

Digital NECE Conference 2020

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Berlin, Germany

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On the occasion of the **German EU presidency**, NECE (Networking European Citizenship Education) – the European platform for citizenship education (www.nece.eu) supported and coordinated by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education – will hold the 2020 edition of its annual conference in Berlin. Due to COVID-19 uncertainties the NECE conference 2020 will take place as an online event with live broadcasting from Berlin.

The conference will highlight the necessity of citizenship education in a world of pandemic and ecological risk and the idea of citizenship education as a public good in the future restart of the European Union.

Maja Göpel, author of the bestseller 'Rethinking Our World' and director of The New Institute, will open the conference with a keynote on '**Rethinking our World – Reconciling Climate Change & Democracy**'.

The COVID 19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of many people in an unprecedented way. Fundamental questions about the structures and sustainability of our societies – as we know them – have become salient in light of the fact that many inequalities and injustices have been deeply exacerbated.

Democratic commitment and civic competences of the citizens to understand, learn, deal with uncertainty and adapt behaviours to protect each other have become more important than ever. For all these reasons the pan-

democratic ought to mark a watershed moment for citizenship education in Europe. Understood in its broadest sense as the fostering of the capacities and dispositions of the population to participate in democracy. Citizenship education ought to be at the top of political priorities, not only in order to deal better with a risky world, but fundamentally because the education a society delivers to itself is an image of the world and society it wants to create.

Citizenship education will be displayed in this conference as a pluralistic offer for fair debates, diversity of perspectives, and a learning space for participation. A great diversity of European and international stakeholders, networks, experts and practitioners will be present in the virtual space. Open and participatory spaces invite to network with experts, civil society actors and policy makers from Europe, the MENA region and Africa.

The digital conference will offer a wide range of online activities, such as parallel online workshops, panels, lectures, a virtual project market, a digital speed dating and much more. All plenary sessions will be streamed live. The platform *Howspace* will serve as central hub for active participation and networking.

The conference is organised by



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Thursday, 5 November 2020

1:15–3.20 pm

COUNTDOWN TO OPENING NECE 2020

Log in to our Conference Space on Howspace for more information about the conference, networking and exchange and visit the digital project market.

1:30–2:00 pm: 'Howspace for Dummies': Onboarding for newcomers

2:20–3:20 pm

GET CONNECTED – STAY IN TOUCH

NECE conferences have always offered exciting inputs and discussions. But the name says it all: Networking is key! The exchange of experience and the opportunity to connect across borders for joint cooperations have led many actors in civic education to a common conference venue every year. This year, everything will take place virtually. The advantage: a lot more people can participate. And we will make sure that they can also meet each other. We will create spaces and bring people from all over Europe (and beyond) together.

Facilitation: **Susanne Ulrich**, Center for Applied Policy Research, Germany

3:20–3:30 pm

LIVE STAGE BERLIN MUSICAL INTERVENTION il Civetto

3:30–3:45 pm

LIVE STAGE BERLIN WELCOME

Christoph Müller-Hofstede, Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), NECE Coordination, Germany

An Lavens, BELvue museum Brussels, NECE Partner, Belgium

With virtual statements coming from the NECE partner networks

Ziad Haddara, Networking Arab Citizenship Education (NACE), Lebanon

Kristine Kandelaki, Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education (EENCE), Georgia

Sam Khebizi, Les Têtes de l'Art / Young Citizens of the Mediterranean (AJCM), France

Sheila Nabachwa, Civic Education Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (CENESA), Uganda

3:45–3:55 pm

LIVE STAGE BERLIN Young stakeholder challenge: MyNewEurope – Ideas for a sustainable Europe

Will we succeed in turning the climate around? What is the tension between solidarity and migration in Europe? What lessons for the future can we learn from the current crisis? And most importantly: What initiatives and projects can implement ideas with formats and methods of citizenship education in 2021 in an innovative and sustainable way?

3:55–4:00 pm

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4:00–4:55 pm

LIVE STAGE BERLIN

OPENING TALK

Learning the lessons. Citizenship education, arts & culture for a sustainable world

Johannes Ebert, General Secretary of the Goethe-Institut, Germany

Maya El Khalil, Arts and Culture Consultant Curator, UK

Joumana El Zein Khoury, Director of the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development, The Netherlands

Andreas Görgen, Head of the Directorate-General for Culture and Communication at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Thomas Krüger, Director of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bbp), Germany

4:55–5:00 pm

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5:00–06:05 pm

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KEYNOTE

Rethinking our world – Reconciling climate change and democracy

Maja Göpel, Scientific Director of The New Institute, Germany

Maja Göpel, author of the bestseller 'Rethinking Our World' and scientific director of The New Institute talks about the need to rethink sustainability in a global and systemic way and discusses the question of how the necessary major transformations can be achieved in democratic systems. Her contribution will be commented by **Grace Maingi**, executive director at Uraia Trust/ GENESA (Citizenship Education in Southern and Eastern Africa), Kenya.

06:05–06:15 pm

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OUTLOOK TO NEXT CONFERENCE DAY

Friday, 6 November 2020

9:45–10:00 am

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INTRO

10:00–11:00 am

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TALK

European Green Deal and Global Justice

Sven Egenter, Clean Energy Wire | CLEW, Germany

Rukiya Khamis, community organizer for Anglophone Africa at 350.org, Kenya

Imme Scholz, German Development Institute (DIE), deputy chair of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE), Germany

This discussion will focus on the consequences of the European Union's Green Deal for the global South and the extent to which the idea of "global justice" can now be better implemented.

11:15 am–1:00 pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS (ROUND 1)

The parallel sessions are designed to deepen and build on the dialogue launched in the run-up to the NECE Conference with the NECE CAMPUS (www.nece.eu/campus/) focusing on the three central thematic clusters:

Redefining citizenship education: Empowerment through virtual collaboration

Restarting Europe: The power of citizenship education and civic engagement

Rethinking the world: Citizenship education for sustainability

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 All parallel sessions will take place online with 1 to 1.5 hours length.

- 1. **Panel:** What are the right answers to COVID-19 and climate change? – Similarities and differences between both crises (in cooperation with Zentrum für liberale Moderne/Center for liberal modernity) **(Livestream)**
- 2. **Panel:** China's moment in world politics? Or: A New Cold War in the making? (in cooperation with Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS))
- 3. **Workshop:** European youth work and citizenship education for diverse target groups (curated by Mercator Foundation)
- 4. **Workshop:** "What does national identity mean in our present time?" – the relationship between local, regional, national and global Citizenship (curated by NACE/CENESA/EENCE)
- 5. **Workshop:** Creative Approaches to New Democracy CANDIICE (curated by CANDIICE)
- 6. **Panel:** The unusual suspects: what is really going on in Europe's so-called civic deserts?

1:00–2:00 pm

LIVE STAGE BERLIN
CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN ACTION

Meet the projects from the digital project market and get impressions from the sessions!

2:00–3:30 pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS (ROUND 2)

- 1. **Panel:** 'Is there a role for NGOs in the transformation of society? Critical assessment of the future of NGOs in a post-pandemic world (curated by MitOst)
- 2. **Panel:** "We believe, we can, we'll win": Art activism as a voice of society. Background and Situation in Belarus
- 3. **Panel:** The future of Democracy and the 14 Million: Voters without borders and democratic reforms on the agenda of the COFOE (curated by ECIT foundation) **(Livestream)**
- 4. **Workshop:** One framework, many contexts – how can this work? The Council of Europe's Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture and its potential
- 5. **Workshop:** Youth engagement and civic education in times of pandemic and beyond – best practices (curated by European Youth Parliament)
- 6. **Panel:** Unavailable and inaccessible? Schools closures and students' voice

3:30–4.00 pm

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SPOTLIGHT ON: CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN ACTION

4:00–5:30 pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS (ROUND 3)

- 1. **Workshop:** 2030 European Future Stories: a Cyber Hub for Citizens? (curated by Progressives Zentrum)
- 2. **Panel:** The role of civic education in times of rising authoritarianism and illiberalism (curated by ProDemos) **(Livestream)**
- 3. **Workshop:** Case studies as a civic education tool for the SDGs (curated by EENCE)
- 4. **Workshop:** Sustainability, Democracy and the Arts – Cultural and Artistic Responses to Environmental Change (curated by Goethe-Institut & Prince Claus Fund)
- 5. **Workshop:** How to teach transition (curated by Transition Dialogue Network)

5:30–5:55 pm

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SPOTLIGHT ON: CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN ACTION

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6:00–7:00 pm

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Young. Loud. United (?)
Ceremony of the Youth Democracy Award 2020

The Youth Democracy Award 2020 will be given to projects created by young people with the aim to connect humans in a creative and refreshing way, build bridges and develop new concepts to overcome society's challenges. The award is offered by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education. It is independently organized by a youth jury consisting of volunteers, apprentices, pupils and college students aged 17 to 25.

7:00–7:15 pm

LIVE STAGE BERLIN
OUTLOOK TO NEXT CONFERENCE DAY

Saturday, 7 November 2020

ONLINE MEETING

2:15–3:00 pm

STAY CONNECTED

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3:00–4:15 pm

PANEL / DISCUSSION

2020: A Watershed Moment for Citizenship Education in Europe.

Join this final -online - session of the NECE conference with stakeholders, experts and practitioners. Why do we see the year 2020 as a watershed moment for all of us and for citizenship education? The NECE Declaration (www.nece.eu/nece-declaration/) contains recommendations, actions points and ideas to strengthen the scope and quality of Citizenship education on all levels of governments. Representatives of the Council of Europe and of the European Union plus stakeholders of citizenship education will discuss the issues addressed in the declaration. Bring your expertise, ideas and yes, visions for enhancing democratic commitment and participation in a brave new world of pandemic and ecological risks. Your ideas and suggestions are needed – more than ever.

Helga Melnik, EENCE (Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education) Coordination Council, Belarus

Sheila Nabachwa, Civic Education Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (CENESA), Uganda

Yasmine Quirhane, Young European of the Year, France/Italy

Michael Remmert, Head of Education Policy Division, Council of Europe

Rola Tarek, The American University Cairo, Networking Arab Citizenship Education (NACE), Egypt

Michael Teutsch, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, Directorate B – Youth, Education and Erasmus+, Unit B.2 – Schools and Multilingualism, European Commission

Moderation:

Claudia Lenz, Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society, NECE Advisory Board, Norway

Niccolò Milanese, European Alternatives, NECE Advisory Board, France

4:15–4:30 pm

FAREWELL AND OUTLOOK TO NECE 2021