

## The project "Adventure Sphere Europe" enters the second phase

The project "Adventure Sphere Europe", launched in October 2009, enters the second phase. Twenty experts of teaching methodology and European issues from Latvia, Estonia and Germany joined the project in order to develop a training handbook on European civic education for high-school teachers and civic education trainers in Latvia and Estonia. So far, several workshops took place in Riga, Pärnu, Dikli and Wendgräben from October 2009 until January 2010. During the workshops the content of the handbook was elaborated. The goal of the project is to develop a more interactive approach on how to teach European issues.

The participating teachers and EU experts have created so far around 40 activities and methods, which have been tested from December until January in several schools in Estonia and Latvia. The activities were modified at the Final Workshop in German from January 29<sup>th</sup> until February 1<sup>st</sup>. During these days the participants elaborated the final draft of the handbook. Moreover, the expert group from Latvia and Estonia extended their stay in Germany to visit the German Institute for Civic

Education in Berlin and the Political Academy of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

### Next steps

During the following two months the collected material will be proof read and translated into Latvian, Estonian and Russian language. Printed books are foreseen in each language which will be distributed until June/July.

Upcoming teacher trainings in April and May throughout Latvia and Estonia will help to introduce the new material to interested schools and teachers as well as to promote the book in these countries. Its final presentation will take place in Tallinn and Riga in June 2010.

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