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Citizenship education has a long tradition in Germany, as a subject in schools (Sozialkunde, Politik) as well as in extrascholastic fields like youth associations and youth centers.

The protagonists are well organized, particularly teachers in the **DVPB** (German Association for Political Education) which has a membership of about four thousand all over the Federal Republic. DVPB has an own structure in each state, which is organizing conferences and working groups. As a member of DVPB, member of the board of DVPB in Saxony-Anhalt and working with DVPB in Bavaria, too, I am informing from time to time about CiCe. I have published an article about CiCe in a DVPB volume 2010 (Lange/Himmelmann: Demokratiedidaktik, p. 309-320). I have published also an article in Lange (ed.): Entgrenzungen 2011, p. 119-125.

DVPB is fairly supported by the **Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung** (s. www.bpb.de), an independent but well equipped agency which provides all teachers, youth leaders and particularly young people with plenty of materials, books, journals, DVDs, projects etc. Bpb is the leading part in the thematic network **NECE**, which is rather active on the European arena.

Hence teachers and youth leaders have an excellent access to materials and also conferences, working groups. It is this situation which explains the small number of institutions of Higher Education which have joined CiCe. On this background I have decided, instead of organizing meetings or working groups, to see my task in the liaison between CiCe and the described structures. As a member of DVPB I have thus tried to circulate at a federal and regional level details of Cice-activities like conferences, publications etc.

Due to the net-working within Cice my university has developed good practices together with Cice-members like University of Bialystok (PL), Katho-Hogeschool Kortrijk (BE) and University of Hradec Kralove (CR), also University of Akureyri (IS) and Montpellier (FR): teaching mobility, students mobility. Particularly I would like to mention a workshop in Kortrijk (about WW I) and a multicultural workshop in Merseburg (students from Kortrijk, Hradec Kralove, Bialystok) about social problems.

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