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Press release

The House of Europe in Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées, organizes a European seminar in Toulouse on 12th and 13th of October 2015 on the theme: "The New Generation in Town Twinning"

Town twinning was born after World War II with the aim of strengthening the links between the citizens of European countries. Over the years, town twinning has been developed in the perspective of a Europe based on citizenship. Today the European Union is an integrated area of free movement. The challenge is to redefine and expand exchanges in town twinning, to anchor and develop citizen participation, particularly young people, with innovative and participatory projects.

The House of Europe in Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées works on this subject and has implemented this **project of reflection and implementation of actions to promote the integration and involvement of young people in town twinning**. It is produced in partnership with the EUNET network and with the participation of the Houses of Europe of Berlin in Germany, Klagenfurt in Austria, Limoges and Nimes in France. This project is supported by the Regional Council of Midi-Pyrénées, Toulouse Métropole, EUNET, the Fund for Development of associations and by the French Federation of European Houses.

An online questionnaire on the role of young people in town twinning was first proposed to the different twinning structures of Midi-Pyrénées and members of the European networks of the House of Europe. The analysis of the responses will be included in the second phase of this project, which is organizing a European seminar:

New Generation in Town Twinning:

How to promote integration and youth involvement in town twinning and thereby strengthen their citizenship within the EU ?

The 12th and 13th of October of 2015 in Toulouse

Structured around round tables, workshops and testimonies, this seminar will result in the publication of a collection of best practices on the implementation of cooperation projects, conducted with and / by youngsters.

The participation in the seminar is free, within the limits of available places, and under mandatory registration. The registration is done by clicking on the following link before the October 8th, 2015: <http://goo.gl/forms/98DiQbLPE7>, and also accessible from the website www.europe-toulouse.eu For the schedule of these two days, the topics and speakers, please see the attached program.

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