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KEY. Knowing me – knowing us! Historical and identity/intercultural competences.

In today's world we need people who take an active role in the community, who could be described as active citizens. Historical and identity/intercultural competences are the main competences for the active citizenship. Therefore it is so important to increase and to strengthen them. The aim of the **KEY** is gathering and developing the methods for educators to help participants increasing their participation and engagement in the society.

The competences are based on ideas defined by Oskar Negt, German philosopher and sociologist.

HISTORICAL COMPETENCE

»Knowing the past, owning the future«

A history competence is not just gathering the knowledge for the knowledge. It is an ability to interpret and analyze what we know in order to be able to imagine lives and communities different from the today ones. To be able to do that, we have to look at the past from different perspectives. Therefore it is important for development of the historical competence to learn about the past with different methods. The methods will allow us to look at the events from different angles, which will help us not only to learn about the past but also to imagine a new future, which we will then be able (ready) to implement.

IDENTITY/INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE

»Understanding me and the others, shaping the society«

Identity/intercultural competence is not only a competence of self-perception and self-understanding but also an ability to understand others and changes in society. To develop this competence it is important to learn about other cultures and about the world surrounding us. The key factor is to remain open to unknown situations and to continually reflect on these experiences. Therefore to develop the competence it is important to learn through interaction with e.g. people with different values, different backgrounds or political or religious views.