

# Invitation & Registration

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### Rethinking Citizenship Education in European Migration Societies: Political Strategies - Social Changes - Educational Concepts

Lisbon, Portugal, April 26 - 28, 2007

#### Conference Location

Centro Cultural de Belém, Praça do Império,  
1449-003 Lisbon

#### Background and Aims of the Conference

The countries in today's Europe have become migration societies, characterised not only by ethnic, religious and cultural diversity, but also by complex and manifold traditions of national cultures and national societies. Public debate on migration and integration is marked by emotions and fear on both sides: the riots in the suburbs of Paris in the autumn 2005, the cartoon dispute in Denmark, the intense debate on the 'integration' of the Muslim population in Europe, the increasing fear of terrorist threats, and a rise in discrimination and xenophobia are all indicators of the powerful social and political challenges facing the states of the European Union. In view of this, it has become increasingly important to develop a common democratic culture in which the mutual recognition of cultural diversity and respect for basic human and civil rights are in close association. Here, citizenship education can and must make a significant contribution by transcending national borders and seeking cooperation on both a European and an international level.

By looking closely at the most pressing challenges of migration and integration in Europe, we hope to contribute to a more informed debate on such basic concepts as citizenship, social inclusion, pluralism and tolerance. One defining feature of the conference will be the presentation and exchange of best practices of citizenship education in immigration societies, and it will bring academics and politicians together with

experts, multipliers and practitioners involved in citizenship education in Europe. March of 2007 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. Coupled with the German EU presidency in the first half of that year, which will be conducted in close association with 'troika' partners Portugal and Slovenia, this will lend weight to a truly European initiative.

### **Organisational Notes**

The conference language will be English. Interpreters will not be available. You can register now with the conference management team by submitting your name, address, country, organisation and/or field of interest to: lab concepts GmbH, Am Hofgarten 18, D-53113 Bonn, Tel.: +49 228 24 98 110, Fax: +49 228 24 98 111 info@lab-concepts.de. After registering, you will receive a binding confirmation.

### **Participation Fee**

Generally, the participation fee is € 90,- for the total duration of the conference.  
Student rate is € 45,- (please send a copy of the student card with your registration).  
Daily participation rate is € 30,-.

Included are:

- conference folder and materials;
- all lunches (except on Friday, 27, 2007) dinners, the reception and coffee breaks announced in the programme;
- the exceptional music performance Maputo – Lisboa – Berlin;
- cinema show.

Your participation is binding after you have received a written confirmation from the conference management.

### **Participants from Eastern Europe**

The Remembrance and Future Fund is going to cover travel and accommodation costs for a limited number of guests from Eastern Europe. **How to apply for funding:** Please send a short cv (one page) describing your professional field and position. Summarise briefly your special interest in the topic of our conference. Upon receiving your application, we will send a written confirmation as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further inquiries.

### **Open Spaces: "Laboratories on the Future of Citizenship Education in European Migration Societies – Scenarios, Projects, Networks", Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007 - Call for Papers & Projects**

Various 'laboratories' will offer participants the opportunity to choose topics and activities they wish to explore. The 'laboratories' will focus on:

- conception and discussion of individual projects/ideas/exchange, including possibilities for financing and sponsor acquisition at both national and EU levels;
- discussion of the possible construction of topic-specific European networks within the framework of 'Citizenship Education in European Migration Societies';
- formulation of theses and recommendations for implementing conference and workshop results.

Conclusions from the 'laboratories' will appear on the Federal Agency for Civic Education's website under: [www.bpb.de/nece](http://www.bpb.de/nece).

**All participants are invited to present their projects, work in progress, papers or just good ideas in this 'open space'. If you wish to make a presentation in one of the 'laboratories', please send an abstract or a project draft to conference management by March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We will then get in touch with you and discuss the best way to present your ideas.**

### **Conference Management**

lab concepts, Am Hofgarten 18, 53113 Bonn, Germany, Fon: +49 228 24 98 110, Fax: +49 228 24 98 111, info@lab-concepts.de.

**We strongly recommend that you organise flights and hotel reservations as early as possible. The conference venue, the Centro Cultural de Belém (<http://www.ccb.pt>), is approximately 30 minutes by public transportation away from the centre of Lisbon. If you need help reserving accommodations, please contact conference management.**

### **Organizer**

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- I hereby register for the conference, and will pay the € 90,- participation fee.
- I hereby register as daily participant and will pay € 30,- participation fee.
- I hereby register as student and will pay € 45,- (student card attached) participation fee.
- Please send me information on possible accommodations.
- I would like to present a project in the laboratories.

**SIGNATURE, DATE**

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