

Coordinating National Agency:

Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD) and the Ministry of Education of Baden-Wuerttemberg

Title of event:

“Education for Democratic Citizenship in Erasmus+ School Exchange Partnerships”

Starting date of the event: 18/10/2018

Ending date of the event: 21/10/2018

Event venue (city, country): Freiburg, Germany

Working language: English

Number of places in total: approximately 70

Profile of participants:

The seminar is open to participants within the fields of **school education**. The contact seminar is mainly targeted at school leaders and teachers of pupils aged between 6 and 16, interested in the theme of the seminar and committed to develop Erasmus+ strategic partnership.

Themes and goals of the event:

The contact seminar offers an opportunity for school leaders and teachers to work together on topics of mutual interest. You will receive information about the Erasmus+ programme in general and Key Action 2 – School Exchange Partnerships in particular. During an Erasmus+ School Exchange Partnership pupils and teachers work together in international teams on a chosen topic. During the seminar you will develop project ideas for Erasmus+ School Exchange partnerships and start preparing your project application. The topic of your School Exchange Partnerships will be your free choice. We will, however, contentwise focus on “Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC)” and you will get to know impulses and best practice examples of how to work on this topic during an Erasmus+ School Exchange partnership.

“Education for democratic citizenship means education, training, awareness-raising, information, practices and activities which aim [...] to empower learners to exercise and defend their democratic rights and responsibilities in society, to value diversity and to play an active part in democratic life [...].” (see Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education)

Do you consider school as a place for living democracy? Would you like to involve your pupils in project work and strengthen their competences in taking over responsibility, decision-making, cooperation and tolerance? Do you want to encourage your pupils to orientate and position themselves in modern society and to judge political, societal and economic issues competently? We would like to invite you to discover new ways to implement Education for Democratic Citizenship at your school by international project work in an Erasmus+ School Exchange Partnership.

Expected results:

Participants will develop project ideas and start preparing their project application during the contact seminar.