

# The Vision



Over 50 secondary schools in England, Romania and Denmark have taken part in the pilot phase of Take Part Too. We have a vision of developing the project further and involving other countries, possibly leading to the setting up of a European or worldwide virtual Youth Council.

There are currently about one billion 12 to 18-year-olds in the world – about 1/6 of the world's population. Politicians talk about the importance of listening to young people. Here is an opportunity to hear young people's considered opinions, discussions and proposals.

So far the project has been financed by the EU (Socrates-Minerva) but the funding ended in 2006. We are now looking for partner organizations who would like to use and adapt Take Part Too to use with schools across Europe and the wider world.

If you are interested in this idea please let us know! Contact a member of the TakePartToo team:

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# Come and visit



In TakePartToo students become members of a virtual Youth Council and learn key skills by investigating issues, communicating, debating and decision-making with other young people across Europe.

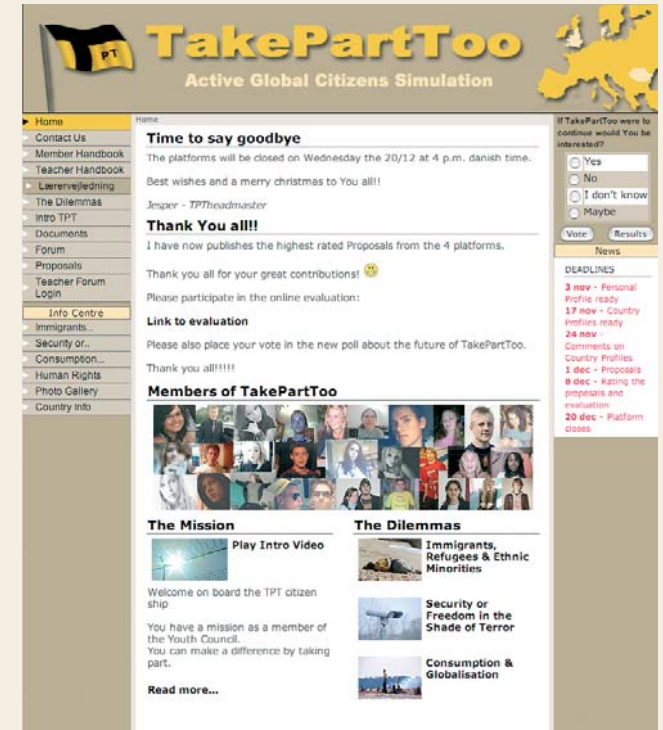
As members of the Youth Council, they work together to develop common solutions to common problems on issues of concern to Europe and the wider world.

[www.takeparttoo.org](http://www.takeparttoo.org)



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# Take Part Too



Take Part Too is a web-based project focusing on democracy, communication and negotiation.

Three school classes from three countries make up a Youth Council whose task is to study and take action on some of the big issues that are currently being debated in Europe.

The scenario given entails the EU Commission asking the Youth Council for advice. This request starts the process of cooperation and communication within the Youth Council community.

## The Themes



### Immigrants, Refugees & Ethnic Minorities



### Security or Freedom in the Shade of Terror

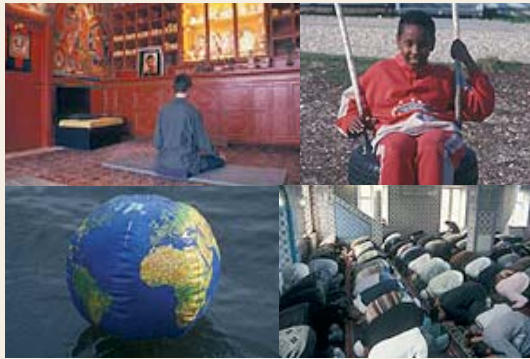


### Consumption & Globalisation

Participants from the three countries choose to work on one of three issues.

- If Europe is to avoid becoming a giant home for elderly persons, do we need to open our gates to millions of new immigrants?
- How can we balance our need for security with our need for freedom?
- Can the planet and the human race survive if we carry on consuming at our present rate?

## Resources available



Fotos from: [www.takePartToo](http://www.takePartToo) – Photo Gallery

- Information centre for each country
- Photo gallery
- Information, with case studies, on the European Convention on Human Rights
- Teacher's handbook
- Member's handbook (including video tutorials)

### Participants use the resources to

- Work on their own to create a Personal Profile
- Work in pairs/groups to create a Country Profile based on research in their own country
- Communicate with groups in other countries
- In the wider group, develop proposals to solve a problem posed by the EU Commission

## Feedback



### From participating teachers:

*"It's a superb learning environment with excellent supporting materials. It's really good for motivating pupils to work with it and they wrote a lot. It's also very nice, that there are three very different countries in the project."*

*"It's wonderful, with a full product we can use. The info-centre is really nice. It would be a lot of work to find all these texts yourself and all the technical stuff works well so, you don't have to worry about that: it's easy to use."*

*"As a teacher it is nice to have a framework and a subject to focus on."*

*"I think it was very beneficial for our students...I'd certainly recommend it."*