



Education for Democracy, Human Rights and Citizenship (European Developments)

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- **47** member states, oldest European organization (**1949**)
- **3 priorities:**
 - **human rights**
 - **democracy**
 - **rule of law**

Headquarters: **Strasbourg/ France**



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Recent Developments in the CoE (I)

1) CoE Reform:

2 (Programme) Directorates

General

DG I: Human Rights and Rule of Law

DG II: Democracy

3 Directorates

(1) „ **Directorate of Democratic
Citizenship and Participation** „

Recent Developments in the CoE (II)

**2) New Steering Committee for
Educational Policy and Practice
(CDPPE)**

**3) New Education Programme
2010-2014**

CoE Education Programme 2010-2014

„ Education for intercultural understanding, human rights and democratic culture „

- ***Coherent vision*** of the role of education in diverse/complex societies
- Based on the CoE's **core values**
- **LLL**, formal, non-formal, informal learning, *holistic approach*

CoE Education Programme 2010-2014

4 clusters :

1) Promoting *social inclusion* and combating *discrimination*

2) Education for the promotion of the *core values* of the CoE

3) Education for *intercultural understanding* and sustainable democracies

4) *Higher Education* for a Europe of values

Cluster 2: Education for the promotion of the core values of the CoE

- 2A : Learning ***democracy and human rights*** in school and out-of-school throughout life
- 2B : Learning the *key principles and the functioning of the **human rights protective system***

Cluster 2 A: Learning democracy and human rights in school and out of school

- based on the “ Flagship ”- Project :
Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights (EDC/ HRE) 1997-2010
- ***Policy*** development and implementation (***Charter on EDC/ HRE***)
- Putting CoE ***tools into practice***
- ***Partnerships*** and networking

Promoting the CoE Charter on EDC/HRE (I)

- Legal Instruments **Series**, Pocket version, **Child-friendly version**
- **Translation** and Dissemination (18 languages)
- Promotion at relevant Fora, conferences etc .

Promoting the CoE Charter on EDC/HRE (II)

- **EDC/HRE Conference 2012:** „ Human Rights and Democracy in Action – Looking Ahead „ Strasbourg, 29-30 Nov. 2012 (CoE, EU, EWC)
- **Questionnaire** for Governments:
Review of the Implementation of the CoE Charter on EDC/HRE

Putting tools into practice

- **Translation** of tools and manuals
- **Piloting** of instruments through Pestalozzi Programme and Summer Academies
- Revision of the EDC/HRE **website**
- **Dissemination** and promotion of EDC/HRE materials
- EDC/HRE **materials used extensively** in many countries and in joint programmes

Promoting Partnerships and networking

- Multilateral cooperation (**EDC Coordinators**)
- **Regional cooperation** (South East Europe, Baltic / Black Sea, Nordic Countries)
- **Inter-institutional cooperation:**
 - **International Contact Group on Citizenship and Human Rights Education**
 - Contribution to UN World Programme on HRE
- Cooperation with **NGOs**
- Participation in Fora, Conferences, Seminars etc

Cluster 2 B: “ Learning the key principles and the functioning of the human rights protective system “ (I)

- **Objectives:**

- Insite into European HR law (case law/landmark judgements of the **European Court of Human Rights**) for students and teachers
- link with national law and impact for European societies
- **Added value:** innovative nature, intersectorial (ECHR, Education, Audiovisual etc)

Cluster 2B: “ Learning the key principles” (II)

Elements:

-Communication strategy:**website**

<http://www.exploringhumanrights.coe.int>

(=educational human rights portal)

- **Digital directory** of EDC/HRE teaching materials (free and *multilingual access* to multimedia resources, accessible for *disabled*)

- **Symposium**:HR in Education Nov.2011

EU Political Frame with Relevance to Education

- „ Strategic Framework for European Cooperation in Education and Training **(ET 2020)**“
- „ European Strategy for smart,sustainable and inclusive Growth **(EU 2020)**“

Objectives and Targets

- **ET 2020** objectives:
(3.) Promoting equity, social cohesion and **active citizenship**
- **EU 2020** targets:
(4.) Early school leavers under **10%** / tertiary education **40%**

EU: Recent Developments in Citizenship

- **Competence:** DG Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship/DG Education, Culture and Youth
- **European Citizens´ Initiative**(1 April 2012)
- Proposal „ **Europe for Citizens** „ Programme (2014-2020): Remembrance and European Citizenship/Democratic Engagement and Participation
- Proposal „ **Erasmus for All** „ (2014-2020)
- „**2013 European Year of Citizens**“ (EU Citizenship)

- www.coe.int/edc
- <http://www.exploringhumanrights.coe.int>
- www.ec.europa.eu/citizenship

• **Thank you very much**

