



FROM YOU TO E.U
OCTOBER 31st – NOVEMBER 7th 2010
NAMUR – BELGIUM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

INTRODUCTION

Within the framework of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union and the European Week of Local Democracy, *CRECCIDE asbl* and *Conseil de la Jeunesse de la Communauté française* organize an European event with the support of *Youth in Action Programme* of the European Commission (Action 1.3 – Youth Democracy Project).

Entitled « **From You to E.U.** », this event will bring together 42 young people from 13 countries. This action, also supported by the Walloon Minister in charge of local democracy and the DGO5, will get onto topics linked to youth, local participation and European citizenship.

Based on the methodological principles and practices of non-formal education, « From You to E.U. » will take place in two stages. From September, young participants from partners countries will produce a short video clip about young people's participation in democratic life in their country. Then, between the 31st of October and the 7th of November, everybody will meet in Namur for a seminar.

For these young people, this seminar will have, as final goal, the establishment of a declaration with some recommendations about youth participation in local democracy and youth work. This text will be submitted officially to competent authorities the 6th of November, before a symbolic action leaded together by European and Belgian young people in Walloons Provinces and in Brussels.

OBJECTIVES

This initiative will include different actions which will try to achieve these following objectives:

- Develop young people's active citizenship through a federative project;
- Foster mutual exchanges between young people about experiences of participation in the democratic life of their local, regional or national community, and at European level;
- Improve knowledge of European institutions and their functioning;
- Think about the impact of the European shaping in young Europeans daily life;
- Identify needs and expectations of young people and youth workers with the intention of passing this knowledge on to competent authorities.

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written during the week by participants will be submitted to local and regional authorities and European Members of Parliament.

This event will take place in two stages:

1) Video clip

Before coming to Belgium, participants will be asked **to produce a short video clip (3-4 minutes) about young people's participation in democratic life in their country.** Even if participants from a same country aren't coming from the same organisation, they will have to meet each other before the seminar because we would like **only one video clip for each country.** These video clips will prepare and involve participants before the week in Belgium. All these video clips will be presented during the week and will serve as an introduction for some workshops and debates.

For Belgium, this video clip will be made by **The Local Youth Council of Fosses-la-Ville** (Province of Namur)

2) Seminar : 31st October – 7th November 2010

From Monday till Friday, European young people will participate in debates, workshops, meetings with authorities from different levels and information sessions with experts in the field of youth participation in democratic life and democratic institutions, in view of writing a final declaration with recommendations commons for all of Europe.

(See Program attached)

PRACTICAL ASPECTS

When : 31st October – 7th November 2010 (Arrival and departure included)

Where : Namur – Belgium

Participating Countries : Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Romania, Sweden and Turkey. **13 countries in total !**

Number of participants : We will receive **6 participants from Belgium, 2 french-speaking, 2 flemish-speaking and 2 german-speaking between 15 and 25 years old**

Working language : **English.** A basic knowledge is necessary to take part actively in debates and workshops.

Cost : Travel costs and costs for board and lodging will be taken in charge by the Youth in Action Programme.

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