



Focus on European citizenship

“European citizenship is easy to sense but difficult to define. It implies a set of entitlements and obligations applying to all citizens of Europe. However, the experience of European citizenship by young people goes much beyond formal aspects. It also involves the question of access to rights concerning mobility, education and the labour market, as well as the question of the motivation of young people to actively get involved in the European dimension of their lives. Awareness is only the first step to enter the process.”¹

□ EVENTS

European Commission Document

The European Commission supports the development of **European citizenship as a main priority for EU action** as stated in the following document: «Making citizenship Work: fostering European culture and diversity through programmes for Youth, Culture, Audiovisual and Civic Participation ».

http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/education_culture/comcitizen_en.pdf

European Conference: “Networking Europe – Democratic Citizenship Education”

Santiago de Compostela, Spain, September 2004

Main themes of the conference: **human rights education** and peace issues, sustainable development education, intercultural learning besides general and civic education. Over four days, in a variety of podiums (in five working groups and an open space) presentations will take place on themes, agendas and fields of practice. A platform will be initiated to provide networking and stronger cooperation. One of the objective lines of the conference is to discuss a first basic canon of norms and quality standards of a democratic citizenship.

www.apex-management.de/networkingenglish.html

Orientations of young men and young women to citizenship and European identity - Belgium

This workshop, organised by the Fifth Framework Programme (FP5) project 'Youth and European Identity', will take place in Brussels on July the 8th. The project involves a **multi-site investigation of identity and citizenship among young people** in strategically selected regions in Austria, Spain, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the UK. The consortium will select two groups of young people, aged between 18 and 24, in each region. One will come from a random sample across all social backgrounds and career paths, while the other will comprise a highly educated group of young people on a career path that orients them towards Europe, for example European law or European languages.

The project team will then use the two groups to compare 'ordinary' young people with those who have particular reasons for being pro-European. www.sociology.ed.ac.uk/youth/

□ EU INFORMATION

The EU glossary

The following glossary contains some **250 terms** relating to European integration and to the EU institutions and activities.

<http://europa.eu.int/scadplus/leg/en/cig/g4000.htm>

¹ Training course for youth workers and youth leaders on European citizenship education in youth work European Citizenship in Youth Work - European Youth Centre Budapest ; 19-30 October 2003

Dialogue with citizens

This service provides detailed practical **information** on EU citizens' **rights** and **opportunities** plus **advice** on how to exercise these rights in practice. For example, you can find more about living, working and studying in another EU country. <http://europa.eu.int/citizensrights/>

Citizen's rights (all UE languages)

"Citizenship of the Union is hereby established. Every person holding the nationality of a Member State shall be a citizen of the Union. **Citizenship of the Union shall complement and not replace national citizenship**" (Article 17 of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

Basic instrument to gain knowledge of definitions, texts and other practical information on this subject
http://europa.eu.int/comm/archives/abc/cit3_fr.htm

❑ RESOURCES (Web, publications...)

Salto Youth Resources Centre Youth Initiatives

This SALTO Resource Centre aims at fostering the **European dimension of youth related local projects** within the framework of the YOUTH Programme mainly in the case of locally or regionally based youth initiatives.
www.salto-youth.net/youthinitiatives

Citizenship in Youth Work

In 2002, The Scottish Executive Education Department commissioned HM Inspectorate of Education to examine and report on several areas of youth work as, for example the **development of active citizenship** via the contribution of youth forums and similar mechanisms. This report evaluates the effectiveness of work in these three areas. It identifies examples of good practice and suggests actions for those working with young people to promote further improvement.
www.hmie.gov.uk/documents/publication/ciyw.html

Salto links on Citizenship and Participation

List of **useful websites** on this topic. Please feel free to enrich this page by adding your related website!
www.salto-youth.net/links/citizenship.html

T-Kit 7: "Under Construction... Citizenship, Youth and Europe"

This T-Kit (belonging to a series of easy-to-use handbooks on specific youth related themes written by experienced youth trainers) proposes reflections and exercises about the evolving concept of **European Citizenship**.
(Downloadable version available in English only)
www.training-youth.net/site/publications/tkits/tkit7/Tkit7.htm

Quiz on European countries

Multiple-choice quiz to *test your knowledge!*

- in English www.menzel.be.schule.de/myeurope/sie/quiz_europe/index.html

- in French www1.environnement.gouv.fr/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=518

A webpage fully dedicated to **quizzes concerning Europe**...from music to cinema, from history to sports.
<http://europe.tiscali.co.uk/index.jsp?section=photoquizzes&sez=.photo%20quizzes>

Europa GO

Four **interactive games to discover Europe** in a different way: Europe quiz, Europe puzzle, Euro game and the time machine. To start playing you have to search for the access and don't forget to register if you want to save your scores. Good luck!! <http://europa.eu.int/europago/welcome.jsp>