

Education in the Multicultural Society

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Three three-days seminars were arranged in Tallinn/Narva, Pärnu and Tartu on the topics "Multicultural Baltic", "What is Multicultural Society" and "Multicultural Baltic Sea Region". On the seminars there were guest speakers from Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark, England, Sweden, Great Britain. The aim of the set of seminars was to raise the participants' awareness about the essence and contemporary theories of Multicultural society and to inform mutually about the situation and problems of the multiculturalism in the neighboring countries.

There was held a 6-days final in-service training seminar for the teachers of History and Civics in May 1996. The teachers were offered a variable and rich package of knowledge about the multicultural society and methodical approaches for classroom usage.

During the project there were produced two educational video films - "What is Democracy?" and "What is Multicultural Society?" The video films were demonstrated during the final seminar of the project to the participants and also demonstrated in the Estonian TV.