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The European Intercultural Forum e. V. is a non-profit organisation which operates on a local, national and international level in the field of European youth work, intercultural learning, arts and culture, European citizenship, youth mobility, conflict management and human rights education. It aims to foster young people's skills and knowledge through education and activism and to contribute to intercultural understanding and tolerance in Europe and beyond.

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description

The one-year project «Mobility and European Citizenship - Interrelations and Implications» is an international initiative implemented by the European Intercultural Forum e. V., a non-governmental organisation located in Berlin, in partnership with three organisations from the United Kingdom, Poland and Czech Republic. Its central aim is to foster a public debate and promote European citizens' dialogue on European citizenship and mobility.

The project fosters a dialogue about the reasons, consequences, and challenges of migration within the European Union and how this intensified mobility across Europe influences the development and perception of European citizenship within the EU. Additionally, an exchange of experiences and tools supporting integration across Europe was facilitated in order to provide an overview about applied approaches and successfull methods in European countries.

Within the framework of the project, a five-day European Citizenship Conference took place in Berlin in January 2011 and four local one-day events were held in Krakow, Berlin, Prague and London between March and May 2011, bringing together social and youth workers, youth leaders and representatives of organisations involved in integration/ inclusion activities.

key concepts

* European Citizenship
The concept of European Citizenship (not equal to European Union citizenship) defines citizenship as an active community united by common values such as democracy, human rights and social justice. European Citizenship is not linked to any political structure.

* Mobility Programmes in Europe
Mobility programmes of the European Union offer a wide range of learning experiences across Europe with the objective to foster European Citizenship, social cohesion and an exchange of good practisce among institutions, organisations and individuals. Mobility programmes include: the Lifelong Learning Programme, the Youth in Action Programme and Erasmus Mundus. The Europe for Citizens Programme is often not included in this category, even though it is similar in character.

* Non-formal Education
Non-formal education is a structured and organised education activity that is based on voluntary participation outside the public or publically recognised educational system. Its main stakeholders are non-governmental organisations and institutions that complement education offered by schools and tertiary institutions.

* Intercultural Education
Intercultural education is a tool to increase societal capacities for community life based on an inclusive approach and an understanding of equality. Pluralism, respect for cultural differences and the value of these differences are the pillars of intercultural education.

* Migration
Generally, the term migration refers to a physical movement of people from one place to another which includes the necessity or will to settle for a longer or shorter duration. Migration can be categorised in different ways, e. g. forced and voluntary migration, permanent, temporary or seasonal migration or legal and irregular migration. Different groups of migrants can be classified accordingly as: asylum seekers, refugees, guest workers, students etc.

* Integration
"Integration is a dynamic, two way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents of Member States" (Handbook on Integration 2010). The process implies respect for European Union's founding principles and basic values of democracy, human rights and rule of law. Its main elements include employment, language skills, knowledge of political system and institutions, education, active participation, non-discrimination and intercultural dialogue.

* Social Inclusion
Social inclusion is a process by which marginalised groups and individuals and those living in poverty participate more fully in social relations and institutions, allowing them to improve living standards and overall well-being.

project elements

* January 12 - 16, 2011: international conference in Berlin with 40 representatives of organisations from Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom

* March - May 2011: one-day events in Krakow, Berlin, Prague and London

* June 2011: publication of the conference's outcomes in form of a brochure of 36 pages

* 133 participants involved from four EU countries (Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom) including migrants living in those countries