

SOCIAL INCLUSION



IN 1998, THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DECIDED TO TAKE COMMON ACTION IN THE FIELD OF EUROPEAN YOUTH WORKER TRAINING, AND THEREFORE INITIATED A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. THE AIM OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS LAID DOWN IN SEVERAL COVENANTS, IS “TO PROMOTE ACTIVE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIL SOCIETY BY GIVING IMPETUS TO THE TRAINING OF YOUTH LEADERS AND YOUTH WORKERS WORKING WITHIN A EUROPEAN DIMENSION”.

THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS COVERS A WIDE SPECTRUM OF ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS, AS WELL AS DEVELOPING TOOLS FOR FURTHER NETWORKING.

THREE MAIN COMPONENTS GOVERN THE PARTNERSHIP : A TRAINING OFFER (LONG TERM TRAINING FOR TRAINERS AND TRAINING ON EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP), PUBLICATIONS (BOTH PAPER AND ELECTRONIC VERSIONS OF TRAINING MATERIALS AND MAGAZINE) AND NETWORKING TOOLS (TRAINERS POOL AND EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES). THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO RAISE STANDARDS IN YOUTH WORKER TRAINING AT A EUROPEAN LEVEL AND DEFINE QUALITY CRITERIA FOR SUCH TRAINING.

