



# French Partners



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# Citizens Campus

Citizens Campus is a young French non profit association, born in Marseille early 2018, and aiming at offering hope for Europe and the Mediterranean through strengthening citizenship and fostering concrete local and crossnational initiatives.

We are gathering a community of intergenerational people with different background and profession for educate to have active and responsible citizens ( members of Bleu Blanc Zèbre and AFEV are in our board of directors for example).

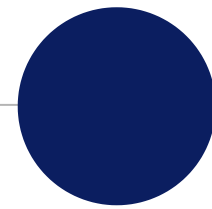
## Our mission

Citizens Campus aims at developing and renew civic commitment and citizenship education in Europe and the Mediterranean with three major goals : Inspire, Federate, Transmit.



# Citizens Campus's activities

We already lead various projects aiming at raising citizens awareness for disenfranchised populations, such as suburban youth with Y CIVIC and long term unemployed with "Grandir", by offering experiences of community service through professional and social inclusion.

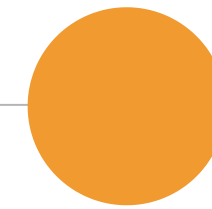


"Grandir"

The project Grandir is built with different organisations in the area of Marseille and aims to provide support for reintegration for long-term unemployed people with an individual support.

When they join this project, they can experiment different things and we promote the civic engagement for them.

For us, Citizens campus, we believe that the volunteer activity is a way for empowerment, soft-skills development and personal achievement.



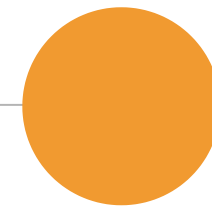
European Citizens Campus

A training Campus to develop and federate various citizens-based projects at European level.

This programme will aims to

- Organise and develop the networking of local, national and European projects of citizenship education
- Giving a concrete substance to the European dimension of popular education, through the sharing of good practices and peer-education
- Delivering the European promise of mobility, emancipation and solidarity for populations who are not in capacity to enjoy fully.

in construction



"Lab de l'engagement"  
a French laboratory of Civic  
commitment

This laboratory will aims to

- understand the new models of civic commitment and especially through the way of youngster
- think about the impact on the non-profit sector, the trade unionism and the business world
- identify new levers and new modalities for societal commitment, union involvement and professional commitment



Bleu Blanc Zèbre is a french non-profit organization created in 2014 which promotes cooperation (between nonprofits, companies, public actors and citizens) to fight social and environmental issues.

Bleu Blanc Zèbre today is:

1. A label that identifies and promotes concrete, impactful and replicable initiatives
2. A community of committed organizations who help each other for common good
3. Concrete projects to mobilize groups of actors ready to work together with trust



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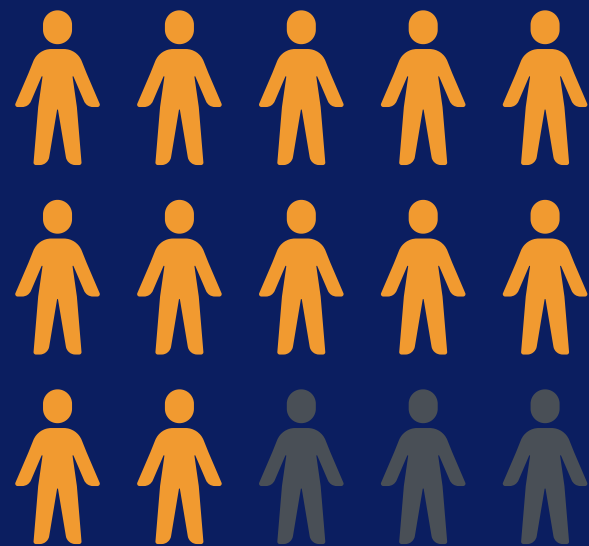
## **Bleu Blanc Zèbre participates in Y-CIVIC to :**

- **source french non-profits organisation specialized in each Y-CIVIC themes**
- **make them discuss with the young Y-CIVIC ambassadors to enhance their hability to be force of proposal**

We are convinced that the European challenges and the major themes addressed by Y-Civic in its seminar program will have an impact on French institutions and the partners with whom we work.



AFEV MOBILIZES THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS EVERY YEAR TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ACADEMIC DIFFICULTIES AND CREATE LINKS WITHIN WORKING-CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS.



BY FIGHTING AGAINST EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL INEQUALITIES, THEY ACT FOR A MORE JUST AND SUPPORTIVE SOCIETY THROUGH 3 PROGRAMS:

- STUDENT MENTORING
- VOLUNTEERING IN CIVIC SERVICE DEDICATED TO EDUCATIONAL ACTIONS
- AND COLOCATIONS TO SOLIDARITY PROJECTS (KAPS).

PRESENT IN 350 NEIGHBORHOODS, ORGANIZING MORE THAN ONE MILLION HOURS OF SOLIDARITY COMMITMENT PER YEAR, AFEV HAS BECOME THE FIRST NETWORK OF STUDENT INTERVENTION IN WORKING-CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS.





Making a difference against inequality

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In addition to our practical actions, we actively seek to engage on and raise awareness of the issues that are at the core of Afev's charitable aims.

These include inequalities in education, youth participation, and the social responsibility of universities.

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French meeting of Y CIVIC partners in Marseille

Citizens Campus is one of those at the origin of Y-CIVIC.

The idea is born after a meeting in Brussels between UNESSA /CEC and Citizens Campus. On the one hand, UNESSA and CEC wanted a kind of follow up of EU COOL. On the other, Citizens Campus wanted to test its first ideas with European partners dealing with young people with less opportunities (or disadvantaged).

So we decide to explore the possibilities of a common project and we found that Europe for citizen's call for projects was very interesting in that regard. With UNESSA and CEC we decided to apply, and, ones the application accepted, we, naturally, became Y CIVIC partners.

## 2. Why we join the Y CIVIC project ?

## Covid context

In 2021, our team organised different workshops (about the link between citizenship and arts for example) with french youngsters, but unfortunately, they were cancelled several times due to the Covid context.

In spite of this situation full of obstacles, our 2 young “civic service volunteers” conceived the “Vénères&Solidaires” project (Being Angry&Standing in Solidarity) for young people coming from all social groups and path of life, starting with the least privileged:

- to start from their hindered reality, to express and exchange on what they live today during the crisis
- but also to share or propose to initiate solidarity projects responding to the problems that concern them the most.

### 3. Activities



# Vénères & Solidaires

With V&S, we offer to young people the possibility to exchange, to share and if they want, to imagine actions to respond to their specific needs.

This project aims to

- groom young ambassadors to collect the voice of the youth
- collect testimonies of solidarity activities around them and to build citizen initiatives

We organise 5 collective intelligence workshops in 2021 with a dozen young men and women

In October : 2 workshops were about the climate change, to collect the feelings of young people and to contribute to the Belgian seminar.

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**CLIMAT: VÉCUS,  
IMPACTS ET  
ACTIONS**

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# Thanks!



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