

'Europe for Citizens' Programme Action 1. Active Citizens for Europe - Measure 2.1. Citizens' projects

Project “ACID – Active citizens for intercultural dialogue”

Project description

The aim of the project ACID is to organize citizens' panels on the importance of intercultural dialogue in the context of an increasingly intercultural European Union, exploring original and innovative methodology, with the potential to encourage citizens' participation and to stimulate dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the European Union.

The target group of the project ACID are young people and young adults (aged 18-30 years old), migrants and refugees, adults and aged people, politicians, representatives of the civil society (NGOs, cultural associations, trade unions), teachers and educators from the participating countries. Special attention will be paid to involving average citizens of different demographic, social and professional backgrounds and to involving citizens' who would not have spontaneously participated in projects of a European nature.

The **specific objectives** of the project are:

- ✓ To support citizens' panels in all participating countries which enable the active interaction and discussion among citizens on the importance of intercultural dialogue at European level;
- ✓ To collect the opinion of citizens on a key European challenge for the future such as the intercultural dialogue in a multicultural Europe;
- ✓ To create mechanisms that enable European citizens to develop civic competences, to formulate their views and opinions on the European integration process in the form of recommendations for policy makers at European level;
- ✓ To encourage the dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the EU, empowering citizens as regards EU policies and their impact, and ensuring appropriate follow up of citizens' opinions by the EU institutions.

The **activities** implemented by the project ACID will be:

- 1) 3 transnational meetings among partners for coordinating, monitoring and evaluating the project's implementation;
- 2) Citizens' panels in each participating country lasting 2 days, for building individual and collective opinions on the importance of intercultural dialogue in Europe. The panels will be moderated and facilitated through innovative methods such as “Open Space Technology” and “Structured Dialogic Design Process (SDDP)”, and other innovative methods proposed by partners;
- 3) Organisation of an European Panel with representatives from the national citizens' panels, lasting 2 days to define the final recommendations addressed to the European institutions;
- 4) On-line forum to enable discussions among participants;
- 5) Production of final video on DVD

The countries participating in the project are: Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Romania.

The working language during transnational meetings and during the European panel will be English. At national level the panels will be in the national language, the DVD will be both in English and the national languages, the online forum will be in English.



Duration

The project will last 10 months from the 1st of January to the 30th of October 2009

Partners



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Future Worlds Center - (legal reg.: Cyprus Neuroscience and Technology Institute) - Cyprus

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Antigone – Greece

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Numena – Portugal

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