

Dear Teachers, dear Parents, dear School Managers and Students,

We, authors of this little booklet hope that you will find it useful in your work at school, as well as for your self – study. Lesson plans, thematic sections, subjects discussed as well as teaching aids developed within the framework of this project are just a sample of what can be done to create European Citizenship based on values recognized and promoted in Europe: education for peace (peaceful conflict resolution, observing rules and codes of conduct, elements of negotiations and ability to argue one’s point of view), awareness of common cultural roots of European countries and nations, as well as respect for cultural variety constituting a value in itself and richness of Europe.

We hope that this sample of educational activities will inspire and spur you to be educationally creative, leading to strengthening of European education. Such actions are all the more important now, in the wake of the biggest enlargement ever of the European Union: from 1st May 2004, our family will have 10 new members. Overcoming barriers of ignorance, dislikes, stereotypes and prejudice will be of utmost importance.

We hope that our actions will lead to every citizen of the European Union, every child and every adult, feeling at home in every corner of Europe: safe and secure, accepted and appreciated; that they encounter tolerance and understanding. At the same time, they will be able to feel the same way about people and society they are surrounded by.

We hope that this project will become the beginning of Paneuropean educational movement, aiding the development and strengthening of European citizenship and building a safe home for us and for future generations.

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