

What is EDC?

Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) is a set of practices and activities for equipping young people and adults to play an active part in democratic life and exercise their rights and responsibilities in society.

Why is the Council of Europe involved?

Who is involved?

The main feature of the EDC project is its multi-dimensional, lifelong aspect. It is designed for all age groups and social classes, with a particular focus on:

- the educational community (teachers, pupils, parents, headmasters, etc.);
- politicians and decision makers;
- associations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Project agenda

1997-2000 - first phase

Objectives:

- to find out what values and skills individuals require to become active and responsible citizens;
- to determine how they can acquire these values and pass them on to others.

At the end of the first stage of the EDC project, in September 2000, the results achieved were:

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education for democratic citizenship calls on the governments to make EDC a priority objective of educational policies and reforms.

Networks: the Council of Europe has supported the creation of a pan-European communication and co-operation network, made up of EDC coordinators appointed by member states.

Communication and dissemination: the Council of Europe has

- conducted several awareness-raising

