



## Newsletter 2013

Internationalization 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; over the years we have built up extensive international networks of great benefit to our projects in DK and abroad. In 2013 we will continue to develop the Waves of Democracy concept, which was set up in Novi Sad, Serbia in 2010 and continued in Belgrade 2011 with the support of Danish Ambassador to Serbia, Mette Kjuel Nielsen, and local ngos and organizations.

Our two flagship projects during the Danish EU presidency in the first half of 2012 were: **Baltic Youth Forum** and **Solutions for Rethinking Europe** run by our Danish partner Global Citizen. Both were carried out successfully and also form part of the background of **our main project activity in 2013**: the setting up of a Summer Academy in Sønderborg, DK, and the running of the conference in July 2013 at Alsion, which houses the University of Southern DK, Centre for Culture/Concert Hall and a cluster of businesses. Please look for information about the Academy at our website/news and at [www.wavesofdemocracy.org](http://www.wavesofdemocracy.org), the project website which is under construction. The conference is titled **Beyond borders** and is aimed at young Europeans from the region and others in Europe between 18 and 30.

### EYCA /European Year of Citizens 2013 Alliance

The European Year of Citizens 2013 has been proposed as “The European Year of Citizens” to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the European Union Citizenship under the Maastricht Treaty. Major European civil society organizations and networks have joined their forces and created the EYC2013 Alliance to put forward proposals aimed at placing European citizenship at the heart of the EU political agenda. National alliances in most of the 28 EU states have been set up, and recently they met in Brussels to exchange experiences and establish a common platform for European activities in 2013.



In DK IUC- Europe and New Europe have invited civil society organizations to meet, to form a national alliance. Hopefully the NA will be set up at the end of January.

## Networks:

### **EUNET/European Network for Education and Training ([www.european-net.org](http://www.european-net.org))**

We have always been a very active member of this European network of more than 60 Europe Houses/Academies. We have been represented on its board, been president of the organisation and active in the Committee on Content and Methodology. In order to revitalise the organisation, key members of EUNET and Head of the Secretariat Thomas Heckeberg set up a working committee at Bad Marienberg in March 2012 for a new and efficient structure to be produced.

Please read more about the EUNET facelift on the download page, where the entire document, which was presented at the General Assembly in Vukovar, Croatia, can be studied. In March 2013 active members of the network will meet again to discuss project development. The next EUNET General Assembly will be held in Bonn in the autumn.

### **DARE ([www.dare-network.eu](http://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), to promote intercultural and transnational cooperation, and enhance the quality of education within these fields. Lately IUC was a partner in DARE's EU-project, which focused on "**Democracy and Human Rights Education in Adult Learning**".



### **MEP BSR** ([www.mepbsr.org](http://www.mepbsr.org))

IUC acts as administrative coordinator 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 influential network in the Nordic/Baltic region and now comprises 10 countries. In the spring 2012 the session took place in Copenhagen. For the last two years experienced students from the network and organizers have been invited to take part in the Baltic Development Forum Summits. At the summit in Gdansk the organization had its own slot and presented itself to the participants in the conference.

In the autumn of 2012 the session was held in Leipzig, and at the moment the session in the spring of 2013 is being prepared. It will take place in Iceland and include Norway for the first time.

### **Baltic Development Forum** ([www.bdforum.org](http://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 (2009), Vilnius (2010) and lately participated actively in the conference in Gdansk in October 2011. For the first time Poland hosted the annual Baltic Development Forum Summit in association with the Polish Presidency of the European Union. The BDF will continue this line of operation during its summit in Copenhagen in June 2012 and in 2013.

### **Global Citizen** ([www.globalcitizen.net](http://www.globalcitizen.net))

Global Citizen is a fact-based online platform for solutions without borders. It is a recently 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.” The very innovative network presents itself in this way. Global Citizen was a partner in the project “Waves of Democracy 2011 in Serbia and was the main organizer behind Solutions for Rethinking Europe. GC acts as consultant to the Summer Academy conference Beyond borders.

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](mailto:iuc@iuc-europe.dk). 2013 will see changes in the IUC structure, but not in the type of work we perform with and for young people. We will be looking forward to an interesting and rewarding year as always with partners, colleagues and friends. Stay in touch!

On behalf of IUC-Europe  
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