

Teacher Trainings for Civic Education on the European Union

Today, politics cannot be adequately understood or influenced without **considering the European dimension**. The political decisions made by the European Union (EU) increasingly shape the lives of its citizens, while citizens are able to influence these outcomes via European participation procedures. For this reason, a **contemporary, target-group-specific civic education** that fosters EU-related political competences on the European Union is needed.

Given the complexity and dynamics of European integration, widespread European prejudices, and a perceived detachment of the EU from everyday life, civics teachers face numerous **challenges** in providing students a civic education on Europe. This is where "Fit4EU" comes in. Our project offers **civics teachers multi-module trainings** on how to approach this topic in schools. The training is action-oriented and designed to empower teachers to teach about the EU in a student-oriented, methodologically diverse, and engaging manner.



The Approach

The Fit4EU teacher trainings are developed for teachers who teach civic education at the primary or secondary levels. We offer four different training strands to choose from depending on the target group to which your students belong. During the training, teachers deepen their understanding about the EU, acquire skills to successfully convey that knowledge in the classroom, and are introduced to innovative teaching approaches. The training offers lectures given by experts, as well as the opportunity to converse with members of the European Parliament. In addition to practicing the training's learning material, you will also have the option to network with other teachers.

Goals

- Gain a deeper, up-to-date understanding of the EU
- Expand didactic knowledge for practical use
- Learn various approaches of a methodologically diverse, target-group-specific civic education on Europe
- Exchange experiences with other civics teachers
- Obtain an official certificate of completion

Teacher Training Program

With its English language teacher training strand, Fit4EU enables teachers to implement cognitively activating education about the European Union in civics classes and connects teachers across the EU. (Note: this training is conducted in the English language and is designed to include different target groups)

Module One online

The European Union – How does it work again?

Practical approaches to teaching a complex political system

- The EU as a *sui generis* system of governance – Refreshing and updating your knowledge
- Interactive approaches to understanding the European integration

Module Two online

Teaching on the EU in class – Adequately addressing 'European complexities'

- Goals and approaches of civic education on Europe
- Dealing with controversial issues when teaching the EU in class
- Applying innovative and action-oriented teaching methods, e.g. target-group-specific simulation games
- Presenting teaching and learning materials
- Workshop: Europe after the 2024 European elections

Applying theory to practice with the option to network

- Testing out innovative approaches and methods in the classroom
- Digital networking event (optional)

Module Three online

Internalize and Transfer

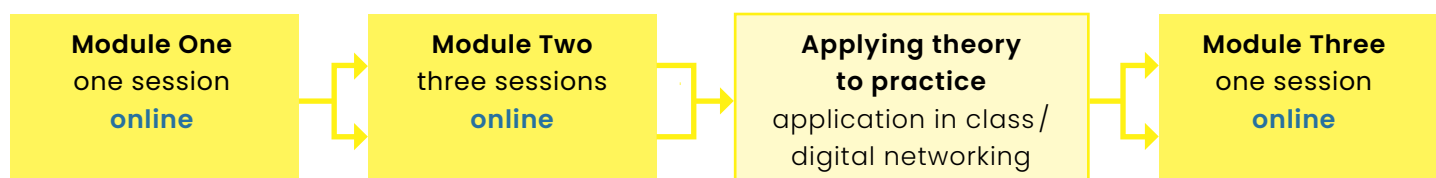
- Reflection on the implementation of methods in the classroom
- Exchanging challenges and best practices
- European Futures? Scenarios about the future of the EU

Info

All teacher trainings are developed and conducted by the Chair of Political Science / Civic Education at Goethe University Frankfurt. Thanks to EU co-financing, teachers' participation is **free of charge**. However, due to the training structure and funding conditions, teachers participating must attend the entire teacher training. Partial participation is not possible.

To register, please visit the project's website or contact us via: mail@fit4eu.org
Online: www.fit4eu.org/en

Training series – structure

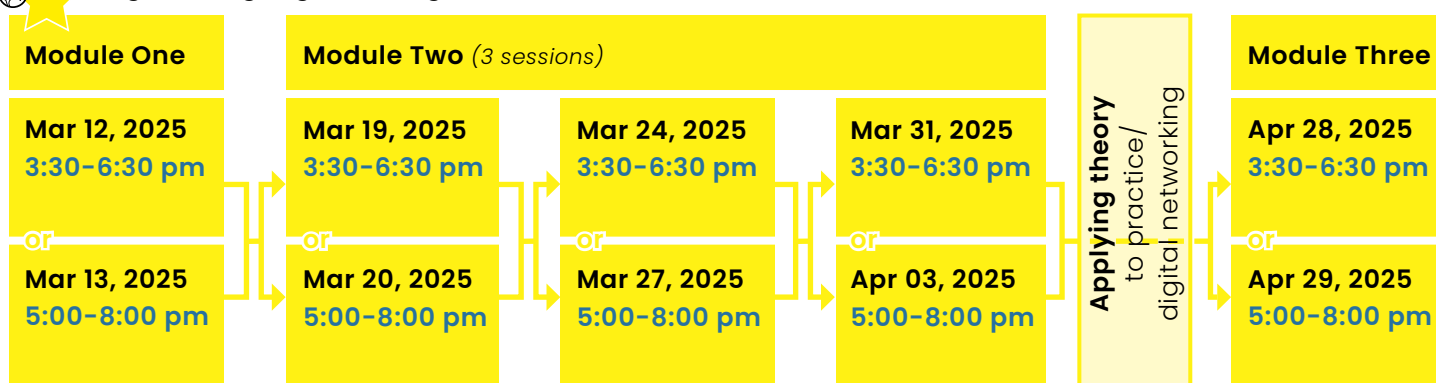


Training series – time schedule

Please note:

Events take place online via Zoom!

English language training strand



NOTE: There are three further teacher training strands offered in the German language: for primary school, for secondary and vocational school, and for grammar and comprehensive school. For more information, please visit our project website: www.fit4eu.org



The Team

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