



EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP IN YOUTH WORK

A pilot training course for youth workers and youth leaders on
European citizenship education in youth work

*European Youth Centre Budapest
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Draft **Programme** and notes on
the methodology

Sunday, 21 October

Arrival of participants

19:00 *Dinner*

20:30 Welcome informal activities

Monday, 22 October

09:30 OPENING OF THE COURSE, by *Ms Antje Rothmund*, Executive Director of the European Youth Centre Budapest

09:45 PRESENTATION of the participants and trainers

10:00 INTRODUCTION TO THE FRAMEWORK OBJECTIVES PROGRAMME AND METHODOGY of the training course

10:40 *Break*

11:00 “MY CITIZENSHIP..” – getting to know each other and exploring meanings and objectives of citizenship *in working groups*

12:45 *Lunch*

14:30 FEED-BACK from the working groups

15:00 INTERACTIVITY – sharing experiences and realities of young people and citizenship across Europe – *creative group work*.

18:00 PRACTICAL information

18:15 CLOSING of the day’s formal programme

19:00 *Dinner*

20:30 OPENING NIGHT OF THE CITIZEN KAFÉ

Tuesday, 23 October

09:30 OPENING and programme of the day

09:45 TRENDS AND TENSIONS IN YOUNG PEOPLE’S SOCIALISATION Presentation by Prof. Howard Williamson, Copenhagen University

10:30 QUESTIONS to the speaker

10:45 *Break*

11:05 WORKING GROUPS on key issues raised in the presentation

12:15 REPORTS from the groups and comments from the speaker

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 THE ROLE OF YOUTH WORK in relation to young people’s citizenship *in groups*

16:00 *Break*

16:20 PROJECT AGORA – Introduction to the First Agora

18:15 CLOSING of the day’s formal programme

19:00 *Dinner*

Wednesday, 24 October

- 09:30 OPENING and programme of the day
- 09:45 INTERCOMMUNITY – a group exercise on values, norms and citizens
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:20 Intercommunity exercise continued
- 12:45 *Lunch*
- 14:30 CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIL SOCIETY – Questions and answers *in working groups*
- 16:00 *Break*
- 16:20 REPORTS from the working groups
- 16:45 COMMENTS from and debate with Prof. Cesar Birze, resource person
- 18:00 PRACTICAL announcements
- 18:15 CLOSING of the day's formal programme
- 19:00 *Dinner*
- 21:00 CITIZEN KAFÉ'S HAPPY HOURS

Thursday, 25 October

- 09:30 OPENING and programme of the day
- 09:45 THE ROLE OF YOUTH POLICY, principles and practice of youth policies in Europe
Presentation by Mr Peter Lauritz, Directorate of Youth and Sport, Council of Europe
- 10:30 QUESTIONS and debate
- 10:45 *Break*
- 11:05 HOMOGENEITY AND DIVERSITY of national youth policies across Europe *in working groups*
- 12:45 *Lunch*
- 14:30 FOUR CORNERS – A dynamic approach to youth participation, autonomy and responsibility in youth work
- 16:00 *Break*
- 16:20 Four corners: conclusion and debriefing
- 17:30 CONCLUSIONS and guidelines
- 18:00 PRACTICAL information
- 18:15 CLOSING of the day's formal programme
- 19:30 *Dinner and evening in town*

Friday, 26 October

- 09:30 OPENING and programme of the day
- 09:45 PERCEPTIONS AND REALITIES of Europe- in working groups
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:20 REPORTS from the group
- 12:00 DISCUSSION of main issues, with *Ms Allison West* resource person
- 12:45 *Lunch*
- 14:30 Values and facts regarding the history of European integration and cooperation
Presentation by *Ms Allison West* European University Institute
- 16:00 *Break*
- 16:20 WORKSHOPS on the function and decisionmaking structures in the European Union
(Commission, Council, Parliament) and in the Council of Europe
- 17:30 MID-TERM EVALUATION
- 18:15 CLOSING of the day's formal programme
- 19:00 *Dinner*
- 21:00 SECOND PROJECT AGORA in the Citizen's Kafé

Saturday, 27 October

- Free day*
- Dinner in town*

Sunday, 28 October

- 09:30 OPENING and programme of the day
- 09:45 INTERCULTURAL LEARNING AS A CONDITION FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP
Introduction by *Mr Peter Lauritzen*
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:20 WORKING GROUPS
- 12:45 *Lunch*
- 14:30 PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS and exercises on intercultural learning in multicultural
social environments
- 16:45 *Break*
- 17:15 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION of the main conclusions from the workshops and
their practical relevance in youth projects
- 18:15 CLOSING of the day's formal programme
- 19:00 *Dinner*
- 21:00 THIRD PROJECT AGORA in the Citizen's Kafé

Monday, 29 October

- 09:30 OPENING and programme of the day
- 09:45 IDENTIFICATION OF QUALITY CRITERIA for youth projects dealing with European citizenship – *in working groups*
- 11:15 *Break*
- 11:30 Presentation and discussion of the criteria proposed by the groups
- 12:45 *Lunch*
- 14:30 EUROPEAN YOUTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES Introduction to the aims and values of the European Union Youth programme and to those of the Council of Europe with *Mr Laszlo Földes* resource person
- 15:45 *Break*
- 16:00 WORKSHOPS on conditions and possibilities offered within:
- The Youth Programme (exchanges, voluntary service, training);
- The Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe;
- Other organisations and foundations in Europe
- 18:15 CLOSING of the day's formal programme
- 19:00 *Dinner*

Tuesday, 30 October

- 09:30 OPENING and programme of the day
- 09:45 INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT PLANNING and project development
- 10:15 IDEAS AND PROPOSALS for future projects *in working groups*
- 11:15 *Break*
- 11:30 WORKING GROUPS continued
- 12:45 *Lunch*
- 14:30 Working groups continued
- 15:45 *Break*
- 16:00 PROGRESS REPORTS from the working groups
- 16:30 EVALUATION CRITERIA AND TOOLS for youth projects on European Citizenship
- 18:15 CLOSING of the day's formal programme
- 19:00 *Dinner*
- 21:00 FOURTH PROJECT AGORA at the Citizen's Kafé

Wednesday, 31 October

- 09:30 OPENING and programme of the day
- 09:45 PRESENTATION OF MAIN PROJECTS and followup plans
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:10 CONCLUSIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT of European citizenship with young people – *in working groups*
- 12:45 *Lunch*

14:30 PRESENTATION OF CONCLUSIONS of the working groups

15:30 *Break*

16:00 EVALUATION of the training course

18:15 CLOSING of the training course

19:00 *Dinner*

21:00 THE VERY ULTIMATE FAREWELL to the Citizen's Kafé

Thursday, 1 November

Departure of participants

Aims and objectives of the course

“THE LEARNING OBJECTIVES for any training course on European citizenship should be to develop a sense of space and place in contemporary Europe, the skills required to be active agents for change and development, and the knowledge required to make informed choices within this context.”

THE AIM OF THIS PILOT COURSE is to support the professional development of youth workers and youth leaders by extending their competencies to integrate European citizenship within their projects and practice.

The following OBJECTIVES have been set in order to reach the aims as described above:

- a) To extend the participants’ knowledge and understanding of Europe, citizenship and young people in Europe;
- b) To enable participants to reflect upon and to address key values related to European citizenship, such as human rights, democracy, participation and inter-cultural respect;
- c) To critically and creatively reflect about the role and relevance of Europe and European citizenship for young people and for youth work today and in the future;
- d) To further develop the participants’ skills and abilities to reflect about intercultural learning, multicultural society and their translation into and implications for youth work practice;
- e) To become acquainted with the historical role and present function of the European institutions, notably the Council of Europe and the European Union;
- f) To increase the participants’ professional competence in developing and running projects with young people which aim at empowering them or raising their own understanding and practice of European citizenship;
- g) To acquire competence in dealing with European youth programmes, the policies behind them and the decision-making structures associated to them;
- h) To equip the participants with the knowledge and competence necessary to make use of existing funding mechanisms and programmes for young people;
- i) To gather evaluation elements for the further integration of European citizenship into youth work practice.

¹ Curriculum and Quality Development Report

Methodology of the course

The course programme is 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. In conjunction with the topic of the course – European citizenship – this determines that the learning process will:

- be based on the intrinsic MOTIVATION OF THE LEARNER
- generally NOT IMPLY THE CONTROL of individual learning achievement;
- be LEARNER CENTRED and based on the experiences of participants;
- be based on a PERSONAL responsibility for learning, supported by a strong GROUP dimension and a COLLECTIVE 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 feedback and evaluations;
- be thoroughly EVALUATED AND DOCUMENTED to gain a maximum multiplying effect.

In line with these guidelines, some of the contents and methods in the draft programme may change and be adapted to the group.

Projects

One of the expected outcomes of the course, are the projects that participants are expected to identify and develop during the course individually or in partnership with other participants and to IMPLEMENT AFTER THE COURSE

Participants

Participants are expected to play the major role in the programme implementation. Please refer to the document PARTICIPANT PREPARATION for individual preparations prior to the course.

Evaluators

This pilot project will be evaluated with the active contribution of EXTERNAL EVALUATORS Ms MARIJA LESKOVEC (Slovenia) and Ms SIMON PARRY (United Kingdom). They will follow through the whole programme and evaluation of the course.

Resource Persons

The team will be supported by resource persons who will be available to the team and participants and provide guidance and expertise on the main issues of the programme:

Prof. CESAR BIRZEA from the Institute of Educational Sciences of Bucharest, *Citizenship*

Prof. ALLISON WESTERN, European Institute, Florence, *European Institutions*

Mr Laszlo Bldi, Hungarian National Agency of the Youth Programme, on the youth programmes of the European Union

Guest speakers

– mostly from the Curriculum and Quality Development Group will be invited for specific issues.