



WE ALL SMILE IN THE SAME LANGUAGES -
INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE FOR AN
ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

COM Partnership 10 countries, 9 schools

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The project aims:

- to analyze if the common and European definition of Active Citizenship (AC) is valid and representative for schools
- to exercise active citizenship, for a full participation in social and economic life in the community
- to understand citizenship in an active way

In 2013, the “European Year of Citizens”, further efforts should be put into raising awareness on Union citizens' rights, facilitating the exercise of the active citizenship. Active citizenship Learning processes have to be adapted to the changes that take place in democracies. “Understanding the multi-cultural and socio-economic dimensions of European societies and how national cultural identity interacts with the European identity is essential”, states the Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Key competence for lifelong learning.

Peace begins with a smile. (Mother Teresa)
Smile is a simple act, but sometimes takes a lot of effort. A smile can cause boundaries to melt, hearts to warm up, and distances to reduce. A warm smile is the universal language of kindness. (William Arthur Ward)

Humor relaxes people, reduces stress and conflicts, and opens inner doorways to enhanced communication, cooperation, and appreciation. When we laugh together we build a natural bond:

- o *Laughter Builds Teamwork; Humor Improves Communications; Fun Improves Performance*
- o *Laughter Keeps You Awake; Laughter Improves Health*
- o *Laughter Reduces Absenteeism*
- o *Laughter Reduces Stress; Humor Helps Solve Problems*
- o *Laughter Eliminates Monotony*
- o *Humor is Human*
- o *It's Fun*



3rd meeting, ITALY

We strongly believe in the power of each individual to change lives and give new perspective on the lives of people around them.

The project will extend this individual experience to a European dimension, breaking the walls of prejudice, racism, nationality, gender, age. We aim at approaching key issues from the perspective of different subjects, cultures and languages, thus providing a more comprehensive understanding of civic issues in a European context.

Our Comenius Project is an opportunity to develop an Intercultural dialogue within European local communities, to create an inclusive European identity, promoting the common cultural heritage and the importance of cultural diversity. Citizens need knowledge and attitudes for participation in multicultural societies. Learning about democracy and youth participation at ID should start in primary school and be a life long learning project. Lessons in citizenship should start with Intercultural Dialogue, keep the pupils in school and fight 'drop out', connecting learning in school with activity in the local community.

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We are on web:

<http://cnmv.ro/comenius/>

The approach of the project includes respecting the participants' experience, interactive training and consolidation of knowledge in practical activities, development of teaching/ learning materials which can be used in participants' daily work after finishing the project.

- ◆ 1 phase: analysis of the intercultural learning needs and development of an EU level strategy and methodology for cultural events;
- ◆ 2 phase: developing the EU "parcours" of cultural events by employing the strategy and methodology developed
- ◆ 3 phase: evaluation and dissemination of the strategy and methodology developed into good practices through creation of materials and realization of an EU level seminar.

Some definitions



- Active citizenship means citizens taking opportunities to become actively involved in defining and tackling the problems of their communities and improving their quality of life.

A picture tells thousand words – discussion. PL



Citizenship lesson - PL
Polish army competition



Visiting Old people's home/ PL- Easter

Characteristics of active citizenship

- Participation in the community
- People are empowered to influence the decisions which affect their lives
- Knowledge and understanding of the political/social/economic context of their participation so that they can make informed decisions
- Able to challenge existing structures

European Day in PL school



Anti-bullying project. Meeting with wrestler of the WWE- Don't be a bull... Be a Star... IT



Origami in Riga...



Project "Create your Day of courtesy"
Overcome the cultural differences, ability differences, gender different / Primary school pupils of the fifth class



Project "Open doors at the Campidoglio"
Primary school "La Crociera", pupils of the fifth class
Article 12 of THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT: The children have the right to express their opinion and to participate in decision that affect them.

PRODUCTS

Article about Comenius in "Gazeta Pleszewska"



Cooperation with elderly- cycling/ PL



World of Tastes/ PL



Workshops parents and students in BUCHAREST...



Project: Be politician for a day! (find "The Local Hero") - Interviews politicians - Parliament visits Bucharest...



ORIGAMI projects Workshops for students

