



Newsletter 2011

Internationalisation in a global world has become a vital part of the work that educational institutions are involved in – for IUC-Europe this was always at the centre since its origin and reconstruction in 2000. Long before anyone in DK was actively interested in this field it was our main interest, and over the years we have built up extensive international networks of great benefit to our projects in DK and abroad. In 2011/12 we will continue working on the Waves of Democracy in Serbia project (among many), which was started in Novi Sad Serbia last year. This coming summer the event will take place in Belgrade and link to a flagship project in DK under the Danish EU Presidency in 2012. In the newsletter you will also read about our other important project/activities and find a list of some of our major networks.

Major project activities

Waves of Democracy 2011 in Serbia (www.wavesofdemocracy2011.eu)

50 young people from the West Balkan countries and the EU will meet in Serbia/Belgrade to discuss the challenges and possibilities that WB faces in Europe and the world, to discuss how the region can benefit from the EU and vice versa. The intercultural communication between young people from various regions of Europe will hopefully add to peace, understanding and a better future for the coming generations. The project is a follow up of the 2010 seminar, which was a pilot project for IUC in the WB region. This year's project will continue the work in a more structured way, based on a networking part, and one which discusses new ways/models of European Citizenship. The results of the seminar will be compiled in a "best practice" handbook. The project is carried out with Global Citizen, The European Movement in Serbia, CZOR, Centre for Youth Work and EUNET partners.

Cooperation with Baltic Development Forum (www.bdforum.org)

MEP BSR (The Model European Parliament Baltic Sea Region) is a leadership program for youth in Nordic and Baltic countries, set up in 2004 as a regional organization of the international MEP program. It consists of schools/institutions in DK, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany and Iceland. The program is a training ground for future leaders and politicians as well as for talented students who share an interest in European issues. There are 2 sessions annually, and in the autumn the session will be linked to Baltic Development Forum's Summit in Gdansk. Baltic Development Forum is an independent non-profit networking organisation with members from large companies, major cities, institutional investors and business associations



in the Baltic Sea Region.

Baltic Development Forum works with a wide range of partners, including businesses, governments, regional organisations, research and media institutions. The idea is to bring in young participants from the MEP BSR conference and include them in a workshop in the networking village of the Summit.

Youth 2012 – cooperation with Global Citizen (www.globalcitizen.net)

We plan to continue the Waves of Democracy projects in a flagship project in DK linked to the Danish EU Presidency. With Danish partners, e.g. Global Citizen we will deal with the welfare debate and challenges in DK and in Europe and invite European young people to join this discussion. Included might be the setting up of a “treaty of vision” and a “Show Us Your Budget” module in preparation of the new EU budget. New pedagogical methods and use of social media will be included. The project is being developed along the way in 2011 closely linked to funding opportunities.

Networks:

EUNET/European Network for Education and Training (www.european-net.org)

We have always been a very active member of this European network of more than 60 Europe Houses/Academies, and at present IUC’s Nina Nørgaard chairs the Committee on Content and Methodology, which is one of 4 working committees of EUNET. Other committees are: *Council for Cooperation and Development, Committee on Migration and Intercultural Affairs and the Youth Committee.*

DARE (www.dare-network.eu)

We have for a number of years been a member of The Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (DARE) Network, which currently consists of 49 members from 28 countries in Europe. This network is devoted to raise the profile of Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) and Human Rights Education (HRE), promote transcultural and transnational cooperation, and enhance the



quality of education within these fields. IUC is also a partner in DARE's current EU-project, which focuses on "**Democracy and Human Rights Education in Adult Learning**".

MEP BSR (www.mepbsr.org)

IUC is linked to this network, which consists of educational institutions in the Baltic Sea Region, who host youth parliaments twice a year. It has grown into a very extensive network in the Nordic/Baltic region and now comprises 10 countries. There are 2 parliamentary sessions per year, in 2010 in Stockholm and Kaliningrad – in 2011 in Vilnius and Gdynia/Gdansk. For the last two years experienced students from the network and organizers have been invited to take part in the Baltic Development Forum Summits.

Baltic Development Forum (www.bdforum.org)

A network for business, media, academia and politics, established by former Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann Jensen as a Nordic World Economic Forum and rapidly becoming one of the most important and influential networks in Northern Europe. MEP BSR students have kindly been invited to the Summits in Copenhagen (2008), Stockholm in 2009 and Vilnius in 2010. At the moment we are negotiating about MEP BSR participation in the next Summit in Gdansk in October 2011. For the first time Poland will be hosting the annual Baltic Development Forum Summit. It will be organized in association with the Polish Presidency of the European Union.

Global Citizen (www.globalcitizen.org)

Global Citizen is a fact-based online platform for solutions without borders. It is a newly established network that IUC works closely together with, run by Søren Winther Lundby (New Europe).

"Modern media and traditional dissemination of scientific insights fall short in providing operational knowledge, broad networks and practical solutions. Thus, Global Citizen tries to find new ways of sharing knowledge, building networks and generating solutions."

Global Citizen is a partner in the project "Waves of Democracy 2011 in Serbia and a major partner in our project development in 2011 and 2012.

For further information about IUC-Europe and its projects, activities and networks please take a look at our website , or contact us at iuc@iuc-europe.dk . We will be looking forward to an interesting and rewarding year as always with partners, colleagues and friends.

On behalf of IUC-Europe
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