

European Focus Meeting

Citizenship Reloaded:

The Demand for “Active Citizenship” in Europe
and its Implications for Democratic Citizenship

and Human Rights Education (EDC/HRE)

Vilnius (Lithuania), July 1-3, 2010



DRAFT Agenda Focus Meeting:

Wednesday 30th June 2010

arrival at the Hotel and registration in the afternoon/evening

Thursday 1st July 2010

Opening session: Conference room of CONTI Hotel

- 9.00 – 9.15 Welcome and Introduction: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education under rapidly changing European policy frames (Georg Pirker, AdB)
- 9.15 – 9.30 Welcome by Gintaras Steponavičius (Lithuanian Minister of Education and Science)
- 9.45 – 10:30 Active citizenship in adult education - challenges arising from the current development on EU level - Britta Leion (EAEA Swedish folkbildningsförbundet)
- 10.30 – 11.15 Putting into practice the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education (adopted in the framework of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)7) - challenges and opportunities (Yulia Pererva, Council of Europe DG IV)

coffee break

- 11:30 – 12:15 How youth organisations follow up on the 2nd Forum on HRE and on the adoption of the COE Charter on EDC/HRE. (Anca - Ruxandra Pandeia, Board member of Human Rights Education Youth Network)

Lunch

14:30 – 17:30 Discussion Groups

(16:00 Coffee break)

Discussion groups focus on relevant developments for future perspectives of EDC/HRE work in Europe. Both discussion groups aim first to critically reflect on “Euro- dynamics” out of a perspective of educational practice. Second they are about to distill, discuss and offer policy recommendations from an EDC/HRE perspective.

A) New skills for new jobs?

(Moderation: **Anne Stalfort**)

Validation and assessment in EDC/HRE - pathways towards recognition of non-formal learning

* Method of assessing and describing informal and non-formal learning. Sharing the experience of the Irish Context (Niamh o`Reilly/AONTAS, IRL)

* Training on the REVEAL instrument (Grundtvig Project). Assessing and describing informal and non-formal learning results. (Jikki Dincelek-Lettinga CESO – Center for European Studies and Trainings, Maastricht/NL, Sabine Wiemann – BUPNET Bildung und Projekt Netzwerk, Göttingen, D)

Discussion and reflection about possible pathways for EDC/HRE to recognise and validate non-formal learning, recommendations.

B) European and Active Citizenship

(Moderation Alenka Begant, Georg Pirker:)

In how far does non- formal EDC/HRE refer to current developments on European Level? Did the discussion on “Active and European Citizenship” have an impact on educational work on national level? In how far does the European Charter of Fundamental Rights already affect NGO work on national/regional level?

Country and projects perspectives from NGO’s:

Cyprus 1: Developments regarding citizenship education, history education in the term 2004-2009 and the role of the Turkish Cypriot Human Rights Foundation , (Canan Oztoprak TCHRF).

Cyprus 2: “Impact of Active/European citizenship and the new frame of fundamental rights in the EU for the work of future Worlds Centre in Cyprus” (Selen Mesutoglu, FCE, Cyprus)

Cyprus 3: “Impact of Active/European citizenship and the new frame of fundamental rights in the EU for the work of future European Social Forum Cyprus (Chrisys Michaelides, ESFC)

UK: Project profiles, that have resulted from the Citizenship Foundation’s European links and were created due to the existence of European Citizenship/Active Citizenship, Jessica Garcia, Citizenship Foundation)

Examples of selected educational programs of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Edyta Widawska, HFHR, Poland)

Discussion and reflection on the question of interrelation between Education and the new developing frames for EDC/HRE in Europe, drafting recommendations.

19:00 Joint dinner in Vilnius

Friday 2nd July 2010
CONTI Hotel, Conference Room

- 9.00 – 9.20 Active Citizenship/European Citizenship – Fundamental rights” – in how far do they play a role in Adult education settings in Romania? (Corina Leca, Friendship Ambassadors, Tirgoviste ROM)
- 9.20 – 9.40 Active Citizenship as an issue for non-formal education in citizenship educational settings in Austria, Elisabeth Röhrlich, Demokratiezentrum Wien, AT)
- 9.45 – 10.15 The role of Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights within the EU frame for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship – the national level (Leonidas Donskis, Lithuanian MEP tbc)
- 10.15.-10.30 Reports from the Workshops

coffee break

- 11.00 – 12.30 Final plenary session: wrapping up discussion and drafting policy recommendations towards the political levels (Georg Pirker (AdB), Girvydas Duoblys (CCI))

lunch

- 14.00 – 17.00 field trip: soviet past as an issue for education in Lithuania (Girvydas Duoblys, Center for Civic Initiatives, LIT)

farewell and joint dinner in Vilnius City Centre

Focus meeting organisers:

Centre for Civic Initiatives, Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights, DARE network

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Saturday 3rd of July

(only for DARE members)

9.30 - 12.00 DARE General Assembly at the CONTI Hotel

lunch

14.00 – 16:00 Workshop - DARE 2011ff - towards new DARE activities after 2010 (Anne Stalfort, DARE)

joint dinner in Vilnius City Centre

Saturday evening/Sunday

Check out and departure