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**Subject:** Call for Participants to the Study Session 2012

Dear friends,

kind greetings from the European Coordination JECI-MIEC!

We have the great pleasure to invite your organization to nominate candidates for the Study Session **"Creating Empowered Students in Human Rights through Integral Education"**, which is taking place **in the European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, France from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26th February 2012.**

Moreover, participants must:

- to be young people (students), active members of their national movements;
- to be 16-30 years old;
- to be able to work in English or French;
- to be motivated to participate actively in the meeting;
- to have the willingness to transmit their experience and the outcomes of the Study Session to their national organizations;
- to be able to participate for the whole duration of the activity.

Participants should have a good knowledge about their national organization, be motivated towards the given subject and be willing / able to function as multipliers back in their organizations.

In order to apply for this activity, you have to fill-in the application form (you can find it together with this document or download from our website at [www.jeci-miec.eu](http://www.jeci-miec.eu)) and sent it preferably by email ([office@jeci-miec.eu](mailto:office@jeci-miec.eu)) from the national office of your movement (official email address). **The deadline for receiving the applications is the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011.**

After receiving the applications we will inform your movement of the participants confirmed and we will send them the "Participants File".

## The Study Session

- Gathers 35 students from different national movements in Europe (who are responsible on local, regional or national level) in order to share, confront and deepen their experiences and reflections.
- Analyses an actual social or cultural theme and discerns it through the "signs of the times"
- "Studies" the way this issue is present in the secondary school and university environment, the respective countries and in whole Europe.
- Reflects in a Christian perspective the consequences and responsibilities for students (individual) and student movements (society)
- Develops guidelines for action and work in the concrete reality of each movement and the European Coordination, based on the challenges of the reality perceived and the common reflections made.

The Study Session is targeted to both: Secondary and University Students.

These Study Sessions are organized in collaboration with the Council of Europe and take place in the European Youth Centres in Budapest or Strasbourg regularly alternating with other typical activities of the European Coordination JECI-MIEC.



## **The theme:**

The Study Session aims to empower the Students to take an active role as **Human Rights educators** in their own milieu by using the Integral Education.

The objectives are following:

- to deepen the different approaches to Human Rights and the mechanisms for their protection;
- to analyze the different realities in the societies where participants are coming from and identify different forms of violation of Human Rights;
- to raise awareness of the Intercultural Dialogue and to promote Intercultural Learning among the participants;
- to understand the concept of Integral Education and its use and practice it;
- to facilitate participants to find their individual approach to the Human Rights;
- to reflect and identify the responsibilities and the key roles students have as important agents in promoting and protecting Human Rights.

## **The background:**

The goal of **Integral Education** is the holistic formation of a person, so that he/she can contribute with their knowledge and skills to the common good of society. Education should not only address the skills and knowledge but also the attitudes, values and ethics of each human being. Reaffirming this, we demand that Integral Education should be provided to all people. There is no Integral Education if there is no education for all. Integral Education includes formal, non-formal education as well as informal learning and experiences in our whole life. We should bear in mind all possible aspects that affect the development of individual as a human being, namely his/her psychological, personal, intellectual and emotional spheres, as the main ones. The need for direct experience with what is around us is *conditio sine qua non* for the student to construct his/her knowledge through a personal LEARNING process, and not only "to study" the academic content he/she is given. This is where the Intercultural Dialogue enters and acts as the most valuable source of learning.

Young people have accepted to be the defenders of **Human Rights**. They have decided to be the vanguards of the emerging civil society. In the light of this JECI-MIEC has been organising Study Sessions for young people specifically on Human Rights issues and how to approach them.

In 2009 the Study Session "Looking at Immigration in Europe through a Human Rights Perspective" rose awareness and understanding of the responsibilities that citizens have in relation to Human Rights. As a continuation this session will focus on seeing particularly the Integral Education issue by facing the Human Rights, the Intercultural Dialogue and Learning.

This Study Session will also be a starting point for many students and young people to develop similar formative activities in their own countries and develop strong partnerships with other like-minded organizations across Europe – as it was the case for all the activities done until now.

## CONDITIONS OF THE STUDY SESSION

### TRAVEL EXPENSES

The travel expenses will be reimbursed at 100%.

You should book your travel according to the table below. If you travel exceeds 380 Euros, contact the European Coordination before buying the ticket.

**Before purchasing your ticket, ensure that your candidature was accepted by the organizers.**

Country of residence :		PLANE	TRAIN
<b>Member states:</b>			
ALBANIA/ALBANIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
ANDORRA/ANDORRE	flight via Paris + train to Strasbourg	X	
ARMENIA/ARMÉNIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
AUSTRIA/AUTRICHE			X
AZERBAIJAN/AZERBAÏDJAN	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
BELGIUM/BELGIQUE			X
BULGARIA/BULGARIE	by air to Frankfurt or Zurich + rail/shuttle bus to Strasbourg	X	
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA/BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
CROATIA/CROATIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
CYPRUS/CHYPRE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
CZECH REP./RÉP.TCHÈQUE			X
DENMARK/DANEMARK		X	X
ESTONIA/ESTONIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
FINLAND/FINLANDE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
FRANCE			X
GEORGIA/GÉORGIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
GERMANY/ALLEMAGNE			X
GREECE/GRÈCE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
HUNGARY/HONGRIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
ICELAND/ISLANDE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
IRELAND/IRLANDE	flight via Paris + train to Strasbourg	X	
ITALY/ITALIE (North/Nord)			X
ITALY/ITALIE (South/Sud)	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
LATVIA/LETTONNIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	

LIECHTENSTEIN			X
LITHUANIA/LITUANIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
LUXEMBOURG			X
MALTA/MALTE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
MOLDOVA	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
MONACO			X
NETHERLANDS/PAYS-BAS			X
NORWAY/NORVÈGE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
POLAND/POLOGNE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg; or flight to Paris + train to Strasbourg	X	
PORTUGAL	flight via Paris + train to Strasbourg	X	
ROMANIA/ROUMANIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
RUSSIAN FED./FÉD. DE RUSSIE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
SAN MARINO/SAINT-MARIN			X
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO/SERBIE-MONTÉNÉGRO	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
SLOVAKIA/SLOVAQUIE			X
SLOVENIA/SLOVÉNIE			X
SPAIN/ESPAGNE	flight via Paris + train to Strasbourg	X	
SWEDEN/SUÈDE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
SWITZERLAND/SUISSE			X
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia/ L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
TURKEY/TURQUIE	direct flight or flight via Frankfurt + navette or train to Strasbourg	X	
UKRAINE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
UNITED KINGDOM/ROYAUME-UNI	flight via Paris + train to Strasbourg	X	
<b>Member states of the European Cultural Convention</b>			
BELARUS/BÉLARUS	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	
HOLY SEE/SAINT-SIÈGE	flight via Frankfurt + shuttle bus or train to Strasbourg	X	X

## PARTICIPATION-FEE

Participants will have to pay a **participation-fee of 50 Euros**, which will be deducted from the travel reimbursements. Food and accommodation will be covered fully.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For any further information, please contact the European Coordinator by  
e-mail: [office@jeci-miec.eu](mailto:office@jeci-miec.eu)  
or by phone (mobile): +4915782671939

**WE HOPE TO HAVE A LOT OF PARTICIPANTS — ESPECIALLY FROM MOVEMENTS THAT ARE NOT SO OFTEN  
PRESENT IN THE ACTIVITIES.**