

- Intro : In order to address the numerous challenges that the EU and its member states face, we must prepare a generation of young people with the motivation, commitments, transferable skills, including critical and creative thinking, entrepreneurship, leadership and capacity building, to be audacious **problem-solvers and responsible citizens in a more fair and inclusive world.**
- Citizenship education allows intercultural dialogue, personal and collective development and wellbeing and empowerment of individuals and communities.
- ***We therefore call for*** appropriate support in the next MFF to **citizenship programmes and initiatives, including targeting citizenship education** both in formal education and non-formal and informal learning settings.
- More particularly we support the proposal that the Culture and Education committee of the European Parliament is about to make that at least 1 EUR per citizens goes to supporting citizenship initiatives, being through the *Values and Justice programme, Erasmus +, Creative Europe*, the Regional Cohesion Funds or any other relevant EU instrument and tool
- Following the Charlie Hebdo and Danish attacks, Educations Ministers signed the Paris Declaration calling for the use of education and active participation in order to promote fundamental values and counter radicalisation : We have now an historic opportunity, to make turn this recommendation into acts by providing citizenship initiatives proper funding
- Promoting our fundamental values of tolerance, non-discrimination, social justice and rule of law through dialogue, diversity and education is a shared responsibility of societies, and all stakeholders must be include in that strategy. The next EU budget must therefore also properly recognised the key role of civil society and organisations working at grass roots level and provide them with appropriate support and resources;