International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS) Progress report

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Purpose and aims

• Investigating ways in which young people are prepared to assume their role as citizens

• Monitoring trends in lower-secondary students’ civic knowledge, attitudes and engagement over time

• Address persisting and new challenges of educating young people
  – Continuous changes in contexts of democracy and civic participation
  – Development of new focus areas for each new cycle
Benefits for participants in ICCS

• Participants obtain internationally comparable indicators of civic knowledge, attitudes and engagement to inform decisions on further policies and practices

• Participants in previous ICCS surveys have opportunity to monitor of changes over time

• Regional modules offer opportunity to gather data related to region-specific aspects of civic and citizenship education

• Provide indicators for UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
ICCS 2016 finalized

- All reports published
  - International and European report (November 2017)
  - Database and User Guide (March 2018)
  - Latin American report (April 2018)
  - Technical report (October 2018)
  - Volume on potential impact of ICCS in preparation
Basic research questions for ICCS 2022

- Contexts for civic and citizenship education in participating countries (education systems, curricular context)
- Extent, variation and changes in civic knowledge across participating countries
- Extent, variation and changes in civic engagement across participating countries
- Extent, variation and changes in civic attitudes across participating countries
- Extent, variation and changes in students’ knowledge about disposition towards GCE/ESD issues across participating countries
- School and classroom contexts for civic and citizenship education
General design for ICCS 2022

• Similar to previous cycles with option for computer-based assessment

• Target population: Students in eighth year of schooling
  – PPS two-stage sample design

• Instrumentation
  – Student test
  – Student questionnaire
  – Teacher questionnaire (optional online delivery)
  – School questionnaire (optional online delivery)
  – National contexts survey (online)
  – Regional student questionnaires

• Link items included to measure change over time
Assessment framework refinement for ICCS 2022

- Review of ICCS 2016 framework
  - Expert and country input sought
- Maintain basic structure of civic and citizenship domains (content, cognitive and affective-behavioral)
- Incorporate new focus areas
  - Add to existing framework
  - Provide greater emphasis to certain aspects
- Embed aspects related to global citizenship issues and sustainable development
  - Reference to existing initiatives (e.g. UNESCO work in this areas)
Planned new focus areas for ICCS 2022

• Issues related to global citizenship education (GCE) and education for sustainable development (ESD)
  – Development of cognitive measures as well as questionnaire-type item material
  – Cooperation with UNESCO on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 4.7

• Digital citizenship
  – Increasing importance of internet and social media for information and engagement
  – Potential of more interactive forms of participation
Planned new focus areas for ICCS 2022

• Migration and diversity
  – Recent increases in migration, in particular in the European region
  – Challenges for civic and citizenship education, also in view of increasingly diverse communities

• Populism and alienation from democracy
  – Concerns about worldwide ‘democratic recession’ and success of populist movements
  – Alienation from political systems, in particular among young people

• Personal freedom and national security
  – Tension between principles of individual freedom (privacy) and efforts to increase national security (e.g. in response to terrorism)
Optional computer-based assessment - 1

• Rationale for computer-based option
  – Increasingly becoming ‘standard’ in international studies
  – Increased efficiency (e.g. due to direct data collection)

• Broader range of stimulus and item formats
  – E.g. enhancement of formats to measure aspects related to ‘digital citizenship’ or global citizenship issues

• General observation from previous studies:
  – Higher levels of motivation for students when assessed on a computer
  – Questionnaire: Lower proportions of missing data and potential for more openness to express attitudes and beliefs
Option of computer-based assessment - 2

• Implementation of CBA will depend on sufficient country interest and commitment
  – Extra costs for development and implementation will have to be covered

• Dual assessment mode proposed
  – Both paper-based and CBA-based assessment
  – Enhanced field trial design and bridging study for participants

• Delivery platform with proven functionality will be used for CBA

• Both student test and questionnaires (including regional instruments) will be administered on computer
Instrument development

• ICCS 2016/2009 link items
  – About half of the civic knowledge items from ICCS 2016 (in 2016: 44 items from ICCS 2009)
  – About half or more of questionnaire items to measure change

• New ICCS 2022 item material
  – Will include cognitive item material related to global citizenship and sustainable development issues
  – Questionnaire items (international/regional) to measure constructs related to new focus areas

• Possibility to develop computer-enhanced test items
  – E.g. theme related to web-based civic engagement via social media within authentic environment
Project management structure

- International Study Center at ACER
- Associated Research Center at LPS (University Tre) and LUMSA University in Rome (Italy)
- IEA Hamburg
- IEA Amsterdam
- Project Advisory Committee
- IEA Technical Executive Group
- National Research Coordinators
  - Crucial importance for success through regular communication and review feedback
March 2018
1st meeting of NRCs

2018/2019
Conceptual framework, instrument development and piloting

2019/2020
Finalization of refined framework and instruments

Late 2020
Field trial

Late 2021
Main survey data collection in Southern Hemisphere countries

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Joining ICCS

• Preparation of study content has commenced
  – First discussions with NRC at meeting in March
  – Discussion papers regarding new focus areas and CBA option

• Countries still able to join study
  – Early stage of study development
  – Possibility of financial support from EC in European region
Thank you!
Рақмет!
Спасибо!

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