

• CEC III

In 2018 NACE plans the third Civic Education Conference (CEC). Inspired by the sister platform NECE, the conference will take place in the Middle East. This gathering, with over 200 participants from a variety of fields and countries, meets up to discuss, to exchange and to generate proposals aiming at developing the civic education sector. The first CEC in Egypt and Tunisia were organized and arranged by the Goethe Institute Cairo and their partners.

• REGIONAL RESEARCH ON CIVIC EDUCATION

With the purpose of raising the awareness for CE and NACE activities, but also aiming at building a detailed knowledge base on approaches, practices, stakeholders and requirements of CE in the Arab world, DEDI – Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute will lead a regional research in order to map Arab Civic Education activities in two to four Arab countries among the following: Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Lebanon and Jordan.

• EGYPTIAN SUB-NETWORK

DEDI will initiate a kick-off meeting for the creation of an active sub-network in Egypt as a pilot project among CE stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting is to come up with a series of monthly events that aim at gathering different CE stakeholders at one single platform, which connects and enhances the diverse initiatives.

• CIVIC EDUTAINMENT MANUAL

As *Entertainment* has proved to be a pivotal component of learning, DEDI will conduct a documentation of civic education tools that use entertainment and art as a way of learning. The documentation aims at raising the awareness of the concept *Civic Edutainment* and encourages CE practitioners to adopt it for more interactive and experiential learning experiences in the CE field.

• GOETHE INSTITUTE CAIRO & "HAUS AM MAIBERG" STUDY TRIP

The NACE Partners Goethe-Institute Cairo and Haus am Maiberg are planning a study trip to Germany for stakeholders of CE from the MENA Region with the intention to foster exchange and knowledge transfer.

• GOETHE INSTITUTE CAIRO ORGANIZES TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT)

In cooperation with the centre for Applied Policy Research of the LMU Munich (CAP) and with funds from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Training-of-Trainers-workshops* will be organized for dedicated stakeholders from Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan. The aim is to train multipliers in the field of tolerance, diversity, democratization and human rights. Moreover, the trip aims at supporting the networking between the civil societies in the Arab region.

THE MAKING OF CITIZENSHIP IN EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA

<http://www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen/netzwerke/nece/205935/the-making-of-citizens-in-europe-and-north-africa>

RECOMMENDATION FOR CE IN THE ARAB REGION / CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2016

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/eg/prj/cec/enindex.htm>

THE ROAD TO CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN EGYPT

<http://www.cefp-edu.com/en/News/Details/2053/the-road-to-citizenship-education-in-egypt>

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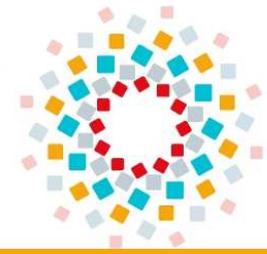
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at a glance

Acknowledging how important it is to provide a sustainable structure looking into the pressing challenges of the day such as migration, high youth unemployment, low participation, radicalization and instability, we aim at building a **Network for Arab Civic Education - NACE**.

Peaceful, sustainable, successful societies build on the combination of strong institutions and a democratic culture that allows all groups and individuals to participate and to be recognized as valid members of society.

A strong Civic Education (CE) sector is an essential part of the foundations of societies, which are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.

In the Arab Region, some practices related to CE have a long history that could be built upon and further developed.

Today European countries struggle with political disengagement, xenophobia and nationalism. The current migration and refugee crisis highlights the interdependency of both regions, and strengthens the need for closer cooperation on civic education.

NACE wants to break up the isolation of projects and stakeholders in CE to create a knowledge Hub for CE in the region to form a strong community of CE and to create synergies between projects and programs.

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.

VISION:

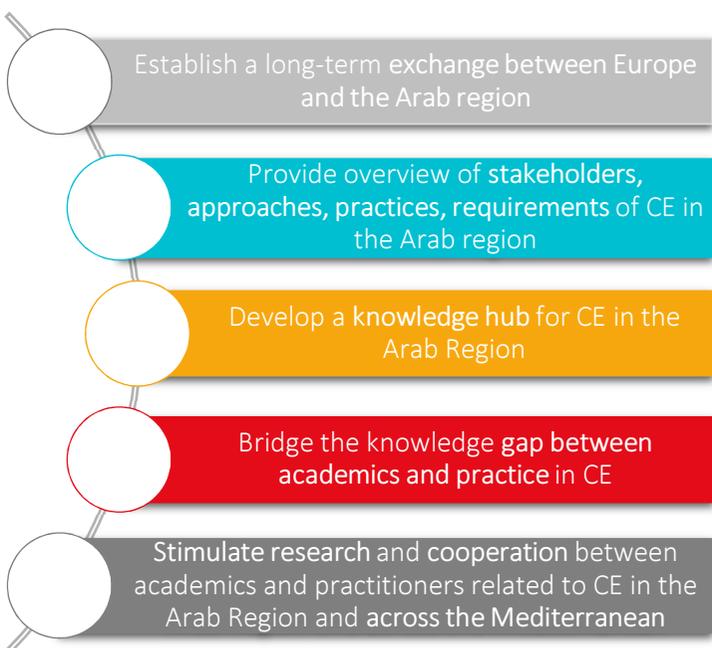
NACE provides spaces for exchange of knowledge and tools in order to advocate for Civic Education in the Arab Region. By inspiring and engaging a variety of stakeholders to participate actively in constant renewals of the social contract, NACE assumes the responsibility to contribute to cohesion and communality on local, national and international levels.

MISSION:

NACE is a platform that connects and enhances the diverse initiatives of Civic Education in the Arab Region.

GOALS:

To carry out the **Vision** & the **Mission** NACE formulated the following **Goals**:



Numerous initiatives in CE have existed in Arab Countries for decades, but have largely been unconnected. With the CEC Conference in 2013 in Alexandria, Egypt, the first major initiative was taken to connect practitioners and academics. This was preceded by participation from the Arab side in *NECE –Networking European Citizenship Education*. The idea of NACE started in connection with the framework of the sister platform *NECE*. *NECE* has been promoting CE from South to North, from the Balkans to Ukraine, for more than a decade. Every year *NECE* brings together hundreds of practitioners, academics, members of (non-) governmental organizations and representatives of civil society from all over Europe to discuss, exchange, expose and develop approaches that help solving the pressing issues of the day - giving civil society a strong role in this process. Within this framework, a Focus Group (FG) was set up to support the establishment of a sustainable and long-term forum of exchange, knowledge transfer and cooperation between stakeholders of CE and civil society from European countries and North African states in transition.

Consequently - and evolving organically with the group's consultations - three main initiatives were catalyzed by the FG:

Stocktaking, a documentation effort, and a dialogue in addition to the *NECE* Conference with a focus on the Arab Region.

TODAY NACE CAN BUILD ON

- ✦ **ONLINE DATABASE** providing an overview of CE in the Euro-Med region by brief country profiles available in Arabic and English
- ✦ **IN-DEPTH MAPPING OF EGYPT** «*The Road to Civic Education in Egypt*» which provides a pilot for building on its methodology to be reproduced around the region as an approach for stocktaking and identifying new stakeholders and fields of activities
- ✦ **REGULAR CONFERENCE FORMAT** (*CEC – Civic Education Conference, Alexandria 2013, Tunis 2016*) as a platform for dialogue, with over 200 participants
- ✦ **RECOMMENDATIONS** of diverse stakeholders of CE in the region
- ✦ **SISTER PLATFORM** with access to several thousand stakeholders of CE in Europe from the governmental and nongovernmental sector, as well as academics and practitioners
- ✦ **OPPORTUNITIES** for exchange on recent experiences with transition within the *NECE* Focus Group on Exchange with countries of the EU Eastern Partnership and the alumni network of « Civic Education in Action Program » from Eastern and South Eastern Europe