

Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to promote teaching initiatives targeting youth to raise awareness of and engage in training on subjects relating to European citizenship: learn about how the genesis of what we know as Europe today, how the European Union emerged¹, the enlargement process and related criteria, the institutions comprising the Union and how citizens can become involved and contribute to making Europe much more their own than it has been to date.

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In this Guide you will find a brief presentation on the “*Roma Youth – European Citizenship*” project and the partner organisations who took part in its implementation. The following chapter offers a detailed summary on the theoretical training provided through the four training courses. Then there is a chapter devoted to practical training done through the study visits and Europe Day celebrations and lastly there is a section focusing on the dissemination products which were used throughout the project.

This material is further supplemented with an Annex offering group dynamics exercises and examples of activities carried out during “*Roma Youth – European Citizenship*” which serve as support material for the users of this Guide.

We hope that the content of this Teaching Guide is of help in the design and implementation of activities relating to youth and European citizenship. We also hope that the proposals made here are to your liking and are useful.

¹ European Union Portal: http://europa.eu/index_en.htm