

HORIZON-CL2-2026-01-DEMOCRACY-09: Citizenship education as part of lifelong learning

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- HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-01: Advisory support and network for countering and preventing radicalisation, extremism, hate speech and polarization
- HORIZON-CL2-2027-01-DEMOCRACY-03: Student and family engagement for developing a culture of democratic/civic participation

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- Addressing controversial and sensitive societal issues in the classroom, focusing on supporting teachers to confidently facilitate dialogue on polarising topics, create psychologically safe learning environments, and foster respectful discussion and democratic disagreement among students.
- Formative assessment of citizenship and democratic competences, supporting teachers in evaluating growth without reducing citizenship to normative or summative judgements.
- The use of innovative digital tools (including VR learning scenarios and the use of AI chatbots) to strengthen citizenship competences and critical thinking.

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