



Project HURRY UP ! : Human Rights Revisited by Youth in Europe !
European youth seminar, 2-7 November 2010

Context

On November 4, 2010 there was held the **60th anniversary of the signature of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)**. Therefore, the City of Strasbourg, which hosted the European Court of Human Rights, decided to strengthen its commitment to human rights' promotion in Europe, and this in partnership with the European and international institutions presented in Strasbourg.

The European Convention on Human Rights was drafted 60 years ago, in a very different context. Nowadays, it was important not only to increase the visibility of the work of the Court but also to discuss with the young generations in order to understand their approach of these rights and their expectations and to see how they could play an active role in the promotion of these rights at the local level.

The project

The project « **HURRY UP ! : Human Rights Revisited by Youth in Europe !** » gathered partners from 7 EU countries (France, Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Latvia) and from Georgia.

It mainly aimed at creating, for the **60th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights** and in partnership with the European Court for Human Rights, a **network of youth ambassadors for human rights and democracy in Europe**.

Thanks to the participation of young people with fewer opportunities, it also aimed at promoting the **participation of all young people**.

Different activities were planned between September 2010 and June 2011 : a European seminar on human rights and youth participation : local actions to promote the results of the seminar as well as a final publication and a video-clip.

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Partners of the project :

Germany : Dresden and the association « Politischer Jugendring Dresden »

Bulgaria : Stara Zagora and the Municipal Youth Center of Ruse

France : Strasbourg and Youth Express Network

Georgia : Local Democracy Agency of Kutaisi

Hungary : Budapest

Latvia : Riga

Poland : Katowice

Romania : Timisoara

European youth seminar on human rights and participation (2-7 November 2010)

The main activity of the project was a European youth seminar on human rights and participation organised in Strasbourg for the 60th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights (4 November 2010).

Objectives :

- To **raise awareness among participants about human rights and democracy as core values of the European identity and citizenship**
- To think about the **meaning of human rights today** and to propose an **education on human rights**
- To improve the **knowledge about European institutions** and especially the European Court for Human Rights
- To encourage the **active participation of young people** at local and European levels, including **young people with fewer opportunities**, and to facilitate a **direct dialogue between young people and elected representatives**
- To promote **volunteering**
- To promote **cultural diversity and tolerance**

Dates : 2-7 November 2010

Place : Strasbourg

Participants : about 50 young people (18-25) from partners' cities

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