SemiFit on Citizenship Education

29 April – 5 May. 2019, Werfptfuhl, Germany

SemiFit on Citizenship Education - Seminar for intercultural trainers, on Citizenship Education, was held in Werneuchen, Werfptfuhl, Germany, 29 April – 5 May. 2019.

The host of the seminar was The Kurt Löwenstein Education Center (Jugendbildungsstätte Kurt Löwenstein, located near Berlin. There are all facilities for seminars, excellent accommodation and food and offers a variety of attractive leisure time activities.





The participants, trainers and teachers, came from Austria, Italy, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Portugal, St. Maartens-The Netherlands, Germany, Estonia.

The institutions from Romania present at the SemiFit seminar: The Intercultural Institute Timisoara, Mrs. Oana Bajka and Roxana Oanca, Mrs. Francisca Purice from The Scouts Association, Bârlad. Teachers Training Center Bucharest was represented by Mrs. Roxana Diaconu.

The organizer was DARE Network(http://dare-network.eu/the-dare-network), Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe, a Youth NGO, who promotes the education for democratic citizenship and human rights. The network consists of 44 member organizations from 24 countries of Europe.

Co-organisers: Jugendbildungsstätte Kurt Löwenstein (Youth NGO) and AdB Arbeitskreises deutscher Bildungsstätten (Youth NGO), Learning Designers + CCI Centro per la Cooperazione Internazionale.

During the seminar, experienced trainers and teachers exchange learning experiences and competences, ideas on different areas connected to Citizenship Education. It was a time of dialogue between trainers and cultures with a focus on quality and innovation for the benefit of the students as future citizens of a united Europe.

There was a great variety of activities, like panel discussions, on different subjects: Political Dimension of Youth Work presented by Tim Scholz, Temenuga Hristova, discussed on a topic known racial/social cordiality. Daniela Kolarova's panel was about "Education in Conflict resolution and Human Rights".

Mrs. Roxana Diaconu, from Teachers Training Center Bucharest approached intercultural communication, interaction between members of different cultures, intercultural competences, Everett Lee's model on migration. The audience interacted on the subject of migration and practiced an intercultural communication exercise.



The workshops provided tools and projects ideas referring to the meaning of racism and prejudices that are cultivated in the framework of a prison, discrimination in class and discrimination manifestations as a phenomenon, Participatory Budgeting for Youth, public policies, methods to working on the topics of gender justice and sexuality, translating european values into practice, global education.

Mr. Nils-Eyk Zimmermann, board member of DARE Network presented "Competendo-The open source Toolbox for Civic Education", (http://competendo.net).

During the last day of the SemiFit seminar (<u>www.salto-youth.net</u>), the participants presented their institutions, passed a creative evaluation and had time for reflection and and a better understanding of their work with and for the students.





