and empowerment of refugees?
4. Presentation of projects and approaches in citizenship education –  
How to deal with cultural and religious diversity?
5. Debate: Migration and diversity in citizenship education – concepts,  
theories and approaches
6. Panel discussion on migration and diversity in transformation societies
7. (*To be decided*)
8. (*To be decided*)

02:00 pm      **Lunch**  
**Project market – networking**

03:00 pm      **Parallel activities:**

- 1) Continuation **scenario exercise**
- 2) **“Field trips: Exploring citizenship education in the region”**  
Visiting local initiatives, projects and activists dealing with citizenship education, migration and integration.  
(open for all participants; *prior registration required*)

8:00 pm      **Dinner and cultural event**

**Saturday, 12 November 2016**

**Project market & networking**

09:00 am	<p><b>Parallel session</b></p> <p><b>Consultation Panel:</b> Funding and lobbying for transnational projects</p> <p><b>Education Policy Panel:</b> Future trends and programmes on citizenship education</p> <p><b>Networking Panel:</b> Starting transnational projects, looking for synergies across countries</p>
10:30 am	Coffee break
11:00 am	<p><b>Open space</b></p> <p>Citizenship education in Europe: challenges, needs, tools, topics and projects</p>
01:00 pm	<p><b>Exchange of conference results</b></p> <p><b>Farewell</b></p>
02:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>