



Monitoring and evaluating the state of the rights to European active citizenship

Essentials

30 May, 2008

Object

Setting up, application and diffusion of a toolbox of indicators regarding the implementation of the rights to European Active Citizenship with regard to citizens' organizations, involving as testing countries those that were studied in the Civicus' Civil Society Index project.

Aim

To give to public institutions, citizens' organizations and their stakeholders the opportunity to check and improve the implementation process of these rights, as constituent part of the European integration and the strengthening of European citizenship.

Objectives

- *Information*: gathering and organizing data on the state of implementation of rights to Active European Citizenship in a sample of member states and at community level;
- *Evaluation*: experimenting the possibility of compare different situations and evaluate them with reference to the actual state of rights to European Active Citizenship;
- *Toolbox*: setting up and testing a tool to be used to gather information and evaluate the development of the practice of rights to European Active Citizenship.

Involved countries

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| 1. Bulgaria | 6. Italy |
| 2. Cyprus | 7. Poland |
| 3. Czech Republic | 8. Slovenia |
| 4. Greece | 9. Romania |
| 5. Germany | 10. Turkey |

Leading organization

FONDACA, Active Citizenship Foundation.

Partnerships

- Main partners:
 - Active Citizenship Network
 - Marche Region administration
- Scholars and experts:

- Department of Political Science and Sociology, University of Florence, Italy
- Poleis, Centro studi e ricerche di politica comparata, Milan Bocconi University, Italy
- Department of Demography and Statistics, Rome La Sapienza University, Italy
- Civicus, World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Johannesburg
- Rome city administration, Italy
- Movimento difesa del cittadino, Italy
- Labsus, Laboratorio per la sussidiarietà, Italy
- National partner organizations:
 - Index Foundation, Bulgaria
 - Management Centre of the Mediterranean, Cyprus
 - Consumer Defence Association, Czech Republic
 - Evropaiki Ekfrassi, Greece
 - Maecenata Institut, Germany
 - Cittadinanzattiva, Italy
 - Women's Rights Center, Poland
 - National Association for Consumers' Protection, Romania
 - Legal Information Center for NGOs, Slovenia
 - The Human Resources Development Foundation, Turkey

Framework

- European Charter of Fundamental Rights
- European Charter of Active Citizenship

Focused rights

1. Right to intervention
2. Right to carry out prevention activities
3. Right to consultation
4. Right to evaluate
5. Right to access
6. Right to a qualified interlocution
7. Right to respect of time and obligation to give feedback
8. Right to trust and equal dignity
9. Right to facilitation and support measures

Timing

July 2007 – June 2008.

State of implementation (30 May, 2008)

- Information on the state of Active Citizenship Rights have been gathered at national and European levels.
- A scoring experiment has taken place with the involvement of national partners of the project.
- A redraft of the Checklist and the Matrix is ongoing, on the base of the test and of national organizations' feedback and a new version of them will be presented and discussed during the final conference of the project.
- During the project's final conference a report on the state of Active Citizenship rights coming from the gathered information and the evaluation exercise are going to be presented and discussed.

Main events

- Expert meeting (Rome, 17 October, 2007)

- Partners' meetings (Rome, 20 May and 24 June 2008)
- Final conference (Ancona, Italy, 25 June 2008)

Outputs

- Checklist for the gathering of information on the implementation of Active Citizenship rights
- Matrix for the evaluation of the State of Active Citizenship Rights

Follow-up

- Translation of the Matrix and the Checklist
- Meetings at national level involving people interviewed and other stakeholders
- Presentation of the project and its results during the Civicus World Assembly (Glasgow, 18-22 June 2008)
- Presentation of the project and its results of the project during the Oecd conference, Ljubljana (26-27 June, 2008)