



Modules on European Citizenship

2004-2005

MODULE-2

Europe: Concepts and Visions

24-30 January 2005

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

Deadline of application: 15 October 2004

Specific Objectives

- To provide participants with an opportunity to reflect upon Europe (concepts and perceptions)
 - Its history,
 - Integration processes,
 - Nationality, sovereignty and belonging to the Europe of today,
 - Its relation and position vis-à-vis the rest of the world,
 - Current challenges, contradictions and tensions;
- To acquaint participants with the different concepts and definitions of citizenship;
- To enable participants to reflect about European citizenship and European identity and key values and concepts associated with it, such as human rights, democracy and respect for cultural diversity;
- To provide participants with knowledge and information about the historical role and present function of European institutions and the concepts and formal meanings and expressions of European citizenship;

- To critically and creatively reflect on the role and the relevance of European citizenship for young people and for current and future youth work practices;
- To increase participants' competence to critically look at existing and develop new types of youth work practices addressing European citizenship in their daily youth work;
- To develop participants' knowledge and motivation to critically understand the European youth programmes and their potential to support the awareness of European citizenship among young people and through youth work.

Course Contents

- Concepts and perceptions of Europe (historical and present)
- Processes of interaction and integration
- Tensions and contradictions in Europe
- The relation of nationality, identity, sovereignty and belonging to Europe
- Formal entitlements and rights of Europeans
- How are young people affected by European integration and institutions?
- How do young people affect Europe?
- Discourse on Europe in the 21st century
- Visions of Europe: European Union, Council of Europe
- Euro-scepticism
- A Europe of values
- Other aspects of Europe: politics and market
- Europe and the World, global citizenship

Participants' profile

Based on the provided profile of participants from previous course, the team developed the following profile of participants for this course:

This course-module is intended to be an opportunity for further training complementary to experiences and previous training for 30 youth workers and youth leaders who are:

- committed to work directly with young people on issues related to European citizenship;
- ready to act as multipliers on the issue of European citizenship within their projects and other youth work practice.

In general all applicants should:

- have experience of at least 2 years in youth work (as volunteers or professionals) and are currently involved in youth activities with young people;
- have experience in developing and managing a project with and for young people;
- have organised or co-organised at least 1 youth project with a European dimension;
- be supported by their organisation.

All candidates are expected to be:

- motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- able to work in English;
- a resident in a member state of the Council of Europe or in another country signatory to the European Cultural convention.