

The teacher's handbook "Adventure Sphere Europe" presented to the public

In attendance of the Latvian Minister of Education and Science, Professor Tatjana Kože, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the University of Latvia have presented the teacher's handbook "Adventure Sphere Europe" to the public on August 12 in Riga.

Around 70 representatives of the local media, ministries and NGOs as well as teachers from the Riga region have participated in the closing conference during which the initiators of the project, Andreas Klein (Head of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Baltic office), Professor Zanda Rubene (University of Latvia), Markus Behne and Holger-Michael Arndt (CIVIC) outlined the objective of the project as well as the development of the working process during the last ten months. Minister Professor Tatjana Kože underlined the utility of the handbook providing information about the European Union, didactical guidance as well as concrete teaching examples for high-school teachers. In her short note Minister Kože was promoting the publication and expecting that teachers and multipliers will make great use of it.

On August 13, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation with its Estonian partner, the Jaan Tõnissoni Instituut, presented the handbook to the Estonian public in Tallinn. Martti Lutsar of the European Commission representation in Estonia welcomed the initiative of the three partner institutions and congratulated to the results as a tool for teachers long needed in order to present the European ideas in a more interactive and creative manner.

Besides its objective to illustrate didactic ways of creatively and innovatively presenting the basic knowledge on the functioning of the European institutions and European history, idea and values to teachers the booklet tends to achieve a better joint understanding between youngsters of Latvian, Estonian and Russian family background. With this approach the project partners are hoping to contribute to a better understanding and the development of common perceptions regarding the EU across normally rather separated ethnic/national groups.

To order the handbook free of charge please contact the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's offices in Riga or Tallinn (riga@adenauer.lv / tallinn@adenauer.ee).



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