



# Overview of results

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## Presentation - Structure

### Joint Programme DISCO Highlights 2018-2019

- Background of the Programme
- Current cycle of the DISCO programme  
– statistics
- Overview of the results: what worked well
- Challenges faced and key lessons learned
- Follow up



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# Background of the DISCO Programme

**20** projects  
funded  
in **5** cycles

- Launched by the CoE and the European Commission as the pilot project scheme on "Human rights and democracy in action" in May 2013.
- Exchange good practices on current EDC/HRE practices in the participating countries
- 2013-3 projects;
- 2014-2 projects;
- 2015-2 projects;
- 2016-4 projects



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# Current cycle – new elements

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## Two thematic priorities:

- Digital Citizenship Education
  - Inclusive Education
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**9** projects  
funded in  
**2018-2019**

- Reconceptualised programme (one main call and two calls for micro-projects)
- New priorities, of high relevance to the CoE and the EU
- Desired outcomes of projects more concrete
- New title and visual identity: DISCO
- Reviewed tendering procedure: open competition
- Opening and closing meetings for all projects
- Evaluation
- Expert opinion during the selection

## Overview of results-statistics

### APPLICATIONS 2018-2019:

● Call for international co-operation projects



**22** applications from **36** countries

● Micro-Grants - Call for proposals 1

**27** applications from **9** countries

● Micro-Grants - Call for proposals 2

**49** applications from **16** countries

- Record number of applications: **98 eligible applications from 39 countries**
- 1st call: 2 projects supported
- 2nd call (microprojects): 3 projects supported
- 3rd call (microprojects): 4 projects supported

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### PROMOTING

### a DEMOCRATIC SCHOOL CULTURE



- tools for education professionals
  - piloting activities
  - workshops
  - peer learning
  - trainings
  - focus groups
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- High quality of applications
- Projects producing concrete outputs (handbooks, translations), excellent potential for further dissemination
- Micro-projects – a very good way to disseminate the outputs of the previous cycles ('controversial issues' top the list of preferred tools for dissemination)
- The first joint meeting of all projects – 'ice-breaker' and a good networking opportunity
- Evaluation – useful in facilitating the process

## Challenges and solutions

### Opportunities

- Fine-tuning of micro-projects scheme is needed (differences in the scale of the projects and their impact)
- Financial management (more guidance)
- Time management (several projects asked for extensions)
- More follow up on micro-projects is needed
- Another get-together mid-term meeting could be an option



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## Lessons learnt and way forward

### **Kaizen (改善)**

- Further differentiation between schemes – multi-country and single-country micro-projects will be separated into two different schemes
- Financial and time management (more guidance – face-to-face meetings and video conferences)





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# Thank you