

Purpose

The Education Department of the Council of Europe is organising an **RFDC-Pilot Training Course** (the Course) which will be held online for two groups on **9 - 19 May 2022** and on **27 May - 3 June 2022** respectively. The objective of the Course is **to test the RFDC Basic course**. The Course is open to all education professionals (including administrators and policy makes) who wish to get acquainted with or improve their knowledge of the Council of Europe's Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture as well as to contribute to the development of the RFDC Training programme.

Learning outcomes

After completing the Course, participants will be able to:

- Show a critical understanding of the main concepts on which the RFDC is based, of the CDC model and of the descriptors of competences and their role in education practice;
- Identify and analyse meaningful ways the RFDC can be used for the design, implementation and evaluation of various types of learning activities, as well as for the assessment of learning outcomes, as part of a whole-school approach;
- Plan contextualized information- or awareness-raising activities focused on or based on the RFDC.

Following the completion of the Course, participants are competent to apply the RFDC in their daily practice and to become multipliers to further promote the RFDC in their education contexts. For those already working as teacher trainers, there will be an option to take part in the full 6 months RFDC-Training in the near future.

Dates and schedule

Group 1: 09 - 19 May 2022 (Evenings of working days during two consecutive weeks)

Date	Time	Session
Monday, 9 May 2022	17.30 – 19.00	Introduction
Tuesday, 10 May 2022	17.30 – 19.30	Key concepts of the RFDC
Wednesday, 11 May 2022	17.00 – 19.30	The CDC model
Thursday, 12 May 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	Getting acquainted with CDC descriptors and the whole school approach
Friday, 13 May 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	Making democracy visible through teaching and training
Monday, 16 May 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	RFDC and project-based learning
Tuesday, 17 May 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	Student voice / Violence and bullying / Discrimination and CDC
Thursday, 19 May 2022	18.00 – 19.30	Evaluation and outlook

Group 2: 27 May - 3 June (Includes sessions during one weekend)

Date	Time	Session
Friday, 27 May 2022	17.30 – 19.00	Introduction
Saturday, 28 May 2022	10.30 – 12.30 14.00 – 16.30	Key concepts of the RFCDC The CDC model
Monday, 30 May 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	Getting acquainted with CDC descriptors and the whole school approach
Tuesday, 31 June 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	Making democracy visible through teaching and training
Wednesday, 1 June 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	RFCDC and project-based learning
Thursday, 2 June 2022	16.00 – 17.30 18.00 – 19.30	Student voice / Violence and bullying / Discrimination and CDC
Friday, 3 June 2022	18.00 – 19.30	Evaluation and outlook

Format and requirements

The Pilot Training Course will be held online for two groups of **20-25 participants** each. Seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

The Course consists of **19.5 hours of online synchronous sessions** and additional estimated **5-6 hours of individual work**. Participants are **required** to attend and actively participate in all synchronous sessions, and provide feedback regarding their experience with the Course. The feedback will be used to improve and finalise the RFCDC Basic course and to inform the development of the RFCDC Training programme for trainers.

Language

The working language of the Course is **English** therefore applicants should have a good command of it.

Certification

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued to participants who attend all online synchronous sessions and respond to a feedback survey after fulfilling the course

Background

The Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC) is a set of materials produced by the Council of Europe that can be used by education systems to equip learners at all levels of education and in contexts outside formal education with the competences that are needed to take action to defend and promote human rights, democracy and the rule of law, to participate effectively in a culture of democracy, and to live peacefully together with others in culturally diverse societies.

Registration

Please register here <https://forms.office.com/r/RXgsSqXVJ> by **22 April 2022**.