

The 'Lifelong Learning Program' is a project of the European Union, which advocates International Teamwork in the area of education.

This program consists of several pieces. The Comenius Program is the one, which is responsible for high school education.

The project`name is based on the Czech educationalist Johann Amos Comenius (1592-1670).

All types of schools not only from the 27 member states of the European Union but also from Turkey, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland are entitled to participate in the project. One important requirement to become a part of a multilateral Comenius project is that a minimum of three schools from three different countries have to interact. Next to this are the less common bilateral projects. This is necessary to reach the aim goal of the project which aims at widening the 'Knowledge and Understanding of the great variety of the European countries and languages.'

The idea of an integrated Europe is to convince the countries to work closely together in social, educational and political regards. This implies learning different languages and new methods of teaching.

Also teamwork between pupils and teachers from both different types of schools well as from different nations is to be supported. This is executed by the exchange of the participating schools. Students and teachers collaborate on projects of common interest. For example: development of technologies or ideas of an integrated and maybe some day a united Europe. At the same time the pupils meet pupils of from different nations and learn a lot about their traditions and their way of life which therefore helps them to reflect on their own concepts of life and their own national features.