



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Training Modules on European Citizenship

2006

#### 1. Context

The **Partnership Programme on European Youth Work and Policy** (the Partnership) is a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Commission. The two institutions decided to take common action in this field several years ago, and have since renewed their cooperation. Some of the aims of the Agreement are:

*“To make young people and multipliers aware of human rights and the common values European citizens share and to provide them with the skills and tools to enhance their activities in this context.”*

*“To train, at trans-national level, youth workers and youth leaders as well as other multipliers in the youth field, as well as to develop and consolidate innovative training approaches in this context and to sustain and widen existing networks of youth workers and youth leaders.”*

*“To promote the understanding of, and respect for cultural diversity and intercultural cooperation.”*

The Partnership held three pilot training courses on European Citizenship between 2001 and 2003. Based on the need for a higher number of training activities and a wider outreach in this field, the Council of Europe and the European Commission have embarked on developing **European Citizenship training Modules**. Since then, 6 training Modules have taken place.

Another **six training Modules will be offered in May-November 2006**, hosted by the National Agencies of the YOUTH Programme of the European Commission.

Each training module will focus on one important aspect of the concept and practice of European Citizenship, while the basis will be the same.

#### 2. Aim & Objectives

The aim for these training Modules on European citizenship is:

- To develop a sense of space and place in contemporary Europe, the skills required to be active agents of change and development, and the knowledge required to make choices within this context.

The objectives of the Modules are:

- To support the professional development of youth workers and youth leaders by extending their competencies to integrate *elements of* European citizenship within their projects and practice and support their role as multipliers with young people;

- To provide participants with knowledge and information about the historical role and present function of European institutions and the concepts and formal meanings and expressions of European citizenship;
- To enable participants to reflect about European citizenship and European identity and key values and concepts associated with it, such as safeguarding human rights, participation in the development of democracy and respect for cultural diversity;
- To develop participants' knowledge and motivation to critically understand the European youth programmes and their potential to support the European citizenship dimension of youth work.

### 3. Aspects of European Citizenship: the six Modules

The six training Modules offered in May-October 2006 will be hosted by six National Agencies of the YOUTH Programme of the European Commission. Modules will gather 25 participants for five full training days. All Modules will be offered in English language.

Below you will find the titles, dates and content summary of the Modules.

**Interested applicants are asked to  
APPLY ONLY FOR ONE OF THE SIX MODULES!**

**Module 1.**

*European Citizenship: Institutions and Politics*

**29 May – 4 June 2006.**

Budapest, Hungary

**Module 2.**

*European Citizenship: Visions and Concepts of Europe*

**27 May – 2 June 2006.**

Bonn, Germany

**Module 3.**

*European Citizenship: Citizenship*

**4 – 10 September 2006.**

Bern, Switzerland

**Module 4.**

*European Citizenship: Intercultural Learning*

**25 September – 1 October 2006.**

Cardiff, UK

**Module 5.**

*European Citizenship: Human Rights*

**23 - 29 October 2006.**

Eisenborn, Luxembourg

**Module 6.**

*European Citizenship: Role of Youth Work in Participation*

**23 – 29 October 2006.**

Rome, Italy

The dates refer to the days of arrival and departure of participants.

## **Special focuses of the Modules:**

### **Module 1. EC: Institutions and Politics**

- Ideas and utopias about Europe: a short introduction to the evolution of the European idea
- European integration after 1945: the intergovernmental model – the Council of Europe (history, functions, the youth field)
- European integration after 1945: the supranational model – the European Union (its origins, present functions and institutions, future perspectives, the youth field)
- the Future of the European Union: Ways to address the constitutional crisis and the role of young people therein
- The relationship of institutions to the citizen and their policy towards young people
- Influencing: opportunities and models for young people
- European Youth Policy: The White Paper

### **Module 2. EC: Visions and Concepts of Europe**

- Concepts and perceptions of Europe (historical and present)
- Tensions and contradictions in Europe
- The relation of nationality, identity, sovereignty, loyalty to Europe
- Formal entitlements and rights of Europeans
- How are young people affected by Europe?
- How do young people affect Europe?
- Discourse on Europe in the 21st century
- Visions of Europe: European Union, Council of Europe
- The Europe of values

### **Module 3. EC: Citizenship**

- What is 'citizenship'?
- Citizenship and identity
- Formal and legal concepts of citizenship
- Historical and cultural understandings of citizenship
- Modern concepts and practices of citizenship
- The relation of a citizen to the local environment, the region, the state and to Europe
- Widening concentric circles: European Citizenship
- Citizenship and identity: European citizenship
- Integrating European citizenship into youth work
- Is there a 'good citizen'?

### **Module 4. EC: Intercultural Learning**

- The Europe of values
- The European cultural heritage
- The concepts of 'culture'
- The advantages and challenges of Intercultural learning
- The tolerance of ambiguity
- Equality versus diversity
- Migration, immigration and integration
- Dealing with diversity in youth work
- Intercultural learning as integrated part of European Citizenship

### **Module 5. EC: Human Rights**

- The evolution of human rights (the Universal Declaration, the European Convention)
- The first, second and third generation of human rights
- Aspects of human rights: equality

- Aspects of human rights: social inclusion
- Aspects of human rights: anti racism
- Human rights in youth work
- Human rights education in Europe
- Citizenship and Human Rights in Europe

#### **Module 6. EC: Role of Youth Work in Participation**

- Youth participation citizenship and democracy
- Lifestyles, cultures and life-management of young people today
- Why youth work? – socialisation and education of young people
- The role of youth work and of the youth worker
- The European dimension in youth work
- Questions of 'citizenship' and questions of 'youth'

#### **4. Methodology**

The training Modules will be based on the principles and practice of non-formal education in youth worker and youth leader training, as they have been developed and implemented at the European Youth Centres as well as in other training contexts. Therefore, the Modules will:

- be based on the intrinsic motivation of the learner;
- be practice and problem oriented;
- generally not imply the control of individual learning achievement;
- be learner-centred and based on the experiences and youth work objectives of participants;
- be based on a personal responsibility for learning, supported by a strong group dimension and a collective and collaborative approach;
- enable participants to apply and transfer what they learned to their youth work practice;
- take into account the needs and motivations of participants and be open to regular feed-back and evaluations;
- be documented to gain a maximum multiplying effect.

#### **5. Profile of participants**

The Modules are intended to be an opportunity for further training complementary to previous experience and training for both youth workers and youth leaders who :

- have experience of at least 2 years in youth work (as volunteers or professionals);
- have organised or co-organised at least 1 international youth project;
- have experience in developing and managing a project with and for young people;
- are directly involved in youth activities with young people;
- are supported by their organisation in the application and in their work to integrate European Citizenship into youth work;
- are committed to work directly with young people on issues related to European citizenship;
- are motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- are able to work in English;
- have a general knowledge and understanding of youth work realities in their countries and a direct involvement with issues of European Citizenship in this context;
- are resident in a member state of the Council of Europe or in another country signatory to the European Cultural convention.
- have proven experience of youth work in the field of the specific focus of the Module that the applicant applies.

## 6. Application & Selection

The deadline of applications for the Modules 1-2

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.**

The deadline of applications for the Modules 3-6

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2006.**

All candidates must apply by using the enclosed [application form](#).

**Please send your application to the National Agency of the Youth Program in your country for pre-selection. In case there is no National Agency representation in your country, please send your application directly to the hosting National Agency by the above deadline.**

The list of National Agencies can be found at:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/youth/program/contact.pdf>

Selection of participants will be carried out by the hosting National Agency and the team of trainers of the actual Module based on the recommendations of the sending National Agency or sending organisation.

During the selection procedure the following aspects will be taken into consideration:

- Diversity of experiences among participants (cultural, social, economic, demographic, political, etc);
- Diversity of target groups with whom the youth workers work (immigrants, disabled young people, disadvantaged young people, peripheral youth, youth from rural contexts, urban youth, etc);
- Diversity of levels of youth work (local, national, European / international) and of organisations and institutions conducting youth work.

Candidates will be informed one month before the training Module starts. The successful applicants are reminded that once a candidate has been placed on the final list, they must make every effort to attend the course for its full duration. If, for any exceptional reason, they are unable to take up the offer of a place, they must inform the hosting National Agency immediately. Replacements will be taken from the waiting list.

## 7. Travel and other expenses, enrolment fee

Board and lodging will be provided and paid for by the hosting National Agency.

For residents of programme countries of the Youth Programme (with National Agency representation), please contact your sending National Agency regarding travel cost reimbursement.

For non-programme country residents, travel expenses and visa fees will be reimbursed (on presentation of the relevant receipts) by the Partnership Secretariat according to rules of the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe. Payment will be made only by bank transfer after the course.

**Exception:** Travel expenses of all Participants of Module 3 will be reimbursed by the Swiss youth work agency.

## 8. Contact details of hosting national agencies

Applications sent to the Partnership Secretariat will NOT be accepted.

### **MODULE 1: Institutions and Politics**

#### ***Mobilitás – Directorate for European Development***

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### **MODULE 2: Visions and Concepts of Europe**

#### ***JUGEND für Europa - Deutsche Agentur Jugend***

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### **MODULE 3: Citizenship**

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### **MODULE 4: Intercultural Learning**

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### **MODULE 5: Human Rights**

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### **MODULE 6: Role of Youth Work in participation**

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