



# **Active Citizens for Europe**

# The Role of Culture and Citizenship Education in European Migration Societies

A European workshop developed by the NECE initiative and the network "A Soul for Europe"

18-20 November 2010, Berlin (Germany)

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# **Programme**

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## **Background and Aims**

Debates in Europe are beginning to redefine the role of the individual in its relation to the state and to religious groups in a pluralistic and secular society. Furthermore processes of migration as well as ethnic and religious diversity are challenging the concepts of citizenship education in general. The aim of the workshop is to discuss in a first step the status quo of citizen's active participation in democratic processes regardless of national, ethnic or religious backgrounds. Can "Europe" (or the European Union) provide the basis for a common identity that encompasses various ethnic and religious groups and enables migrants to identify with it? Does the identification with Europe help to encourage the individual's active participation in democratic processes? Do we need a new approach and thinking about the role of citizenship education in migration societies? In a second step the variety of methods and tools that have been developed to strengthen knowledge, skills and competences of active citizens will be compared.

#### 18 November 2010

Arrival and check-in at the hotel

06:00- **Get-together** 

07:30 pm Federal Agency for Civic Education, Friedrichstraße 50, Berlin

**Welcome and Introduction** 

**Christoph Müller-Hofstede**, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)

Discussion on the expectations of the participants, the aims of this workshop and the related key issues

#### 19 November 2010

Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Theatre Hall (informal, small discussion session on stage)

09:00 am Registration

09:30 am Welcome

**Thomas Krüger**, President of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)

**Rarita Zbranca**, Director of the AltArt Foundation and Member of the Strategy Group of ASfE (Romania)

10:00 am Identities in Multi-ethnic Europe: Consequences for the Concept of Citizenship

**Inputs:** Ivaylo Ditchev, Sofia University (Bulgaria)

Selma Muhic-Dizdarevic, Charles University (Czech Republic)





Discussion with all guests

Moderation:

Rindert de Groot, Initiator of Cool Ideals project and member of

Worldconnectors (the Netherlands)

11:15 am Short Break

11:30 am The Role of Citizenship Education in European Migration Societies

**Inputs:** Barbara John, Former Commissioner for Foreigners of the Berlin

Senate (Germany)

Concepción Maiztegui Oñate, University of Deusto (Spain)

Discussion with all guests

Moderation: Farid Tabarki, "A Soul for Europe" Strategy Group

(the Netherlands)

01:00 pm Lunch break

02:30 pm Presentation of good practice projects and research results from the cultural

field and citizenship education and general discussion with all guests

Moderation:

Uta Staiger, University College London (UK)

Presentations by

Angéline Escafré-Dublet, ACCEPT Pluralism Project (France)

**Christoph Müller-Hofstede**, Federal Agency for Civic Education (Germany)

04:00 pm Coffee break

04:30 pm Continuation

Presentations by

Melita Richter, University of Trieste (Italy)
Davide Tosco, Zenit Arti Audiovisive (Italy)

05:30 pm Conclusions

07:00 pm Reception at the Belgian Embassy

Jägerstraße 52-53, 10117 Berlin

### **20 November 2010**

Haus der Kulturen der Welt

Consolidation of the discussion results/ outlook/ recommendations within the **Berlin Conference 2010: "Towards a Citizens' Europe"** (www.asoulforeurope.eu/what/berlin-conference/2010)





## **Locations:**

#### **18 November 2010**

Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)
Friedrichstraße 50
10117 Berlin
www.bpb.de

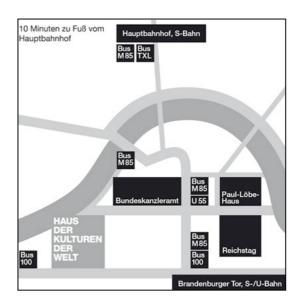
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#### 19/20 November 2010

Haus der Kulturen der Welt John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10 10557 Berlin www.hkw.de

- by bus (100 or M85): station "Bundeskanzleramt"
- by city train (S3, S5, S7, S9, S75): station "Hauptbahnhof/ central station"
- by underground (U 55): station "Bundestag"



**19 November 2010** (reception at 7 pm)

Belgian Embassy (Botschaft des Königreichs Belgien)

Jägerstraße 52-53 10117 Berlin www.diplomatie.be/berlin

> by underground: station "U Französische Straße" OR station "U Hausvogteiplatz"

