

## Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education – EENCE-Network

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### Who we are

The EENCE-network brings together professionals involved in citizenship education from civil society organizations, public sector and research. The activities of the Network members cover Eastern European Countries: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine, Poland.

The Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education (EENCE) has been initiated as follow-up of the focus group “Citizenship Education in Eastern Europe” within the NECE.

### The goal

The goal of this Network is to boost the quality of Citizenship Education in the region. The development of the EENCE progresses based on NECE inter alia, which aims to provide transparency approaches in Citizenship Education generally, and to inspire transnational discussions on the topics and challenges facing the field.

Specifically the EENCE aims:

- to build mutual understanding of the value “Citizenship Education” in the region and to create common ground for synergy and networking;
- to foster cooperation between practitioners, trainers, educators, project managers, researchers and civil servants, who work in the field of formal and non-formal Citizenship Education, and to empower them to have their say on national, regional and international level;
- to foster regional cooperation in the field of Citizenship Education, to provide expertise and networking activities among Network members, best practises experience exchange.

### Our principles:

1. **autonomy and independence:** the EENCE sets up the directions of its activities, guided by the general goal and independent of governments, political parties or other organizations.
2. **active membership:** the activity of each member of the Network decides for participation in activities and joint projects.
3. **horizontal networking:** the basis for Network activity is the horizontal cooperation between its participants, which is summarized and evaluated at the annual conference.
4. **mutual learning:** the EENCE members benefit from learning from each other and are open to share own experiences.
5. **transfer of experience:** the EENCE is the platform for summarizing, systematizing and evaluating the existing experience in the countries of the region and is open to the transfer of innovations from/to other countries and organizations.

### The Structure

#### 1. Annual Conference

- 1.1. The EENCE brings together individuals and organizations, working in the field of Citizenship Education in the region.
- 1.2. The decision governing body is the **Annual Conference**. The members of the Conference have the right to decide for:
  - the approval of the long-term strategy;
  - the approval of the annual working plan;
  - the admission of new members into EENCE;
  - the exclusion of any members from EENCE;
  - the appointment of the coordination council;
  - the composition of thematic working groups;
  - any other questions relevant to the activities of EENCE

- 1.3. The decisions of the Annual Conference are taken by a simple majority of votes from those present. The method of voting is determined by the Conference.

## 2. Coordination council

- 2.1. The Coordination Council coordinates the activities of the Network in the annual period between Conferences, incl. elaborating annual plans and monitoring of the activities, co-facilitation of Working Groups, as well as applications for membership;
- 2.2. The Members of the Council are eligible to represent the Network in relations with other organizations, donors and/or partners.
- 2.3. The Coordination Council works on the principle of rotation, which means that at least 25% of its membership must be updated annually.
- 2.4. Fundraising for the network

## 3. Working Groups

- 3.1. The current activities are carried out within thematic **Working Groups**. The topic of the working group should advert the overall issues of Citizenship Education. Each member of the Network is eligible to initiate a thematic working group, taking into consideration that it consists of the representatives of at least three countries.
- 3.2. The annual Conference and/or Coordination Council are eligible to initiate operational working groups ad hoc for the solution of the issues of communication, management, fundraising and technicalities.
- 3.3. The information on active working groups is published on the following website:  
<http://www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen/netzwerke/nece/237217/focus-group-eence-eastern-european-network-of-citizenship-education>)
- 3.4. The information on the beginning of a new working group activities should be sent out beforehand to all participants of the Network by e-mail to the general address of the Network (googlegroups).
- 3.5. The Information on the results of each working group should be presented at the annual Conference in the form of an or written presentation.

## 4. Memberships

- 4.1. Each organization or individuals from civic, public or research sector can apply for a membership in the EENCE. The application should be sent out to the email address: [svetlana.alenitskaya@bpb.de](mailto:svetlana.alenitskaya@bpb.de)
- 4.2. All EENCE participants should be included in the database of member organizations and / or NECE experts by noting one of their areas of interest to be "Work in Eastern Europe countries"
- 4.3. The Coordination Council is eligible to verify the organization and propose the admission of new members to the annual Conference.
- 4.4. In case of positive verification by the Council, the individual or organization is declared as an associate member till the final approval by the Conference.
- 4.5. The information on EENCE organizations/members is published on the following website:  
<http://www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen/netzwerke/nece/237217/focus-group-eence-eastern-european-network-of-citizenship-education>
- 4.6. The exclusion from the EENCE membership occurs in case of voluntary refusal or resigning the Network activity for more than one year, without prior notification. The decision to exclude an organization from the Network takes place during the annual Conference.