

Brainstorming: Project Ideas

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The following ideas were collected during the “Citizens’ Weekend” during the Saturday afternoon session on 5 February 2005. There were meant to be a source of inspiration for future activities of the Citizens of Europe.

Get to know Europe, building bridges

- Bridges of Europe-what changed for the people on both sides e.g. Sweden/Copenhagen
- Competition on what the European identity means to people
- “Packing the European suitcase”- a way to ask what European identity is
- European education toolbox for different age groups
- “EU newswire”-as network for journalists
- European Calender-all holidays from all over Europe
- Collection of EU-games
- Europe Quiz in TV and newspapers
- Europe as a table top game
- Projects with companies: young leaders for social activities in order to increase their social skills (paid by company) e.g. polish young leader is send to a spanish elementary school to explain them his country and what Europe is about
- Organise exchanges of people of the same business from different countries
- Shadow day- a person joins a Comission for one day, public debate afterwards
- Conference about the different school systems in Europe, is there a perfect system?
- Project about Hungary
- Old Europe/ New Europe/one Europe?

Europe and the USA

- Europe on a surfboard (Seminar on Hawaii)
- EU-facts Seminar for Americans (combined with Hawaii)
- Transatlantic relations
- Workshop: Does Europe need the USA and do we have a clash of civilisations?
- European Identity vs. American Identity

Change the world

- Middle East peace conference in Jerusalem
- Task force solving the Kosovo problem
- Iran War Simulation-Prevention?25 Members,3 days, Poland
- Tool kit for Revolutions (Serbia, Ukrainians and their Experience)
- European citizenship in Belarus- an option for democratic change? Work together with the Belarussian opposition

EU-Enlargement

- Switzerland! Why don't you join us?
- EU and its direct neighbours beyond EU enlargement-How should we deal with them? What are the expectations of the new neighbouring countries?
- Defining a strategy for South East Europe toward EU membership
- Ukraine, Georgia, Caucasus...and their possibility to become new members
- Russia and the Union in 2040
- EU-Enlargement after Rumania and Bulgaria?
- Kalinigrad: Russias window to the EU?

Culture & Sport

- Theatre Europe- people from different countries come together and create a play under professional lead- performing tour through Europe
- Photo exhibition: European windows, bridges...
- Film-evenings with European films, e.g. "Lichter"
- Media seminar- Make the Eurotrash summer song 2005/06
- Europe festival with culture, arte and party
- Beneficial Open Air concert for tolerance and acceptance
- Combine "calender" and "picture project"
- European dance workshop-develop nonverbal communication of European citizens
- Seminar on the role of soccer in Europe+ soccer game
- Organise a sport competition with sportsmen from Europe and they discuss about European issues in the evening
- Conference: The role of soccer in the European Integration
- Cooking, singing, swinging citizens of Europe
- Flying photocamera: cheap camera is send from one citizens to another, each makes photos of his life (max. 3), show pictures in the internet
- European ways: organise hiking/railway/bicycle trips through Europe in order to get people more physically in touch with their fellow European citizens
- Hiking through areas in Serbia/Kosovo and Albania
- Walking/Cycling through Europe e.g. Berlin – Belgrad, together with Cycling clubs/ travel organisations, small seminar on the way
- European borders: picture competition
- Bring together choirs from all countries to perform the "ode to joy" in the Baltics, cheering the celebration of songs

VPE

- VPE on the radio e.g. Radio Multikulti
- Enlarge the VPE platform as far as possible

European Tuesday

- Digital ET- documentation of the ET's in the WWW, give links to sources, opportunity for further discussion
- A week of ET's- people, attending 7 of them in different countries, get a price, sponsored by Easyjet
- Make Et's for people from other places attendable via online video broadcasts and sending in questions
- European Sunday

History

- Cold War Simulation
- Rewrite the past- changing certain decisions or events affecting Europe and imagine the European development under different conditions
- Mirroring the experience of Cold War
- History and culture of the Baltics
- History meeting-Europeans write the common history and create a visualisation
- Impact of the Reformation in Europe

Citizens of Europe

- Let's travel together in Europe for a better understanding, to get to know each other
- Establish an online working platform for COE with a forum, a knowledge base, a document repository, a collaborative document development framework,...
- Database with member's birthdays, send them a birthday card
- Competition of ideas: COE can announce a competition of ideas on a broad European level
- Subject: "What I ever wanted to do to promote European Citizenship, some ideas will be rewarded with something, lots should be helped to get realised"
- Merchadising: flyer, citicards, paper with COE-logo and project responsible, T-shirts with logo and commitment
- Citizens prize for European achievements
- Expert database with profiles of persons and foundations

Migration & Outerview

- North African migration to Europe and asylum policy
- "Border crosser"- look at the fate of illegitimate migrants at the border
- Migration and the lose of the national identity
- The EU in the global perspective: EU picture in the world
- Eu-territory far from home e.g. the French colonies, do they feel changes?

Others

- Training workshop for Eurosceptics
- EU as a paradise for the mafia and other criminal organisations?
- Extremists in Europe- a force to reckon with?
- Aging society- bring former enemies together, on one side people at the age of 19-30 and on the other side 70+
- EU- Convention for oldies
- European citizens out of glass? Do we already have a total control by the state?
- Seminar cycle based on “ Weimarer triangle”
- Open trade barriers = increasing unemployment and the total collapse of the third sector?
- EU project management workshop
- Platform for getting other points of view- collect people that live(d), work(ed) abroad, what is their view on the country as an outviewer
- Money laundry for dummies?
- Arrange an small event next to a big one- bigger attention