



Contribute to change  
Young women in political careers

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## NEWSLETTER 2

### *Contribute to change: Young women in political careers*

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IN THE PERIOD 3-4 JUNE 2010 TOOK PLACE IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING AND FINAL DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN PROJECT "CONTRIBUTE TO CHANGE: YOUNG WOMEN IN POLITICAL CAREERS".

### Background

The project is co-financed by the European Commission within the **Europe for citizens Programme**, Actions 2; Measure 3.

The partners of the project are: Romanian Society for Lifelong Learning/Romania, Ballybeen Women's Centre Ltd/UK and AKLUB Centrum vzdělávání a poradenství/ Czech Republic.

The European project *Contribute to change – Young Women in Political Careers* aims at increasing the participation of young women aged 16-35 in the political and social life.



### Project results

**1. Need analysis** carried out among young women of the target group in order to find out their educational needs. Based on these results, the curriculum for the participatory workshops was elaborated.

You can find on the project website: <http://www.srep.ro/ctc/en/products.php>

**2. The participatory workshops** were done with groups of 10-15 women from each partner country, and resulted in 3 public debates organized and moderated by the participants themselves. The target group was selected based on volunteering.

The topics of the workshops were:

- 1st Gateway to the Project, EU citizenship
- 2nd Institutions of the EU
- 3rd European Parliament
- 4th Women in political career
- 5th Your voice in the EU

### 3. Public debate

In **Romania**, the public debate took place on the 5th of May 2010 in the Museum of Agriculture within "Mihail Kogalniceanu" high school from Miroslava, Iasi county.

In **UK**, the public debate was held on 17<sup>th</sup> of May in the Women's Support Network, Royal Avenue from Belfast.

The themes covered were:

The importance of women in politics, Engaging with the EU, Equality, Justice and Citizenship.

In **Czech Republic**, the public debate is planned to take place at the beginning of June 2010.

**4. A success stories booklet** with relevant stories and anecdotes of the activities, as well as a DVD with all the materials developed in the project will be available at the end of the project for professionals to share experience and good practice.

**5. DVD of the project** - It will comprise the products and the positive experiences in the project in order to be able to share good practices in relation to the theme and activities of the project.



## International conference

Romanian Society for Lifelong Learning organized on 4th of June 2010 in Bucharest the International Conference for the final dissemination of the project "Contribute to change: young women in political careers".



The conference wished to offer all the interested stakeholders the possibility to know the results of the project, as well as the opportunity to participate to debates and present papers on the following themes:

- ✓ Fostering action, debate and reflection on European citizenship and democracy;
- ✓ Women participation in political life;
- ✓ Active European Citizenship: participation and democracy in Europe;
- ✓ Promoting European Values (tolerance, mutual understanding, solidarity, etc.);
- ✓ The contribution of informal learning to the development of an active European citizenship.

In the conference 30 people participated, from different educational environments: teachers, professors, academics, representatives of NGOs, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Bucharest, representatives of School Inspectorates, students, pupils.

21 papers were included in the Conference CD, which was distributed to all conference participants but also to other stakeholders who have requested the product.



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