

POLAND

The Summer Academy: Democracy at School

a cooperation between

**Ministry of National Education, Poland, Centre for Education Development, Poland,
The European Wergeland Centre and Council of Europe**

The Summer Academy offers training in the field of education for human rights and democratic citizenship to school heads, teachers and representatives of local NGOs and parents associations from Eastern, Central and Northern Europe and the Caucasus region. It is a cooperation between the Council of Europe (CoE), Polish Ministry of National Education (MEN), Centre for Education Development, Poland (ORE) and The European Wergeland Centre (EWC).

Translating Council of Europe's policy into practice, the Summer Academy offers training to teams of education professionals and local community actors, based on the recommendations and manuals of the CoE. Aiming at further developing a democratic school culture, the participants are trained to promote and incorporate the principles of human rights and democracy in their daily practice and local community. Furthermore, the training aims to initiate and strengthen cooperation between the participating countries by facilitating exchange of experiences and good practices in the field.

The Summer Academy combines a one week face to face training in Poland and a 10 month online follow-up, as well as preparatory tasks. Closely linked to the participants' own experiences and expectations, the training uses a *whole school approach* focusing on school governance, teaching methods, classroom climate and partnership with the local community.

Following the face to face training, each team will develop an action plan, which is expected to be implemented during the school year 2012/2013. Throughout the implementation period, the teams will be supported by Summer Academy trainers answering questions, giving advice and providing additional information on a customized online platform. By the end of this period, the teams are to submit a report describing their experiences, and to share their examples of good practice.

The face to face training will take place in Sulejówek/Warsaw, Poland, 7-15 July 2012. The training, travel and subsistence are provided or reimbursed by the organizers.

1. Application

The application form is available here: www.theewc.org. The application deadline is **19 February 2012**

2. Working languages: ENGLISH, RUSSIAN

Simultaneous translation will be provided in English and Russian during the plenary sessions and workshops of the event. All participants need to have good knowledge of one or both languages to be able to participate actively in the training.

3. Manuals used: [Democratic governance of schools](#) (CoE 2007) and [How all teachers can support citizenship and human rights education: a framework for the development of competences](#) (CoE 2009), [School – community – university partnerships for a sustainable democracy. Education for democratic citizenship in Europe and the United States of America](#) (CoE 2010), [Compass – A manual for human rights education with young People](#) (CoE 2002), [Composito – Manual on human rights education for children](#) (CoE 2007).

4. Venue: Residential Centre of the Centre for the Education Development Addresses: 28, Ujazdowskie Al., 00-478 Warsaw, 77, Paderewskiego str., 05-070 Sulejówek

5. Number of available places: 30

6. Target groups:

Teams of three; two representatives from the same school, including the school head and a teacher, together with a representative of 1) a parents' association *or* 2) a local NGO that cooperates with the school *or* 3) an in-service teacher training institution supporting the school.

7. The Summer Academy is available for participants from the following countries:

Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia (the Eastern Partnership Programme), Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Poland, Russia, Germany

8. Organizing bodies and contact persons:

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9. Travel and subsistence expenses - please read carefully:

Subsistence expenses:

The training is free of charge. Subsistence expenses and activities included in the program are covered by the host country for all participants.

Travel and visa reimbursement

Travel expenses to and from Warsaw, including visa costs and travel insurance for the stay, will be reimbursed by the Centre for Education Development.

Please note that the participant will have to purchase the ticket, insurance and visa him-/herself, and then bring the receipts to Warsaw for refunding.

If you have any questions about reimbursement, please contact Ms Katarzyna Bobkowska:

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10. Certificate of participation

Upon completion of the Summer Academy, all participants will receive a certificate by the Polish Ministry of National Education, Council of Europe and The European Wergeland Centre.

11. Other information:

The success of the training activities depend on the commitment of all the participants. By accepting to participate in the Summer Academy, participants and facilitators agree to participate actively and assiduously in all the phases.

12. For more information about The Summer Academy: Democracy at School 2010 and 2011, please visit the EWC web page: <http://theewc.org/ucontent/summer.academy.in.poland/>