

### ENGAGE Project Database of Best practices collected at EU level

**Purpose:** To offer a gallery of best practices examples to be used as examples and motivations for the youth leaders in their activities when raising young people’s awareness of UE values and motivating them to get engaged in democratic life.

Title of the initiative	Benbi - Berliner Entwicklungspolitisches Bildungsprogramm (eng.: Berlin Development Education Program)												
Representative image of the initiative	 <p>Copyright: <a href="#">Berliner Entwicklungspolitisches Bildungsprogramm – KATE</a></p>												
Website/Social Media account of the initiative	<a href="#">Berliner Entwicklungspolitisches Bildungsprogramm – KATE</a>												
Country of implementation	Germany												
Representative organisation/ individuals	KATE e.V.												
Field of action	<table> <tr> <td>EU values &amp; human rights</td> <td>X</td> <td>Citizenship</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cultural identity</td> <td>X</td> <td>Digital citizenship</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diversity and inclusion</td> <td>X</td> <td>Gender, social, economic and health</td> <td>X</td> </tr> </table>	EU values & human rights	X	Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural identity	X	Digital citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diversity and inclusion	X	Gender, social, economic and health	X
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	<p>Social justice X Leadership &amp; mentorship <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Democratic life X Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Climate change, X sustainability</p>
Type of action	(Development) education week offering interactive workshops and a supporting program for students and educators.
Target group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students from 3rd to 13th grade of all school types in Berlin</li> <li>• Educators interested in global learning methods</li> </ul>
Main partners or stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KATE e.V. – Program coordination</li> <li>• FEZ-Berlin – Event venue and partner</li> <li>• Numerous NGOs and freelance educators working in global learning</li> <li>• Funders: Engagement Global with funds from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Berlin Senate Department for Economic Affairs, and Bread for the World</li> </ul>
Short description of the initiatives	The Berlin Development Education Program (benbi) is an annual thematic action week held in the fall. It offers students from grades 3 to 13 a variety of workshops and interactive activities focused on global justice. Each year, benbi focuses on a different topic – for example, the 2025 theme is “Gender and Gender Justice”. The aim is to encourage critical thinking, new perspectives, and empowerment for action through global learning approaches.
Activities and methods implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops on global justice and development issues conducted by NGOs and educators</li> <li>• Interactive supporting program including exhibitions, stage performances, and panel discussions</li> <li>• Training sessions for educators on global learning methods</li> <li>• A family weekend called “SpielWELTEN” for children aged 3–12 and their caregivers, with hands-on activities about living together in a diverse world</li> </ul>
Key Success Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 years of experience and strong collaboration between KATE e.V., schools, and NGOs</li> <li>• Diverse, age-appropriate programming for both students and teachers</li> <li>• Annual themes that reflect current global and social issues</li> <li>• Low-barrier access through affordable participation and a central location</li> </ul>