

Human Rights in Action The South East Europe Summer Academy 2014

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20-28 June 2014
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About the South East Europe Summer Academy:

The *South East Europe (SEE) Summer Academy “Human Rights in Action”* was held for the first time in 2012. The regional training in the field of democratic citizenship and human rights education is organised annually by the Ministry of Education and Sports Montenegro, the Bureau for Educational Services, Montenegro, the Council of Europe (CoE) and the European Wergeland Centre (EWC).

The aim of the training is to strengthen the capacity of teachers and their school heads, as well as representatives from NGOs or parents' associations to implement and promote EDC/ HRE principles and practices in their schools and communities in South East Europe. Participants are invited to take part in the training as a team of 3 members. Furthermore, the Academy aims to strengthen the cooperation between the participating countries through the exchange of experiences and good practices in the field.

The SEE Summer Academy is in line with the principles and policies of *the CoE Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education* and based on several CoE manuals designed to support the implementation of the Charter in practice.

General approach:

Using CoE tools, the Academy model follows a whole-school approach to EDC/ HRE and addresses different spheres of school life, such as teachers' competences, learning and teaching activities, democratic school governance and partnership with the local community. This approach encourages the active participation of all stakeholders of school life in building an environment, where principles of human rights and democracy can be learned and practices. The SEE Summer Academy is composed of the following 3 phases:

Phase 1: Online preparatory phase – introduction to the training (May to June 2014)

This phase is designed as an introduction to the residential seminar. The main aim is to get to know each other and to get familiar with selected CoE teaching materials including EDC/ HRE concepts, approaches, learning and teaching activities.

Phase 2: Residential seminar (20-28 June 2014)

The residential seminar is the core of the Academy. The trainers and participants work face-to-face together, and share their experiences with implementing EDC/ HRE. Participants analyze the current situation in their school and community and reflect on their practice in view of EDC/HRE principles. Based on this analysis, and supported by a trainer, each team develops an action plan with concrete local activities and projects addressing challenges faced in their school and/ or community.

Phase 3: Follow-up (July-January 2015)

This phase supports participants in implementing their local EDC/ HRE projects (action plans). The projects are expected to be implemented during the school year 2014/2015. Throughout this phase, a trainer provides ongoing support to all teams via EWCS' online platform [Share&Connect](#). Particular attention is given to ongoing collaboration, discussion and exchanges of experiences, as well as networking between participants and trainers.

Alumni Academy Network:

Given the interest of former Academy participants to continue with school-wide EDC/ HRE efforts and their professional development, the EWC set up an *online Alumni network*. This network connects all alumni participants of any Academy training. It creates exchanges of experience and good practices between former and new participants, and it supports local and national initiatives and actions based on the principles and values of the Summer Academy programme. You can also find cooperation partners for bilateral or multilateral projects. After completing the Academy you will be invited to join this network.

Target groups and profile of participants:

Participants are invited to join the Academy as a team of three members. Each team consists of two representatives from the same school, including the school head and a teacher, together with one representative of a) an NGO that already cooperates with the school or wishes to do so or b) a parent association.

The Academy is available for teams from the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Kosovo.¹

Trainers/ experts:

The training will be run by an international team of experienced trainers/experts in the field.

Working language: All sessions will be held in English.

The training programme will be based on the following CoE tools:

- [CoE Charter on EDC/ HRE](#) (2010)
- [Democratic Governance of Schools](#) (2007)
- [How all teachers can support citizenship and human rights education: a framework for the development of competences](#) (2009)
- [Compass - A Manual on Human Rights Education with Young People](#) (2002)
! New edition 2012 http://eycb.coe.int/compass/download_en.html
- [School-Community-University partnerships for a Sustainable Democracy](#) (2010)

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¹ All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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Costs:

Travel costs, accommodation, meals and all activities included in the training program are covered or will be reimbursed by the organizers. Please note the following details:

Travel and visa reimbursement

For the selected teams, travel expenses to and from Cetinje/ Montenegro, including travel insurance for the stay, will be reimbursed by the Council of Europe. Further information on travel arrangements will follow at a later stage, and will be send to you by Ms. Rona Brown: Rona.BROWN@coe.int.

Subsistence expenses:

All meals and activities included in the program are covered by the Montenegrin host for all participants.

Application and selection procedure:

Please find the application form attached or download the form under this link: www.theewc.org

Applications must be submitted by **28 February 2014**.

The organizers will select 36 participants/ 12 teams on the basis of their profile. The selection will take into account balance between countries addressed, sexes, EDC/ HRE experiences, motivation and ideas for dissemination. Candidates will be informed about whether their application has been accepted or rejected **by 20 March**.

Certificate of attendance:

Upon completion of the SEE Summer Academy, all participants will receive a certificate of attendance, signed by the organizers.

More information:

You will soon find more information about the SEE Summer Academy “Human Rights in Action” on the EWC web page: www.theewc.org