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**Cities and Urban Spaces: Chances for Cultural and Citizenship Education**

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## Project Fact Sheet

### Workshop V Between Gentrification and Social Cohesion: The Role of Cultural and Citizenship Education in Processes of Change

	Section	Indications of content
1	<b>Title of the project</b>	Becoming citizens – Engagement of young and senior citizens
2	<b>Location</b>	Timișoara, Romania
3	<b>Main topics</b>	Civic engagement for solving local community issues; environment protection; reviving the history of the old neighbourhoods in the city through cultural events.
4	<b>Practice-related keywords</b>	Projects; cooperation; youth; seniors; community
5	<b>Brief description of the project</b>	A new approach of civic engagement by fostering the cooperation between the youth and senior citizens in Timisoara for tackling and touching upon local community issues.
6	<b>Objectives of the project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage active civic engagement of students from 12 middle and high schools in their neighbourhoods;</li> <li>To increase the students' knowledge and understanding of political processes and institutions;</li> <li>To improve the competence of young and senior citizens to participate in the public sphere.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Impact/ Chances for cultural and citizenship education in the context of the development of cities and urban spaces</b>	<p>The project impact consisted of five main achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The generation gap was bridged through cooperation for solving local community issues;</li> <li>Youth and seniors learned to use mass media for achieving community goals;</li> <li>Teachers gained the necessary knowledge for putting civic education theory into practice;</li> <li>The communities where the intergenerational initiatives were implemented took advantage of the projects' outcomes.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Target groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The students from middle and high schools in Timisoara;</li> <li>The Citizens' Consultative Committees in Timisoara.</li> </ul>
9	<b>Project methods/ project format</b>	In brief, the methodology was to directly educate young people and adults for democratic life by using a "project-in-project" non-formal education formula whose core mission was to bridge the gap between youth and seniors for the common good of the community.
10	<b>Project planning schedule</b>	The project was implemented between 1 June 2009 and 30 June 2010.

11	<b>Project initiator</b>	The Euroregional Center for Democracy (CED) in Timisoara, Romania, is a non-governmental and non-profit organization that promotes democracy and stability in Central and South-Eastern Europe
12	<b>Resources involved</b>	<p>Financial resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funds provided by CEE Trust and the Euroregional Center for Democracy;</li> <li>The sponsorships obtained by the intergenerational teams for carrying out their projects.</li> </ul> <p>Human resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project team of the Euroregional Center for Democracy;</li> <li>12 intergenerational teams;</li> <li>Local public administration and mass media representatives.</li> </ul> <p>Technical and administrative resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The head office of the Euroregional Center for Democracy;</li> <li>Various technical resources.</li> </ul>
13	<b>Evaluation of the project/ materials/ presentation format</b>	The change of attitude among youth and seniors; the high number of participants in the intergenerational initiatives; the cooperation channels established with local public administration representatives; the concrete results of the intergenerational projects.
14	<b>Range and sustainability of the project</b>	<p>Sustainability has been achieved due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The know-how and networking skills that youth have gained;</li> <li>The cooperation channels that the project opened between youth, members of Consultative Committees, representatives of local public administration and mass media;</li> <li>The know-how that teachers gained;</li> <li>The sustainable results achieved within the frame of the 12 projects that students and CCC members have implemented together.</li> </ul>
15	<b>Project results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over 200 participants directly involved in the project;</li> <li>12 intergenerational civic projects implemented for solving community issues;</li> <li>1 study concerning teachers and students' perspective on education for democratic citizenship;</li> <li>Strong networking and initiative-taking skills acquired by cooperating with public institutions and NGOs;</li> <li>A significant change of attitude concerning citizens' role in local decision-making processes.</li> </ul>
16	<b>Project funding</b>	The project was implemented with the financial support of CEE Trust - Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe.
17	<b>Space for your own comments</b>	In a nutshell, the project was a successful trip from "What can we do with so little money in such a big and expensive city?" to "Look what great results we can achieve with so little money, in such a big and expensive city!"
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