

## The Partnership strengthens its activities on European Citizenship

Given the growing importance of European Citizenship in the youth policies and programmes of both partner institutions, the Partnership is constantly strengthening its training activities in this field.

### Network European Citizenship Training Courses: successful launch in 2007

#### Success of the new training courses

More than 100 youth workers and youth leaders from across Europe have attended the new European Citizenship training courses (EC TCs) in 2007.

The first 4 courses were organised in October and November 2007 in the United Kingdom (Edinburgh), Turkey (Antalya), Denmark (Helsingør) and Hungary (Budapest).

Thanks to the Partnership support, one third of the participants came from South East Europe, Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

#### New curriculum

The new curriculum of the training courses was designed by the Partnership: it promoted the **core values** of both partner institutions and also encouraged young people to **play an active role** in civil society development through youth work, among others. The **multi-cultural context** of the courses was an integral part of the learning process.

#### Support of SALTO and the National Agencies

These training courses were **implemented** thanks to the support of the Youth in Action programme and its network of National Agencies, which were hosting the activities. The courses were co-ordinated by the SALTO TC RC, as for the other network courses.



#### Positive feedback from participants

Many participants underlined that these training courses reinforced their commitment to work on issues related to European Citizenship in their own country, by **promoting citizenship education and participation of young people** through youth work projects, for instance.

Many more young people should therefore indirectly benefit from the courses thanks to the multiplying effect.

#### Next steps and evaluation

**Three more training courses** on European Citizenship **will be organised** (in Italy, Poland and Germany) at the beginning of 2008. The courses will be evaluated in spring 2008, together with our partners. More courses will take place in 2008/2009, with the support of the National Agencies.

## Follow-up Seminar on European Citizenship: a promising initiative



In order to build on the experience gained in the European Citizenship Modules 2005-2006, the Partnership and some Youth in Action National Agencies organised a "European Citizenship Follow-up Seminar" attended by **25 former participants** in the Modules (including team members). The Seminar, which was co-organised and hosted by the **National Agency of Luxembourg**, took place on 15/17 November 2007.



### Results

The Seminar allowed participants to:

- strengthen the impact of the European Citizenship modules by **sharing good practices** on their projects;
- identify the **characteristics** of European Citizenship projects;
- try and improve the **dissemination** of their projects results;
- explore the **new potentialities** offered by the Youth in Action programme in the field of European Citizenship and develop new projects if relevant.

### Seminar report and publication

You can download the **executive report** of the Seminar on the Partnership website: <http://www.training-youth.net/INTEGRATION/TY/TCourses/Valorisation.html>

The **Seminar publication** (gathering the projects developed by participants on European Citizenship and their methodologies) should be ready in January 2008. It will also be available on the website. Please be aware that a new Partnership website will be online from 15 January 2008 : [www.youth-partnership.net](http://www.youth-partnership.net)

### Mentoring and support strategy

Following the success of the Follow-up Seminar described above, the Partnership and some National Agencies are setting-up a **strategy to support former participants** of the European Citizenship training courses to become active multipliers.

This strategy will consist of:

- a specific **internet platform** (operational in spring 2008) to provide relevant background information and documents and encourage participants to network amongst themselves ;
- some additional support from **mentors** to help them to integrate European Citizenship elements in their daily youth work and projects;
- a new **Follow-up Seminar** (spring 2009) to support some selected former participants in the managements of European Citizenship projects.

This strategy should motivate participants to **keep being active** in the field of European Citizenship after the training courses and thus maximise the impact of the courses in the long-run.



**Season's Greetings from the Partnership team!**