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and Democratic Citizenship  
in 6 Eastern Partnership countries”**

# **Conference**

## **Supporting democratic school culture in the Eastern Partnership countries**

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### **Programme**

**14-15 November 2016**

**Palais de l'Europe, room 2**

**Strasbourg**

## **Joint Programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe “Promoting Human Rights Education and Democratic Citizenship in Eastern Partnership Countries”**

The Council of Europe is an international organization that promotes democracy, human rights and the rule of law throughout Europe. Education is one of important spheres for the organization, where its flagship activity is called Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education (EDC/HRE). This innovative educational approach is based on the founding values of the Council of Europe and aims to develop competences and attitudes of all citizens, who will make democratic institutions and laws work in practice.

EDC/HRE is designed to help young people and adults play an active part in democratic life and exercise their human rights in life and in the society. It's objectives, principles and policies are outlined in the Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education adopted in the framework of Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)7 of the Committee of Ministers.

The project “Promoting Human Rights Education and Democratic Citizenship (EDC/HRE) in Eastern Partnership countries” is a regional project for Eastern Partnership countries: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. It raises awareness of the main principles of the EDC/HRE at the policy level and facilitates the practical implementation of the Charter, which is an important reference point for all of Europe, in national education systems.

The project supports integration and/or further development of EDC/HRE in national education systems by facilitating the revision and enhancement of school curricula, development of capacity of educational professionals to teach and promote EDC/HRE and piloting EDC/HRE materials in schools of 6 countries. It also serves to constitute networks of cooperation between different education systems in the Eastern Partnership countries.

The Conference, which is organized in the middle of the project implementation, is aimed to bring together educational professionals and decision makers from the Eastern Partnership Countries to take a closer look on the progress that has been achieved, reflect on the lessons learnt and agree on the spheres that should be addressed in the following period, on order to achieve the maximum benefit from the opportunities, provided by the project.

The Conference will also allow dissemination of information on the current priorities in EDC/HRE and the latest outcomes of the Council of Europe activities in this field. Additionally, it will become a platform of experience exchange and co-operation between education stakeholders from the Eastern Partnership countries.

The participants will have an opportunity to discuss current challenges facing education systems, learn about processes that take place in other countries, see how EDC/HRE can be helpful and efficient in solving problems that we all experience.

## 14 November 2016

09:00-09:30	Registration of Participants
<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Chair: Katia Dolgova-Dreyer, Programme coordinator, Co-operation and Capacity Building Division Education Department, Council of Europe</b>	
09:30-09:45	Opening and welcome speech by the Council of Europe by Matthew Johnson, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe
09:45-10:15	Presentation of the project 'Promoting Human Rights Education and Education for Democratic Citizenship in the Eastern Partnership countries: main activities, results and lessons learnt by Katia Dolgova-Dreyer, Programme Coordinator, Education Department, Council of Europe, Oksana Ovcharuk, Project Manager and Olena Styslavaska, Council of Europe expert
10:15-11:00	Round table discussion on the current challenges facing education systems in the Eastern Partnership countries with participation of the Steering Committee members and the representative of the European Wergeland Centre
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
<b>Session 1</b> <b>Changing EDC/HRE policies and practices in the Eastern Partnership countries</b>	
11:30-12:00	Presentation of the analysis of the country mapping reports by Mr Ted Huddleston, Council of Europe expert
12:00-13:00	Case studies on the changing policies and practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Georgia presented by Nino Chiabrishvili, Assistant Professor, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia</li> <li>- Moldova presented by Corina Lungu, Senior consultant, Ministry of Education, Republic of Moldova</li> <li>- Ukraine presented by Raisa Yevtushenko, EDC/HRE coordinator, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine</li> </ul>
	Discussion
13:00-14:30	Lunch

<b>Session 2</b> <b>How to build a democratic culture in education: challenges for the countries of the Eastern Partnership</b> <b>Chair: Iryna Sabor, Senior adviser, European Wergeland Centre</b>	
14:30-14:50	<b>Demonstration of the film 'Beat Bullying'</b> (10 minutes, Russian version) Introduction to parallel sessions
14:50-16:10	Parallel sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Challenges linked to improving climate in schools, combatting violence and hate speech moderated by Olena Styslavaska, Council of Europe expert</li> <li>- Challenges in building inclusive education and integrating minorities in schools, moderated by Polina Verbytska, Council of Europe expert</li> <li>- Challenges in building democratic schools moderated by Marzena Rafalska, Council of Europe expert</li> </ul>
16:10-16:30	Coffee break (in front of the room 2)
16:30-17:30	Feedback from the parallel sessions Wrap up of the first day
17:30	Vin d'honneur

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<b>Session 3</b> <b>How to bring our education systems forward to embrace diversity?</b> <b>Chair: Oksana Ovcharuk, project manager</b>	
09:00-09:30	Democratic culture: a key to embracing diversity? – presentation on the CDC Framework by Christopher Reynolds, Project Coordinator, Education Department, Council of Europe
09:30-10:00	Promoting human rights and democracy with the help of the Council of Europe Charter on citizenship and human rights education by Yulia Pererva, Project Coordinator, Education Department, Council of Europe
10:00-10:15	Introduction to parallel sessions
10:15-10:30	Coffee break (in front of the room 2)
10:30-12:00	Parallel sessions: - Competences for the democratic culture for teachers and teacher-trainers - Democratic governance in schools: how to make schools more inclusive? - Curriculum development and the competence framework
<b>Final Session</b> <b>Chair: Katia Dolgova-Dreyer and Oksana Ovcharuk</b>	
12:00-12:30	General report of the conference by Ted Huddleston, Council of Europe expert
12:30-12:40	Conclusions for the forthcoming piloting and training events and closing of the seminar