

**Participation Now!  
Citizenship Education and Democracy in Times of Change**

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## Fact Sheet

**Forum 3  
Participatory peer education – Youth empowerment**

	Section	Indications of content
1	<b>Title of project</b>	Young European Professionals
2	<b>Location</b>	All over Germany, hosted by Fed. Agency for Civic Education (bpb) in Bonn, Germany
3	<b>Main topics/ key words</b>	European integration, European decision-making processes, Europe and the current economic and financial crisis, education and migration in Europe, the future of Europe
4	<b>Brief description of topic or project</b>	<p>The Young European Professionals (short: YEPs) are a network of nearly 50 young people between 16 and 26 operating all over Germany. The network does workshops, units and project days mostly in schools and youth groups of the same age (peer education). Since the beginning in 2006 the network has done over 110 workshops and reached over 3500 young people.</p> <p>Besides that the network organizes its own congresses (Berlin 2007, Magdeburg 2009) and participates in larger events (GamesCom Cologne, Berlin08, ...).</p> <p>The network is designed as a participative network. That means the members of the network decide which topics will be covered and how internal trainings are conducted. In addition the network develops the methods of knowledge transfer on its own.</p> <p>The members of the network work voluntarily in their spare time. The internal trainings are financed by the bpb or the regional representation of the European Commission in Bonn. Costs for travel and accommodation are also paid by the bpb or the potential partner, if possible.</p>
5	<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The network admits to the Beutelsbach consensus of civic education. It also admits to the principles of peer education and participation.</p> <p>The network is not a promotion team for the European Union. Its task is to provide information about the European Institutions (not only EU). The goal is to empower the target group to find their own reflected opinion.</p>
6	<b>Effect on relevant developments in citizenship education and human rights education concerning changing processes in democracy and citizen participation.</b>	The workshops have a great impact on how teachers are teaching the topic and how young people form their opinion of the European Union and above that level

7	<b>Target Groups</b>	Young people between 14 and 27 in all types of schools, youth groups (politically organized or not)
8	<b>Methods / Format</b>	Working with speeches, role plays, interactive methods, new media
9	<b>Results / Evaluation / Materials</b>	110 workshops reached over 3500 young people, 2 congresses reached nearly 1000 young people, uncountable contacts at other events  Material is available (only in German) on the website <a href="http://www.bpb.de/yeps">http://www.bpb.de/yeps</a>
10	<b>Sustainable impact of topic or project (local, regional)</b>	The network operates nationwide.
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