Teacher Training

**„Learning about the European Union in school –
Engaging approaches for teaching civic education on the EU"**

(as of December 2025)

Access to the material of the Fit4EU teacher trainings of the training strand D in the internal area of the project website: https://fit4eu.org/linie-4-en/

Passwort: PEL23-24!

Workshop & EU Simulation Game JUMPER:

https://fit4eu.org/en/materials/simulation-games/jumper/

Workshop & simulation game first developed in the Jean Monnet project 'Junge Menschen erreichbar machen mit politischer Europabildung' (JUMPER), fully updated and translated into English in the Jean Monnet project Fit4EU: two-day workshop for hard-to-reach learners and low-threshold (e.g., storytelling method, reduction of text volume and complexity) European Parliament simulation game on the topic of plastic waste, free download of all material and detailed teacher handouts

EU Simulation Game PEP-II:

https://fit4eu.org/en/materials/simulation-games/primary-level-2/

Simulation game for primary school pupils (grades 3-6) first developed in the Jean Monnet project PEP, updated and translated into English in the Jean Monnet project Fit4EU: Council of EU simulation game on four different topics (environmental protection, animal welfare, healthy eating and online mobbing), embedded in a half-day workshop, free download of all material and detailed teacher handouts

Commented Link List with valuable information, teaching material and methods

I. Background information about the European Union / European integration

European institutions

www.europa.eu – the European Union's (EU) official website; current information and documents in all 24 of the EU's official languages
-   https://european-union.europa.eu/easy-read_en basic information about the EU in easy-to-understand language
-   https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history_en - short introductory texts on principles, countries, history, and the like provided by the EU
-   https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/principles-and-values/founding-agreements_en information on the founding agreements and treaties of the EU
-   https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials/european-union-what-it-and-what-it-does_en - "The European Union: What it is and what it does." Information provided by the EU Commission with easy-to-understand texts on the EU

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en – Websites of the European Parliament (EP); Current and background information from the perspective of the European Parliament

-   https://liaison-offices.europarl.europa.eu/en - The EP's liaison offices in your country

-   https://www.europarl.europa.eu/at-your-service/en/transparency/lobby-groups – "Lobby groups and transparency". The EP on transparency and lobby groups.

-   https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220425IPR27805/parliament-s-right-of-initiative-proposals-to-strengthen-eu-democracy – "Parliament's right of initiative: proposals to strengthen EU democracy". EP press statement on strengthening European democracy.

https://commission.europa.eu/index_en - The European Commission's website; Current developments and background information from the commission's perspective

www.youtube.com/eutube - the Commission's official YouTube channel; plentiful videos

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/ - Websites of the European Council and the Council of the European Union; among others, information on Council decisions and their working processes

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/ - Websites of the Council of the EU; press statements and relevant contact details

https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo2_6999/en/ - Website of the European Court of Justice

https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/ Website of the Council of Europe (Beware! The CoE is not an institution of the European Union, but an independent organisation with, currently, 46 member states)

https://www.echr.coe.int Website of the European Court of Human Rights (Beware! This court is part of the Council of Europe)

https://european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/meet-us_en - Europe Direct network – regional information centres, offering extensive, often free materials (often libraries for personal use, possible to order materials online as well); EU-related events, individual counselling and tips on where to gather information and relevant contacts. The website also offers a map with geolocating, allowing you to find the centre closest to you.

News, Reports, Background Information

https://www.cvce.eu/en - Interdisciplinary research centre with information on European integration; information, interviews (among them videos) as well as official EU documents (in multiple languages)

https://www.euractiv.com – news, background reports, and opinion pieces on current EU affairs in multiple languages

www.politico.eu/ - weekly paper on the EU and European affairs (news for free, texts from the archive are pay-per-view; English-language)

https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/history-eu_en - Timeline on the EU from 1945 bis 2020

II. Materials & Methods for Teaching about the EU

https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials_en - The EU learning corner: rich selection of materials and tools for teaching and learning about the EU, for different target groups. Sortable by age group, topic and type of material, or search for keywords

https://what-europe-does-for-me.europarl.europa.eu/en/home - Website "What Europe Does for Me" by the European Parliament with information projects and undertakings of the EU, sortable by region, daily life and special thematical foci

https://www.the12differences.eu/en/ - Picture game on discovering how the EU makes a difference in people's lives (in English)

https://www.toporopa.eu/en/ - various games on the geography of the EU

https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/eu-timeline/moving-through-eu-timeline_en - Interactive EU timeline

https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/9382341f-53e6-11ec-91ac-01aa75ed71a1 - "EU pioneers: The trailblazers who helped build today's Europe"

https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/de/video/timeline-30-years-of-the-european-single-market_N01_AFPS_220115_TSU2 - 30 Years of the European Single Market: Short introductory film on the European Common Market (different language subtitles available!)

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document/EPRS_STU(2023)734690 – "Increasing European added value in an age of global challenges: Mapping the cost of non-Europe (2022-2032)." A study on European integration.

https://op.europa.eu/en/web/general-publications/publications - EU publications on a wide range of topics – free for purchase & available for download as well

www.europarl.europa.eu/germany/de/service/publikationen - Publications of the European Parliament – available for order and download

https://understanding-europe.org/en/education/educational-material/ - Manuals, illustrations, videos and other material on the European Union in English, German, and

other languages downloadable for free

https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity_en - Stories from European Solidarity Corps (ESK) volunteering or employment projects: young people talk about their experiences

https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/voting-system/voting-calculator/ - calculator for determine the necessary quotas to reach decisions at the European Council (also available as an app)

Virtual Tours & Excursions to EU Institutions

https://visiting.europarl.europa.eu/en - Visiting the European Parliament – among other things information on how to organise group visits

https://visiting.europarl.europa.eu/en/visitor-offer/brussels/parlamentarium - The EU's Parliamentarium: a must-see if you are in Brussels! Excellent multimedia information on the EU and its history; simulation games for students plannable as well!

https://youth.europa.eu/discovereu_en - "DiscoverEU is an action of the Erasmus+ programme that offers you the opportunity to explore Europe's diversity, learn about its cultural heritage and history, and connect with people from all over the continent. You will be offered a travel pass and travel predominantly by rail. Check out the rules for people living on islands or in remote areas. As a selected traveller, you will receive a DiscoverEU European Youth Card for a wealth of discounts on cultural visits, learning activities, sports, local transportation, accommodation, and food." Applicants must be 18+

Games and Quizzes

https://www.the12differences.eu/en/ - Seek-and-find game on how the EU makes a difference (currently available in EN, NL, FR)

https://www.toporopa.eu/en/ - online map games; focusses on geography but features quizzes on the EU member states and the Eurozone as well

https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/play-games_en - selection of games for teaching and learning about the EU, from quizzes to "origami games", from board games to roles play and simulation games, with various topics and for different age groups

Simulation Games

https://www.planpolitik.de/en/projects/democracy-under-pressure - In "Democracy under pressure", students deal with the strengthening of the rule of law in the EU and learn about the underlying processes.

www.planpolitik.de/projekt/next-level-europe/ - Next Level Europe: series of simulation games on the role of the federal states in Europe

https://www.civic-institute.eu/en/publications_en/fokus-balkan_2014_28plus.html - "Focus Balkan": Simulation game on EU enlargement (digital, analogue, and hybrid versions), by the Agency for Civic Education of the Land Baden-Württemberg and CIVIC Institute

https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8834d9b0-e576-11ed-a05c-01aa75ed71a1 - Manual for the simulation game "Negotiating at 27: Regulation on a fair fashion label": simulation game by the EU on fair-trade fashion. Participants debate and decide on a directive for a fair-fashion quality seal in the Council of the European Union

Digital Tools

https://www.taskcards.de/#/home/start - Taskcards: allows teachers a digital way of presenting tasks and information to students, available in English as well

https://padlet.com/ - Padlet: A practical tool for creating digital boards which can visualise a whole range of information incorporating multimedia features as well

https://www.mentimeter.com - Mentimeter: Create your own informative quizzes (presentation-like)

https://kahoot.com/ - Kahoot: Create your own quizzes

Further information

https://fit4eu.org/en/homepage/ - Website of the Jean Monnet Project "Fit4EU - Teacher Trainings for a Target Group-Specific Civic Education on the European Union": Here you find selected materials on teaching the EU and information about further workshops and seminars

https://www.fb03.uni-frankfurt.de/157201629/Professur_für_Politikwissenschaft_Didaktik_der_Sozialwissenschaften - Homepage of Prof. Monika Oberle and her team at the Goethe University Frankfurt (Chair of Political Science and Civic Education)