

Latvian Minister of Education Tatjana Koke launches project "Adventure Sphere Europe"

On October 2nd, 2009, the EU financed project "Adventure Sphere Europe" was launched at a kick-off conference in Riga by the implementing organizations, the German Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology of the University of Latvia and the Estonian Jaan Tõnisson Institute.

The project "Adventure Sphere Europe" will lead to the development of a training booklet for high-school teachers in Latvia and Estonia on European political education. Twenty experts of teaching methodology and European issues from Latvia, Estonia and Germany are involved in the developing process of new creative approaches in European political education in the respective countries. Finally, the overall goal of the project is the introduction of the booklet into school curricula in Latvia and Estonia. In order to reach a huge range of people, the booklet will be translated into Latvian, Estonian and Russian language, with the goal of achieving better joint understanding between the groups and reaching greater societal cohesion in a united Europe.

The kick-off conference officially launching the project was opened by the Latvian

Minister of Education, Professor Tatjana Koķe, and Kalle Küttis, the Estonian Deputy Secretary General for General and Vocational Education. Both welcomed the initiative of the three consortia partners underlining the importance of European political education fostering the understanding and acceptance of the European Union, its institutions, goals and common values among the younger generation.

Mrs. Iveta Šulca, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Latvia, emphasized as well the significance of the project: "The young generation has to push on the further integration process of Europe. Thus, projects like "Adventure Sphere Europe", which aiming towards a greater understanding and acceptance of the European Union among youngsters, are indispensable for promoting an ever closer Union."

Until April 2010 the organizers are planning to deliver the first copies of the handbook.



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