

Supporting Teaching about the Human Rights in the Compulsory Schools

The aim of the project was to support teaching Human Rights using the textbooks by the Civic Education Centre during the PHARTE/TACIS Human Rights education project 1995-1997 at the compulsory schools of Estonia.

During the project there were arranged one three-days, two two-days and six one-day regional seminars all over Estonia both for the teachers from Estonian and Russian schools. During the seminars the Human Rights textbooks created for the 6-th and 8-th grades and teachers' guide were introduced. The seminars contained introducing the proper methods for teaching Human Rights and also teaching about the Human Rights content. The variety of the seminars allowed us to train the Civics and History teachers interested about teaching Human Rights and also train teacher-trainers.

The project allowed us also to produce the teachers' guide for teaching about Human Rights while using the 6-th and 8-th grade textbooks created in the Civic Education Centre.

During the project there was also held an international Baltic three-days seminar about teaching Human Rights, bringing together the educators from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

One element of the project was Student's Human Rights Survey, giving an understanding, how the students are evaluating the school safety from the point of view of Human Rights.