



ECLIPSE - European Citizenship - Learning in a Programme for Secondary Education



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## About ECLIPSE. Citizenship Education



ECLIPSE is a 2.5-years Comenius multilateral project which started in October 2011.

The Consortium involves six partners coming from 6 countries (Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom), with complementary expertise in education of young people and in training teachers. Moreover, the network allows exchange of knowledge and best practices, good premise for a quality work in the closed interdependent member countries of the European Union, and produce theoretic and practical results.

## Main aim of the project

The aim of the project is to work together in order to contribute to the improvement and to develop, test, and implement an European Citizenship Education Programme for pupils age 13-14 in lower secondary education.

Additionally the Consortium will develop a teacher conference promoting necessary skills and background knowledge for implementing citizenship education in lower secondary education.

## 1st Project Meeting in Tenerife, Canarian Islands

The Consortium met in January for the first time in order to discuss the plan of the project and the first steps to find schools and associated partners and to disseminate the project. They worked collaboratively on tailor-made materials for teachers according to their needs.

## Plans for the 2nd Project Meeting in Lisboa, Portugal

During the next meeting we will discuss:

- ▶ results of our comparison of the school systems and of the curricula for citizenship education
- ▶ deepen the research
- ▶ exchange best practices to present and deep teacher training methodologies as classroom and school based action research, teachers' critical reflection, self-assessment, metacognition and learning to learn
- ▶ start to develop a curriculum for the in-service training of teachers
- ▶ choose topics related to European citizenship to be implemented in schools emphasize elements which are transversal among the partners, but also elements that are specific in relation to the different cultural approaches.



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## Good news!

### **Analysis of comparison of school systems and of curricula for citizenship education has started!**



In order to meet the needs of teachers and pupils with the

ECLIPSE materials, the project team make a comparison of school systems and curricula during the Spring Term 2012. The results will provide some important insights into the situation of citizenship education in Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom.

## Next Steps!

Within the next year (2012/13) the Consortium will work with teachers and pupils, starting contacts before the end of this school year, develop the mainlines of our Programme for Secondary Education (PSE), draft framework and topics, as the basis for the preparation of testing and teaching/learning tools.

All partners will work together to deepen the research and to facilitate teenagers from different social groups in citizenship education, to achieve good chances, getting motivated to cooperate, doing

## Get involved in the project!

We invite all interested stakeholders in the field of citizenship education with regard to the topics learning to learn, initiative, critical thinking and citizenship.

- ▶ you and your expertise are invited to contribute to the development by reviewing the developed material and making comments on the materials-in-progress
- ▶ contribute your expertise to the improvement of competence-oriented citizenship education and network with the ECLIPSE project
- ▶ we also invite your organisation to become an associated partner of the ECLIPSE project and to be represented on the ECLIPSE website
- ▶ subscribe to the ECLIPSE newsletter and mailing list, you will receive all news regarding the progress of the project's work.

## Learn more about the project!

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