

## Newsletter No. 1

### About VOICE. Developing citizens

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VOICE is a Comenius multilateral project which started in January 2011 and will last two years' time.

Educational experts from Austria, Estonia, Germany, Slovenia and Turkey are working collaboratively on problem-based learning projects in civic education on the topics Democracy, Europe, Human Rights and Migration AND with focus on enhancement of pupil's key competencies.

Additionally the consortium develops a teacher trainings course promoting necessary skills and background knowledge for implementing competence-oriented civic education.

### Good news! Needs Analysis is done!

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In order to meet the needs of teachers and pupils with the VOICE school materials, the project team conducted Needs Analyses in the participating partner countries in April and May this year. Altogether 434 teachers and 14 educational experts were questioned.

The Needs Analysis gives some important insights into the situation of civic education in Austria, Estonia, Germany, Slovenia and Turkey with regard to competence-orientation and also into the needs of teachers in order to improve their daily teaching.

*The Needs Analysis Report can be downloaded and read on the VOICE website very soon.*

### Project Meeting in Konya, Turkey

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The consortium met in July for the second time in order to discuss the results of the Needs Analysis and work collaboratively on tailor-made materials for pupils and teachers according to their needs.

Now the project entered the stage of development of problem-based learning modules for schools and the supporting teacher training course. This period of development will last until December 2011.

### Get involved in the project!

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We invite all interested stakeholders in the field of civic education with regard to the topics Democracy, Europe, Human Rights and Migration and also experts of in-service teacher trainings to become an associated partner!

- You are invited to contribute to the development by reviewing the developed material and making comments on the materials-in-progress.
- We invite your organisation to be represented on the VOICE website as an associated partner of this EU project.
- Subscribed to the VOICE mailing list you will receive all news regarding the progress of project's work.

### Learn more about the project!

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