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The ECLIPSE project

ECLIPSE is a 2,5-year Comenius multi-lateral project which started in October 2011. An international consortium develops innovative education methods and materials (Programme for Secondary Education) to promote European citizenship of students of the age 13-14, and to enhance key competences such as learning to learn, critical thinking, sense of initiative and entrepreneurship.

4th Consortium Meeting in Trento, Italia

The project consortium met in March for the fourth time in order to implement a teacher conference for four days for teachers of every participating country. The consortium and the teachers came together in order to discuss the educational practice of teaching and testing materials and to make sure that the material are practicable and easy to manage by teachers of Secondary Education. After the school year 2012/2013 the material will be revised and optimised according to the final publication.



Meeting in Venice, Cà Foscari University



Teacher Conference, March 2013

Teachers from Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal attended the teacher conference in March 2013 in Trento (Italy).

During the teacher conference the teachers were working together in several group sessions. The aim of the group sessions was to share, discuss and consolidate the teacher's work with the ECLIPSE tools, as well as to provide feedback for further improvement. Teachers presented their schools and school systems, focused on topics linked to the ECLIPSE teaching and testing materials (Work Units, student portfolio etc.) and to European citizenship. Teachers were therefore able to attain basic knowledge of the work of their colleagues in the partner countries.

The conference was rounded out by a school visit at a secondary school in Mezzolombardo near Trento (Istituto Comprensivo di Mezzolombardo) which provided a better insight into the Italian school system.



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Seminar Citizenship Education in Portugal, March 2013

The Institute of Education of the University of Lisbon, on 6th of March, promoted a Seminar called *Citizenship Education: School and Community* led by Prof. Sousa Florbela, which had the special participation of Prof. Helena Salema.

In the second part of the seminar the launch of the 3rd e-book *School and Community - Global Citizenship Labs*, which was organized by prof. Florbela Sousa and Susana Gonçalves, took place. This part had also the participation of the expert Prof. Isabel Freire from IEUL who presented the book and made comments.

Brief comments of the organizers:

"This work is intended as a contribution to a better understanding of the art state of the study and debate on the issues of citizenship and citizenship education in a global world, which is interconnected socially, economically and politically.

The preparation of future generations to live in a sustainable, peaceful and productive world is not a recent concern but has always been present in the educational practices and has always underlied systems and educational projects. In addition, Citizenship is an integral element of ideologies and educational policies.

What is new is the sense of urgency that this concern arises now. Theoretical considerations, empirical studies and intervention projects presented here are a good indicator of the concern that the theme of global citizenship is in line with a global trend today."

Next Step: Evaluation process

Within the next month, the consortium will work with teachers to improve the ECLIPSE material. The Work Units will be tested in the educational practice in all participating countries in order to make sure that the teaching/testing material is practicable. The teachers will work with the mainlines of the Programme for Secondary Education (PSE).

The main work will focus on the analysis of the evaluation of the knowledge test and the questionnaire of the students which are linked to the Work Units. The analysis of the tests will start at the end of the school year 2012/2013.

Get involved!

We cordially invite all the interested stakeholders in the field of European citizenship education with regard to the topics „learning to learn“, developing initiative and critical thinking to contribute their expertise to the improvement of the material.

Learn more about the project!

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