



## NECE Conference 2021

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#### POLITICAL EDUCATION IN LATIN AMERICA: Where to?

POLITIKUM

Quito, Ecuador

**Dr. Andrés González** (POLITIKUM)

This workshop offers an overview of the efforts of political education in four countries: Mexico, Chile, Venezuela and Ecuador. We will explore the different facets of the work of civil society organizations in these countries, focusing on the questions: is political education independent or is it government led? How can people gain access to knowledge about politics without becoming biased or indoctrinated? And what is the role of the government in political education in these case studies? An analysis in the nature of political education is key to understand the future and success of this much needed element in a democracy.

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#### **Civic Health Index Bulgaria: youth participation.**

Sofia Platform Foundation

**Christo Todorov**  
**Hristo Panchugov**  
**Svetla Petrova**

**Moderator: Louisa Slavkova**

**Time: 26.10.2021, 1:00 - 2:30 pm CET**

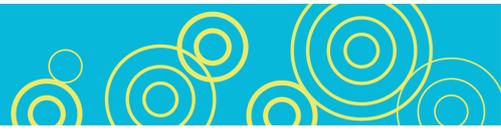
The **Civic Health Index** (Index) is an instrument that measures the different components of civic participation and the conditions that enable or impede it. In this session we want to take a closer look into how the **youth** in Bulgaria **participates** in civic life and discuss the findings of the pilot run of the Index in 2021.

During the first part of the workshop, we will present the Index and its findings on youth participation. The second part of the workshop will be a panel discussion with three experts on youth participation (*tbc*), followed by a discussion with all participants. We want to put a special focus on possible applications of the findings of the Index.

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The Civic Health Index is an instrument developed by the [Sofia Platform Foundation](#) as part of the [Civic Europe](#) program, supported by the [Mercator Foundation](#).

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## Re- addressing the question of gender equality in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic: What is the role of civic education in Uganda?

Civic Education Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (CENESA)

### Kampala, Uganda

**Benson Mayanja** (law student), **Angela Assimwe** (Voice Consults Ltd.) & **Elly Kasirye** (Foundation for Human Rights Initiative)

The Civic Education Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (CENESA), encompassing 22 countries, brings civic and democracy organisations together to share and exchange experiences, resources and best practice approaches. The realisation of gender equality is essential for sustainable development. Consequently, equality between women and men is a global strategy to combat poverty and improve living standards. In Uganda, the attainment of gender equality is enshrined in the 1995 Constitution of Uganda. This workshop will draw attention on the importance of gender equality given the reversing trends that have been triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic in Uganda. Analysts have blamed the retrogression in gender equality on COVID-19 and related lock down measures to curb the pandemic. Nevertheless, despite the relapse, this period provides an opportunity to re-engage in the discourse in order to address the underlying or new emerging root causes possibly through civic education.

Given that the emerging challenges related to gender equality are cross cutting, the panel will comprise one student, one women's rights activist and one man. The three guest panellists, who will briefly introduced below, will lead discussions while reflecting on the role of civic education in addressing the new challenges caused by COVID -19.

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## The Future of democracy and citizenship education: Challenges and solutions

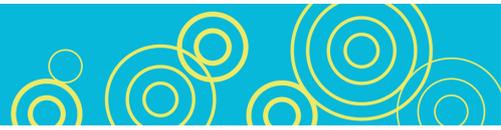
UTIL – Union of Independent Tunisians for freedom and NACE

### Tunis, Tunisia

**Moez Ali** (UTIL), **Hajer Trabelsi** (GOAct Tunisia), **Mohsen Kamal** (Oxam Tunisia, NACE), **Sami Kallel** (Tunisian Association of Learning Difficulties), **Bouraoui Ouni** (Tunisian Center for Global Security Studies), **Mokhtar Ben Nasr** (former Ministry of Defense), **Insaf Fathallah** (Tunisian Association of Civic Education, NACE) & **Mohamed Jouili** (Universits of Tunis)

Tunisia is a new born democracy witnessing deep changes in its political structure towards a modern state governed by the principles and international standards in terms of governance, guarantee of liberties and respect of human rights. However, and in addition to these objectives, Tunisia has been also confronted with extremism, radicalization and political violence.

The COVID-19 outbreak added strong challenges that impacted the whole country, particularly the most vulnerable groups deeply stricken by the pandemic.



The aim of the workshop is to discuss the future of this democracy, the challenges that we are facing and the proposed solution. We will build our approach over the role of civic engagement and citizenship education and how it can contribute in implementing the proposed solutions.

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## **Challenges for Citizenship education in Azerbaijan from point of existing pedagogical models**

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### **Baku, Azerbaijan**

**Azar Ramazanov** (Adult Education Association)

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented conditions in all areas of public life. As citizenship education researchers, we have a responsibility to continue to work on identifying pedagogical problems and to encourage thinking that expands our ability to act. For CE organizations and educators the COVID-19 pandemic is an opportunity to confirm the relevance of the new pedagogical models. Citizenship Education organizations and educators, representative of Azerbaijan Education Institute, other stakeholders are invited to discuss about effects of COVID-19 on entire education system, Role of Citizenship education in supporting the recovery and resilience, Institutional responses and alternative approaches, recommendations.

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## **"Green Pocket" : Civic Education for Sustainable Development issues in Action**

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### **Minsk, Belarus**

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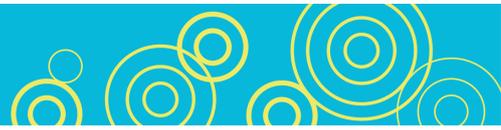
The Sustainable Development Goals are a call to action from all countries to improve the well-being and protection of our planet. The workshop promotes the implementation of the ideas, values and Sustainable Development Goals in the Republic of Belarus through civic education. The workshop participants will discuss changing approaches to implementing Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship Education programmes.

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## **Digital Citizenship for Respectful Digital World**

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Online



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## **Nato (Natalie) Gamtsemlidze (Civic Education Teachers' Forum)**

In Digital era it is curtail that new generation take responsibility to engage critically and competently in the digital environment, use the skills of effective communication and creativeness, to practice forms of social participation that respects human rights and dignity

through the responsible use of technology. Furthermore, it is important to . The workshop aims to deepen the understanding of social responsibility whilst interacting in the digital world, with emphasis on civic participation and critical thinking. workshop will include parts such as: problem identification, experts input, case-analysis and alternative narratives as an approach to overcome hate speech online. Digital Citizenship workshop will be based on two CoE manuals: DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION Overview and new perspectives and 2. Digital Resistance; Moreover, workshop organizers will refer to real life examples that are more relevant to undergraduate students. With Martin Thalhammer (educational advisor) (TBC); Marika Sikharulidze - Head of Digital Technology Implementation Support Program of the Teachers National Professional Development Center of Georgia

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## **Future of the human rights education in Belarus**

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### **Online**

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Human rights educators from Belarus and working for Belarus, international participants are invited to discuss the current state and future of the human rights education (HRE) in Belarus on the levels of policy and specific practices both for formal and non-formal education settings.

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## **Forum: „ReThinking (about) Citizenship Education”**

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### **Chisinau, Republic of Moldova**

**Veronica Garbuz** (NGO „Mostenitorii”)

Civic education plays a crucial role in preparing citizens to become actively involved in society and community life. The "ReThinking (about) Citizenship Education" Forum is a challenge for all those people working in the field of promoting active citizenship to reflect on what Citizenship Education represents in the current period and to identify the opportunities it offer at the individual and interrelational level. On the one hand, we will „think in a loud voice” what Citizenship Education is, on the other hand, we will re-think Citizenship Education in times of crisis.



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## **Civic Education Night (series of evening trainings and discussions)**

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Sumy, Ukraine

**Yuriy Petrushenko** (NGO Lifelong Learning Centre)

A series of trainings and discussions dedicated to civic education will be held in a new format as an evening educational event (beginning at 18-00, ending at 22-30). We will try to use for civic education the format that is used to popularize museums - Museum Night. Target audience: the adult population of the city of Sumy (Ukraine).