

Concurrent Session: Operationalizing Global Citizenship Education



Human Rights and Democracy in Action

EC/CoE Pilot Projects Scheme

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Overall Objective

- To contribute to the promotion of human rights, democracy and the rule of law through education (as a means of fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies)
- Global citizenship education = Education for democratic citizenship and human rights

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What? Who? How?

- What: Funding programme for cooperation projects based on peer-to-peer learning
- Who: Involves 2 to 5 countries, open to 50 States Party to the European Cultural Convention represented by Ministries of Education
- How: collection of data, development of tools and their piloting

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Strengths

- **Innovation:** A unique platform for intergovernmental cooperation
- **Relevance:** Projects aim to assist countries in their current reforms
- **Ownership:** Countries decide on themes, choose partners and design projects
- **Concrete results:** Each project produces a tool(-s) that can be further adapted by other countries

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Limitations

- Challenging time schedule – 1 year
- Difficulty to intergrate international cooperation within national policy agendas
- Lack of sustainability – The Scheme needs to be renegotiated every year
- Developing a common understanding among partners requires time and effort

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Impact

- Example: Finland, France and Ireland report that the conclusions of their joint survey contributed to their curriculum reform
- Impact analysis is foreseen in 2015

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