Focus Group Meeting
Hard-to-reach learners and youth

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15 - 16 October 2014

Vienna, Austria

Venue
Europahaus, Linzer Straße 429, 1140 Vienna (Austria)

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Introduction

Within the framework of the NECE Initiative*, the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb is organising a meeting of its focus group on “Hard-to-reach learners and youth”. After two initial workshops in Berlin (October 2013) and Leicester (July 2014), the Vienna meeting aims at reviewing the progress of the different project teams and coordinating the next steps until 2015.

Aims of the Focus Group Meeting

The focus group meeting aims to:

- Review the progress of the focus group; what we have achieved so far and since Leicester and where we want to be by summer 2015
- Offer a platform to coordinate the focus group and discuss its conceptual and practical framework and goals
- Update of project proposals and status by the project team coordinators and the team
- Hear updated country reports with a focus on questions and map of opportunities and strategies for HTR groups to participate in the civic dialogue in different countries
- Offer time and space to discuss the projects and drive forwards face-to-face
- Create synergies between the project teams
- Explore further funding opportunities for future work (in projects and as a platform)
- Discuss the focus group’s contribution to the NECE Conference “1914-2014: Lessons from History? Citizenship Education and Conflict Management” in Vienna, Austria. This is done by a poster session and possibly by individual contributions from FG members participating in workshops

* NECE is an initiative for the Networking of Citizenship Education in Europe. A variety of resources and activities have been developed by NECE to encourage exchange and co-operation between academics and practitioners in the field of citizenship education across Europe. For more information: www.nece.eu
Programme

Wednesday, 15 October 2014

Workshop moderation: Benjamin Wunsch-Grafton (Grafton Development) and Christoph Müller-Hofstede (Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb)

From 3:00 pm Arrival and check-in at the venue:
   Europahaus, Linzer Str. 429, 1140 Vienna

5.30 pm Registrations and light refreshments
   Europahaus, Seminar room 1 (basement)

6:00 pm Welcome and introductions

Christoph Müller-Hofstede, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)
   • Aims and setting of NECE 2014
   • Status of the focus group within the NECE Initiative
   • Status of HTR within citizenship education
   • Focus group presentation for the NECE Conference
   • HTR advocates in NECE workshops

Benjamin Wunsch-Grafton, Grafton Development (Austria)
   • Thread of meeting
   • Goals, definitions and activities so far
   • Short mapping of participants and topics

Review since Leicester: What have we achieved so far?

6:30 pm Update of project proposals and status
   by project team coordinators and team

Academic Research (Each input 7-10’)
1. Fundamental research questions: Michalis Kakos
2. Country Reports → Inputs to Vienna
3. HTR youth and its ramifications for Europe by Michalis Kakos
4. HTR tools for removing barriers by Tereza Vavrova and Ingrid Faas

European Exchanges: Removing Barriers
1. NEED: Network for European Education and Diversity
   Khalid Mahmood, Vassiliki Tsekoura, Adam Newman Turner
2. Removing Barriers to learning through CSO
   Vassiliki Tsekoura, Tanveer Parnez

ca. 8:30 pm Dinner at the restaurant Europahaus
Thursday, 16 October 2014

9:00 am  **Project team session**  
How to organise and consolidate our work?  
What do we expect to achieve?  
Timeline Vienna 2014 – Greece 2015  
**Funding opportunities for future work** (in projects and as a platform)

11:00 am  Coffee break

11:20 am  **Feedback from Project Teams**

**Way Forward**
The future of this focus group: Where we want to be by summer 2015?  
Roles, resources, responsibilities  
A suggested timeline for activities between now and summer 2015  
The concept and structure of focus group publication 2015  
Focus Group Meeting in Greece: topics, public, conference, inputs, presentations, project, work sessions, partners?

**Flashlight Feedback:** Soft and Hard Outcomes

1:00 pm  Lunch and final preparations

2.30 pm  Registration for the NECE Conference 2014 at Tagungshaus

3.15 pm  Start of the NECE Conference 2014 at Tagungshaus

Friday, 17 October 2014

9.00 - 10.00 am | 1.00 - 1.30 pm | 4.00 – 4.30 pm.  
**Poster Session at project market** to present the focus group HTR and the results of the work progress so far.

Friday, 17 October 2014 (optional)
**Friday Night Option: Informal HTR gathering** and leisurely muse around Vienna lights and heights.