

University of Social Sciences in Łódź hosted the Conference:

'Teaching Civic Competence at School' which was held in Łódź on 27 November 2012. The conference summarised the work of the EU project (Comenius program) **CIVICO – Developing Civic Competence in Students**.

The Conference was attended by school principals and teachers as well as people related with widely understood civic education.

The program of the Conference included speeches and presentations from experts who deal with issues concerning creating tools, promotion and teaching civic competence on everyday basis.

These people represented the most influential policy making centres in Poland working on the issue of civic education. Moreover, we managed to discuss questions related with civic attitude in all school-based age groups: starting from the primary school, through junior high school (gymnasium), to senior high school (lyceum). This allowed the participants of the Conference to get acquainted with the ways of introducing civic education at all stages of school education.

The speakers and titles of their presentations are as follows:

Jadwiga Borkiet representing *Akademia Mądrego Życia* association (Academy of Wise Life) from Łódź spoke about **'Developing the attitude and competence of a Leader-Citizen through practical activities in the Success Club'**.

Magdalena Szczepańska from the Development and Assistance Association *Q Zmianom* (Towards Changes) from Warsaw presented the project 'Me, a Young Citizen', which is devoted to **'Teaching civic competence in primary schools'**.

Jędrzej Witkowski from the Center for Citizenship Education from Warsaw spoke about **'Pupil participation in student bodies in Polish schools – the issue of self government and actual state'**.

Next one was the speech by Katarzyna Karwacka from the Civis Polonus foundation from Warsaw devoted to **'The issue of student self governance and role of their organizations in the development of civic competence'**.

Judyta Ziętkowska, representing the Center for Citizenship Education from Warsaw as well, raised the question of **'Whether it is possible to shape the (local) civic attitude in young people by means of an educational program? On the example of the Young Citizen program'**.

Another Conference presentation was done by Joanna Jędrzejczak, representing the Foundation for Education and Development of Civil Society from Łódź, **'Don't get scared, act to change! Or non-formal education in favour of increasing pupil participation'**.

The presentation part of the Conference was concluded by Joanna Szczecińska who, on behalf of the Polish coordinator of the CIVICO project – University of Social Sciences, presented the CIVICO project and the Guide for teachers on developing civic competence.

After the lunch break two **Workshops** were held **presenting two lesson scenarios**, conducted by Jarosław Puta from the University of Social Sciences, co-author of the CIVICO Guide.

The Conference finished with a session of questions and a discussion, during which the participants shared their experiences as well as doubts and ideas.