

Civic Education Programme

In cooperation with the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) (USA) the Civic Education Centre arranged during 1993-1996 eleven rather large - designed for 45 participants both from Estonian and Russian schools and lasting three days - seminars for Civics teachers. Those seminars were the first opportunities for Estonian Civics teachers for professional development after the collapse of the Soviet regime at all. On each seminar there were lecturers and facilitators from United States. Therefore during the seminars there was arranged a complicated simultaneous translation between Estonian, Russian and English to let everybody understand each other.

On the IFES seminars Estonian Civics teachers started first realize, what is Civic Education in the western democratic world.

In 1997 as a product of the project was issued in Estonian and Russian a Civic Education Reader for students "Ironic Lights" edited by Juliana Geran Pilon.