

Active Citizenship in Europe - ACE

The main aim of the project “Active Citizenship in Europe” (ACE) was to raise and improve the level of awareness among adults of their rights as EU citizens and encourage them to exercise those rights. This aim has been achieved through the intensive discussions at the four partner meetings over the past two years and the methods developed in between the meetings and implemented at the meetings. Developing and exchanging methods, workshops and different ways to approach the issue of European Citizen Right in the four countries was a very successful way to activating different target groups to engage more for that topic.

The four partner organizations of the project have developed several methods for this aim. One was a survey designed by **IFAID** (Institut de Formation et d’Appui aux Initiatives de Development) **Aquitaine** which was implemented by all of the partners to be able to assess the knowledge of EU citizens’ rights and raise awareness of the issue. The online survey was completed in three different languages (English, Spanish and French) at a European level, reaching the partners’ staff, their adult learners, ex-pats and other people interested in the topic. The survey got 200 responses in total. It did not only evaluate the level of knowledge but it also gave information about the rights of European citizens. The survey was piloted and improved through the feedback obtained from the participants. In the end, a technical paper was produced based on the results of the survey. The other project partners conducted various activities to share information on the rights of EU citizens within the framework of their organizations’ aims and objectives. The **Centro del Profesorado Bollulos-Valverde (CEP)**, as a teacher training centre, produced and implemented an **online course** for teachers which delivers many resources to work on EU citizen rights. A considerably high number of teachers participated and completed the 20 hours course which was running for several weeks. Many of these learners went on to use the course in their own teaching and learned to embed the EU citizenship in their courses/trainings. In addition, **Dissens – Institute for Education and Research** re-produced two workshops whose aim was to bring the dimension of values that work behind discrimination and how to combat these on the side of laws. Apart from conducting the survey, IFAID embedded the European citizenship dimension in their English language courses they offer in their institution. Furthermore **Stichting voor Educatie -, Cultuur-en Migratie Onderzoek – SECMO** organised four workshops at a vocational school in Eindhoven. The vocational school, Summa College had a European day with the theme of “Borderless”. SECMO was invited by the Summa College for a session to inform young adults about EU citizens’ rights. During the workshop, practical information was provided through a PowerPoint presentation in addition to an informative and fun game about the rights of EU citizens. The workshops were evaluated as very successful and beneficial by the students and teachers who took part in the sessions.

All these outcomes have been tested during the partner meeting and the reflections of these testings have been integrated into the final work on the products. This form of European cooperation contributed to a nice way of making visible different perspectives on the same issue even if the final version of the outcome was tailor made for the regional context.