Kick off meeting in Patras (Greece)

- 27th – 29th of November 2008

The meeting in Patras was the first encounter of the partners within the project "Film education for the promotion of Active Citizenship (View n' Act)" of the European Union. In November 2008, all in all ten partners from Greece, Spain, Italy, Latvia and Germany met in Patras. The aim of the meeting was to get to known the other members, to define objectives of the project and to discuss about proposals about its realization.

At first every partner presented himself and the organisation he/she comes from. After that the outline of the whole project, especially the aim of every single meeting was defined: The intention of the Kick off- meeting was to appoint how to proceed methodologically through workshops and transnational meetings.

The title of the project "view n' Act" includes the parts "view" and "act" - so the project should have a theoretical or passive part as well as an active one.

We came to the conclusion that every country that takes part, organizes a film viewing in its homeland.

In consideration of the fact that we had to choose one film to guarantee standard criteria, we started to watch of different kind of films together. After that we did a brainstorming about interests and aspects of films which are important for us.

We came to the conclusion that films should be cognitive, communicative, aesthetic and artistic and finally emancipatory.

Moreover we discussed about differences, effects and effectiveness concerning education. Which kind of film has which kind of effect and how can this be used in an adjuvant way? Which stylistic devices are useful to reach the viewer?

The participants made different proposals of films, those who make sense for the organized film viewing. Finally we agreed on the film "It's a free world".

This film is a very current drama of the year 2007 under the direction of Ken Loach.

The "View n' Act" film viewing should be comparative, so we fixed a standard approach on a transnational level.

- The partners should invite locals as well as migrants to the film-viewing.
- They should record the group profile: how many people came, which age, nationality and gender are they → Target Group?
- Furthermore indicators concerning the educational background, conclusions of the discussion and the feedback should be adhered.
- The workshop should be moderated by a facilitator and the preparation of hand outs could be useful.
- After the activity, the partners could evaluate the film viewing while making interviews with the participants and collecting feedback statements.

After fixing these indicators, the partners evaluated the first meeting and prepared the following one in Granada-Spain. Every organisation should present its results of the workshops. Moreover, the further approach of the "View n' Act"- project will be arranged.