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Aims and Results

For Europe it is necessary to foster an active citizenship. In order to come closer to this aim it's necessary to be aware of the value systems of different countries and to work on common European values. For that reason EVive defines the following concrete objectives. In EVive we:

- a) reflect the meaning of values and value systems in the partner countries as well as on a European level
- b) create a working definition of values to clarify their meaning and the working processes
- c) analyse the importance of values in the partner countries as well as on a European level
- d) compare the values of the European value study with our results
- e) compile and analyse existing national concepts for the promotion of values in VET
- f) discuss and share didactical methods to promote values effectively in VET
- g) compile a common set of European shared values
- h) create a curriculum for teaching European shared values
- i) design and compile didactical material for teaching European shared values
- j) create a common approach

In order to accomplish these objectives we act in four main steps:

- 1) The description of values on a national and European level
- 2) The comparison of values on a national and European level
- 3) The generation of a common approach on a European level
- 4) The didactical development

With these steps we address the problems of pluralism and offer a basis for young European learners to cope with the challenges of a globalising European environment. We also address the teaching problems of VET-teachers who aren't provided with adequate information, course structures, curricula, and didactical material.

Reflections on chances and problems in promoting values in vocational education

The integration in different parts of vocational education and training is possible.

- The benefit for learners will be to be better prepared for a Europe, which is getting closer together.
- The benefit for enterprises will be that they will get skilled staff members in the future, who are able to cope with the challenges of cultural differences and can recognize common European views, norms and values. This enables them to use this knowledge and the related skills in their daily work and especially in negotiations with European suppliers and customers.
- The benefit for society can be seen in a stronger interrelation with the other European countries and a common value basis in Europe
- Learners also get the opportunity to use their knowledge on common shared European values as well in their local environment with e.g. migrants and their integration in national context as in their individual leisure time and holiday, e.g. in tourism situations.
- The chance of integration occurs in initial vocational education as well as in the field of further education and provides learners with cultural and reflective skills.

A core aspect of promoting European values is that this will help to foster learners to become active citizens and feel responsible not only for their own nation but also for whole Europe.



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