

<p>CiCe Network National Co-ordinators Country Reports</p>	<p>2011-2012 <b>BELGIUM</b></p>
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### **Our focus**

During the period 2011 -2012 we have focused on the relationship between citizenship education and remembrance education. The main reason is the preparation of the events around the remembrance of the Great War in the period between 2014-2018.

Another reason is that the Minister of Education announced the implementation of Cross curricular objectives for secondary schools since September 2010. To prepare our students (of our teacher training college) we participated at some initiatives on local, regional and international level. One was a pilot project based on a bilateral memorandum with the Catholic University Of Lublin ( European Studies, History and Language department). We investigated the move of Jewish families from Lubelskie to West –Flanders and reconstruct their story by using iPads. This project ‘ Respect’ was supported by the Flemish Representative of the Belgian Embassy in Poland and the Baltic States. A lot of material of CiCe could be presented during the sessions about remembrance education (Holocaust) with the Flemish and Polish students and teachers. 20 students were involved in this project and they created a wiki about their research.

### **Institutional level with an international dimension**

We developed a new format for our International Classroom for Erasmus Students in our Teacher Training College (every term around 14 students). We are responsible for the Value education/ Citizenship education for 3ECTS. During one of the session Wim Kratsborn gave two presentation about TO –GATHER. Another module is Global Issues for all our Erasmus students. Contribution made by Annemarie Van den Dries, Eveline Le Roy and Hugo Verkest. Duration of the session: 2 hours + individual and group tasks. Between 100 – 130 students.

### **Local level with a regional dimension**

Local: Renovation of a playground and toilets based on active citizenship and co-operative learning. Participation of the local community and the parent council. Installation of a class and school council. Presentation in June 2011 Regional nomination of the Innovation award Sept. 2001 . Winner of the Innovation award in OCT 2011. Presentation of the results during the ‘ week of design’. Combination of citizenship education and health education. Important was the communication with the children by using social media (facebook and youtube).

The design competition

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ck5FSQxOwaY&feature=relmfu>

Meeting about conflict resolution at the playground

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SE-2GK1JEo&feature=relmfu>

Innovation award 2011

<http://www.innovation-awards.be/ia/default.asp?m=award&t2=2011&t=w>

### **Regional level with an institutional dimension**

New initiative: Placement of a teacher trainee for the educational service of the Flemish Parliament . The placement was 6 weeks. Creating a resource box with a game and guidelines about the local elections in the municipalities. Overview of the content of the concept citizenship (burgerzin) in Flemish and Dutch literature. In September 2012 we will present the material and some other material of CiCe for all the students (200) to prepare them for the lessons about the elections.

### **Hugo Verkest, national co-ordinator**

Participation in the International Educational Conference Brussels (Divers talents for the future of Europe) and presented the CiCe website.

Participation at a political think tank meeting about politics, spirituality and society in Brussels and talk with a policy makers responsible for education in Brussels Parliament : Bianca De Baets

Participation at a session of E.P. about 'Erasmus for all' (2014 -2020).

Participation at the Open Day of the European Institutes on 12 May 2012 with special attention for the European Committee of Regions.

Facilitator in a Think Tank seminar of the Pestalozzi Programme in collaboration with Intercultural Cities (Oslo) about Intercultural indicators based on the White Paper of CoE. (Oct 2011) 35 participants for 19 countries: teachers and head teachers

Participation at UNESCO conference about Holocaust Education in Paris. (200 participants)

Publication in several magazines about CiCe : Renoveren, Konnect, Reno –sprokkels.

From September 2012 there will be a link from our schoolwebsite to CiCe and CiCea