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## **Learning to Live Together: a Shared Commitment to Democracy**

Conference on the Future of Citizenship  
and Human Rights Education in Europe  
Strasbourg, 20 – 22 June 2017

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**Overview**

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## PROGRAMME

### Tuesday, 20 June 2017

- 08:00 Getting to know each other activities
- 09:00 Opening session
- 09:30 The Council of Europe: 20 years of supporting the member states in the promotion of Citizenship and Human Rights Education - the context and role of the conference
- 09:50 Key conclusions of the Report on the State of Citizenship and Human Rights Education in Europe
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Workshop 1: Key conclusions of the Report on the State of Citizenship and Human Rights Education in Europe - challenges and opportunities: parallel groups
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Workshop 1 (continued): parallel groups
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 Promoting human rights and democracy through education: case studies
- 17:00 Information Market/ Networking Activities  
Reception

### Wednesday, 21 June 2017

- 08:00 Getting to know each other activities
- 09:00 Conclusions of Workshop 1
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Workshop 2: Learners at the centre of education - good practices and lessons learned: parallel groups
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Workshop 2 (continued): parallel groups
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 Conclusions of Workshop 2
- 17:00 Close of conference for the day

### Thursday, 22 June 2017

- 08:00 Getting to know each other activities
- 09:00 Promoting human rights and democracy through education in Europe today - round table
- 09:45 Round Table with International Institutions
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Workshop 3: Setting the milestones - Recommendations for future action for the Council of Europe, member states, civil society organisations and education institutions: parallel groups
- 12:15 Conclusions of Workshop 3
- 12:30 Conclusions and closing of the conference
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Bilateral meetings and networking time
- 18:00 Departures

## OVERVIEW

### 1. Charter as a tool for change

The 47 member states of the Council of Europe adopted the Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education in 2010. The Charter is an expression of a shared understanding and commitment to education for human rights and democracy in Europe. Its aim is to support further development through dialogue and cooperation. The Charter works hand in hand with the Council of Europe Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture, which is another important tool in this area.

### 2. Report on the State of Citizenship and Human Rights Education

Every 5 years we review together with member states and civil society the progress achieved in promoting citizenship and human rights education in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Charter. The conclusions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> review are presented in the *Report on the State of Citizenship and Human Rights Education* which will be discussed at this Conference. While the Charter provides us with a shared understanding of citizenship and human rights education and the principles for action, the review process helps us to identify strategic goals and actions, and the ways to evaluate how successful they are.

### 3. Have your voice heard

The aim of this Conference is to discuss the conclusions of the Report on the State of Citizenship and Human Rights Education in Europe, to share experiences and lessons learned and to propose recommendations for future action. The participants will propose strategic goals for the next 5 years to promote citizenship and human rights education, both within the countries and in the European and global context, and methods of promoting dialogue within and between the countries. About 300 participants are expected at this event, including representatives of governments, education professionals and civil society organisations.

### 4. Tackling today's challenges together

Europe is facing serious challenges, and citizenship and human rights education can play an important part in addressing them. How to integrate migrants and refugees successfully? How to prevent violent radicalisation without creating a climate of mistrust, suspicion and discrimination? How can education address the growing divide between the elites and the ordinary people? There are no easy answers to these questions, but many innovative practices have been developed and can be used as inspiration. The Council of Europe provides a platform where the countries – and different partners within the countries - can learn from each other, develop common solutions and provide mutual support.

### 5. A year of celebration

In 2017, we are celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe project on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education which led to the Charter, and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Compass Manual on Human Rights Education with Young People, one of the

most popular manuals on human rights education, available in more than 40 languages. The conference will be a moment to learn from these achievements and set new goals for cooperation and common action.

## **6. What will happen after the Conference?**

The conclusions of the Conference will be broadly disseminated and submitted to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, which brings together all the member states and makes decisions on what the Council of Europe does and how. These conclusions will inform the Council of Europe Programme of Activities in the Education and Youth sectors in 2018-2019 and beyond.