

CITIZENSHIP AND PARTICIPATION – National Pupil and Student Forum

GRASPING THE FUTURE

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For learning and competence

Education for democratic citizenship

Included in the national core curriculum:

- ◆ in basic education and at general upper secondary schools in history and social studies subjects
- ◆ in vocational education and training in social, business and labour-market subjects
- ◆ cross-curricular theme active citizenship in general education

SOCIAL STUDIES/citizenship (3h/week) compulsory subject in Basic Education

- ◆ The task of instruction in social studies is to guide the pupil in becoming **an active and responsible player in society**.
- ◆ must provide **basic knowledge** and **skills** concerning the **structure and operation of society, and the citizen's opportunities for influence**.
- ◆ The purpose of the instruction is to support the pupils' **growth as tolerant, democratic citizens**, and to give them **experience with social action** and the **democratic exercise of influence**.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN UPPER GENERAL EDUCATION

The objectives are for students to

- ◆ consolidate their knowledge of ***human rights*** and the operating ***principles of democratic society***;
- ◆ be able to ***form their own justified opinions*** and discuss these with ***respect for other people's opinions***;
- ◆ be familiar with ***various participation systems*** in society and their procedures

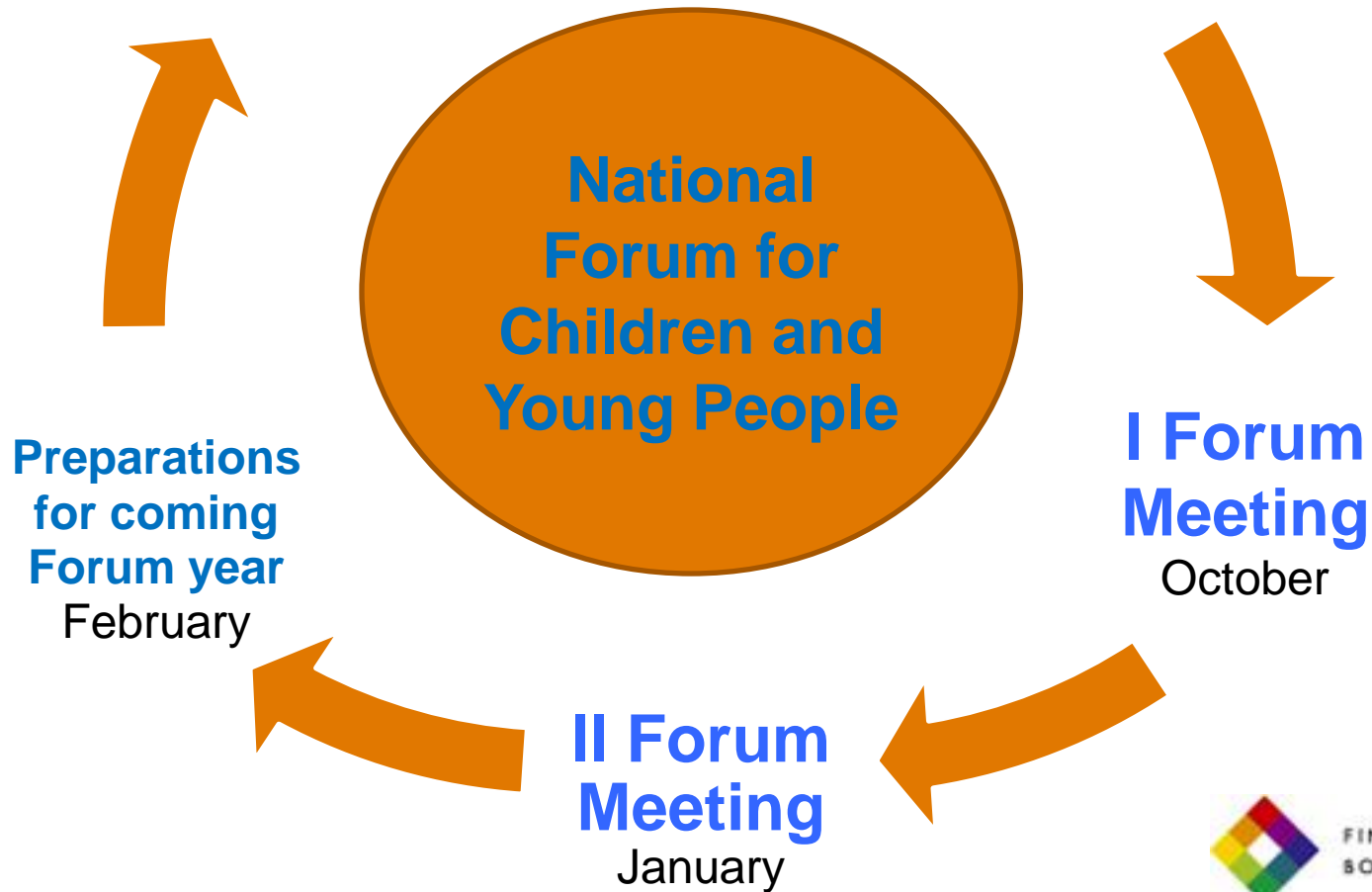
Pupil and student councils

- ◆ possible in basic education
- ◆ Compulsory in general upper secondary schools and vocational institutes

III Forum Meeting
April



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May





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