



CIVICO: FOSTERING CIVIC COMPETENCE AMONGST STUDENTS

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The partners in the CIVICO project are happy to announce that the **pilot phase** of the project has been successfully implemented in all four partner countries – Bulgaria, Denmark, Italy and Poland. This means that the didactics have been tested and feedback is collected thanks to the collaboration of more than 10 teachers and 100 students in 4 different European countries.

These are the names of the schools who were our partners in the pilot phase:



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Each school has piloted lessons created in different partner countries. Teachers were excited to have the chance to share different approaches and so far report a good progress. Thanks to the specially designed questionnaires for teachers and students feedback on the didactic materials is collected from all partners' schools and summarized from the main partners. Having this data at their disposal the CIVICO partners are going to revise and improve the **Guide on developing civic competence in students**.

Project events:

Meanwhile, a **partner meeting** also took place in the end of April 2012. The lead partner ASEV was hosting the meeting in Empoli, Italy. Next to the partners representatives of the EACEA were also present and took part in the meeting providing recommendations on the work process. The representative of EACEA estimated the merits of the CIVICO partnership and its work up to now.

Here are some pictures that captured the work session of the partners' representatives:



The most important topics of discussion were the results from the pilot phase and how could the Guide on developing civic competence in students be improved with the feedback collected from the schools that piloted the lesson plans. The final version of the Guide is going to be ready in June 2012 and later available to download for free from the project web site in ten European languages.

If you are interested in the **Guide on civic education** addressed, please, visit our web site. You will also find some instruction on how to use it. For any further questions do not hesitate to write to one of the partners.

On 5th of June the CIVICO project and the Guide have been promoted at a regional conference “Prevention through interactive non-formal education” in Sofia, Bulgaria. The audience consisted mainly of NGOs’ representatives from the Balkan countries.

The project and its outcomes will be promoted at the international conference “The Future of Education” in Florence (Italy) in June 2012. The aim of the Conference is to promote the **sharing of good practice and transnational cooperation** in the field of the application of innovative education and training strategies, methodologies and solutions.

Workshops for teachers dedicated to the use of the **Guide on civic education** will take place in each partnering country in September and October 2012. You are welcome to contact the partners if you want to participate!

For further information and contacts you can also visit the project website www.civicoproject.eu .