

ACE²-EU Values Toolbox

A practical Toolbox for the ACE²-EU Values:
activity ideas, creative formats and flagship initiatives for
living European values across the Alliance.

Workshops

Mobilities

Creative activities

Campus events

Values Week

Festivals

Sustainability

Community engagement

How to use this Toolbox

Use this Toolbox with the ACE²-EU Values as a practical guideline of activities for local campuses and for Alliance-wide coordination.



What it helps you do

- select activities for each value
- combine learning, culture and creativity
- design a visible ACE²-EU Values Week
- collect evidence for reporting



What is inside

- value-based activity pages
- creative and intercultural formats
- ACE²-EU Values Week format
- flagship activities and way forward



Where to use it

- partner university campuses
- BIPs, ABCs, workshops and events
- student councils and mobility offices
- community engagement campaigns

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Plan

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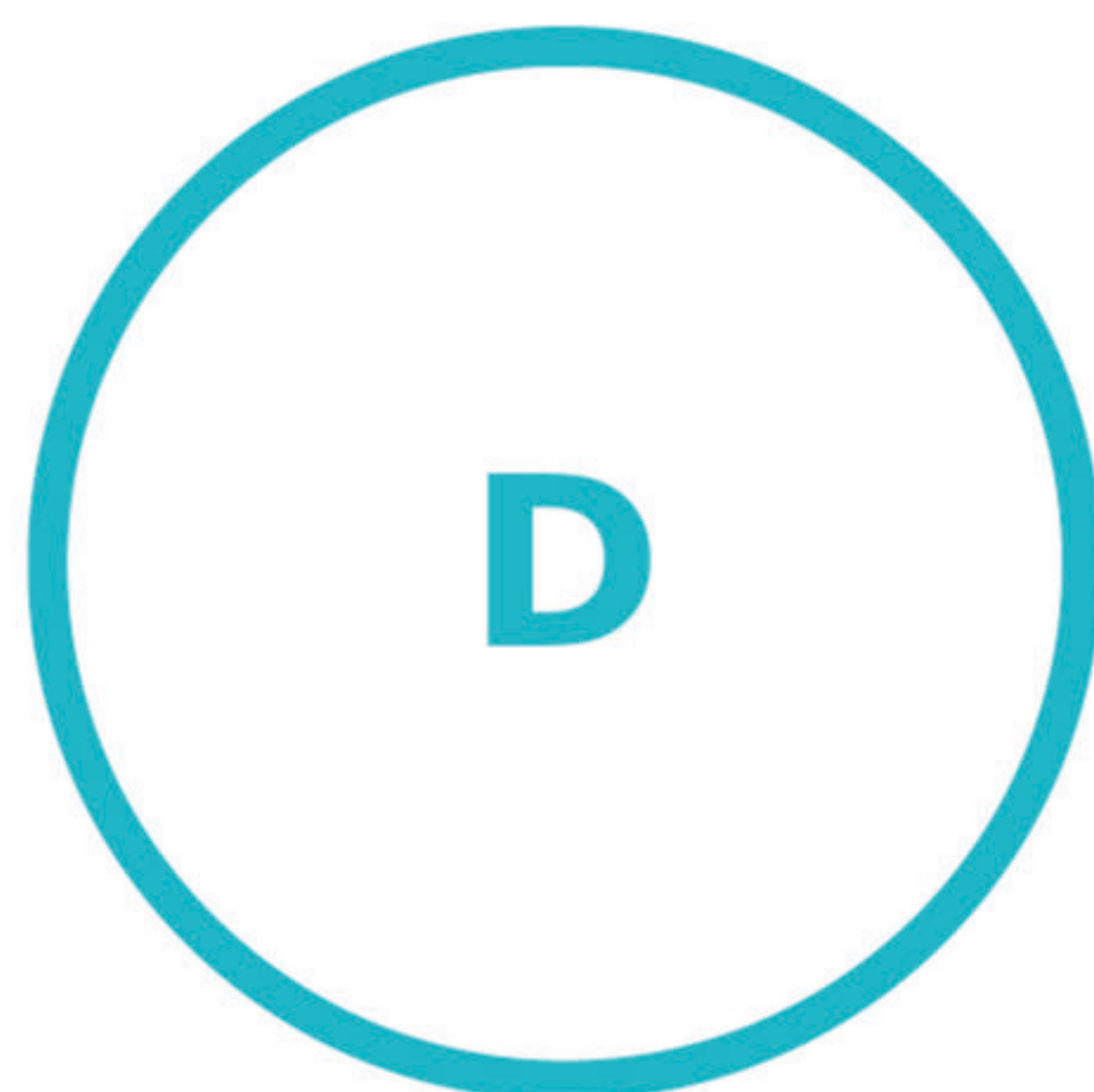
Implement

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Create

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Share



Democracy

Participation, voice, transparency and shared decision-making.

1

Democracy Lab: Students Decide

Students and staff identify one real campus issue, propose solutions, vote, and the university implements one feasible action.

2

Participatory Values Activity

Students co-create a university space for green common activities, inclusion, debate, art, reflection and shared values.

3

ACE²-EU Student Advisory Board

A student advisory board discusses ACE²-EU topics such as mobility, inclusion, sustainability, digital learning and wellbeing.

4

Democracy Poster Campaign

Students create posters answering what democracy means on campus and how students can have a stronger voice.

5

Open Rector / Vice-Rector Dialogue

A moderated open session where students and staff ask questions about internationalisation, mobility, sustainability and participation.

6

Democracy Cafe

Rotating table discussions on participation, representation, transparency, accountability and student voice.



Human Dignity

Respect, wellbeing, safety, non-humiliation and equal human worth.

1

Dignity in Daily Campus Life Workshop

Students, professors and administrative staff discuss respectful communication, ethical feedback and safe learning environments.

2

No Shame Learning Campaign

Posters, videos and testimonials promote the idea that mistakes are part of learning and should not lead to humiliation.

3

Wellbeing and Respect Corner

A visible campus point with information on mental health support, safe contact persons and anti-harassment procedures.

4

Human Dignity Story Wall

Students anonymously complete prompts such as "I felt respected when..." or "One thing that makes campus safer is..."

5

Safe Contact Person Visibility

Every activity visibly communicates who to contact for safety, dignity and wellbeing concerns.

6

Respectful Communication Training

Short training for student leaders, tutors, buddies and facilitators on how to intervene when someone is mocked or excluded.



Freedom

Academic freedom, expression, movement, creativity and open exchange.

1

Freedom of Expression Debate Series

Structured debates on AI and democracy, migration, climate protests, academic freedom, hate speech and social media.

2

Academic Freedom Week

Lectures, exhibitions and discussions on universities as spaces for free thought, critical inquiry and open science.

3

Open Mic for Ideas

Students and staff present short 3-minute ideas on social, scientific, artistic or civic topics in an informal format.

4

Creative Freedom Space

A pop-up space for painting, writing, design, music, podcasts and visual messages about freedom.

5

Mobility Without Barriers Workshop

Students identify what prevents mobility participation and formulate recommendations for ACE²-EU improvement.

6

Freedom Through Multilingualism

Students present one concept of freedom in their own language, translated into English and Alliance languages.



Equality

Equal opportunities, non-discrimination, accessibility and fairness.

1

Equality Check of Campus Activities

Students and staff use a checklist to evaluate whether an event is accessible, inclusive, gender-balanced and affordable.

2

Inclusive Campuses

Students identify how campuses can become more inclusive: accessible entrances, clear signs, quiet spaces, multilingual information and safe common areas.

3

Equality Poster and Art Competition

Students create posters, illustrations, digital art or photography on the theme "Equal Campus, Equal Europe".

4

Women and Underrepresented Group...

A workshop highlights women, minorities, students with fewer opportunities and young researchers in innovation.

5

Inclusive Teaching Workshop

Professors explore accessible materials, fair assessment, inclusive examples and participation methods.

6

Equal Opportunities in Mobilities

Former and future mobility students discuss fair access, hidden barriers, support measures and how to improve mobility participation for all.



Rule of Law

Fairness, transparency, clear procedures, accountability and protection from arbitrariness.

1

Fair Procedures Workshop

A practical session on transparent selection, appeal mechanisms, conflict of interest, fair assessment and complaints.

2

Mock Ethics Committee

Students analyse fictional cases on plagiarism, discrimination, unfair selection, personal data, AI bias and conflicts of interest.

3

Mobility Guidelines

Clear mobility guidelines explain opportunities, selection criteria, deadlines, appeal rights, recognition procedures and responsible contacts.

4

Rule of Law Simulation Game

Participants role-play applicant, evaluator, appeals body, university authority and observer in a mobility selection process.

5

Know Your Rights Session

A short information session on academic rights, mobility rights, anti-discrimination, data protection and complaints.

6

Integrity Poster Campaign

Student-designed messages such as "Fair rules protect everyone", "No hidden criteria" and "Transparency builds trust".

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Human Rights

Fundamental rights, minority rights, privacy, accessibility, non-discrimination and safeguarding.

1

Human Rights Film Night

A film or documentary on migration, disability, gender equality, minority rights or environmental rights, followed by discussion.

2

Human Rights Living Library

Students, staff or community members share experiences related to inclusion, migration, disability, identity or civic activism.

3

Rights-Based Volunteering Day

Students volunteer with NGOs, schools, elderly homes, refugee support organisations, environmental groups or disability organisations.

4

Human Rights and AI Workshop

A workshop on AI impacts on privacy, discrimination, access to services, education, employment and human dignity.

5

Minority Cultures Exhibition

Students prepare stands, posters, music, food, language elements and stories about communities represented at the university.

6

Promotion Campaign for Respect of Differences

A practical campaign promoting respect for multiculturalism, multilingualism, different identities, backgrounds, traditions and perspectives.



Peace

Dialogue, intercultural understanding, conflict prevention, trust-building and non-violent communication.

1

Peace and Dialogue Café

Students from different countries and backgrounds discuss how to disagree without hostility and overcome stereotypes.

2

Intercultural Dinner or Culture Evening

Students share food, music, traditions, language, objects and stories from different countries and communities.

3

Non-Violent Communication Workshop

A practical workshop on listening, empathy, conflict resolution, mediation and respectful disagreement.

4

Peace Wall or Peace Tree

Students write messages of peace, solidarity and intercultural friendship on leaves, cards or a symbolic wall.

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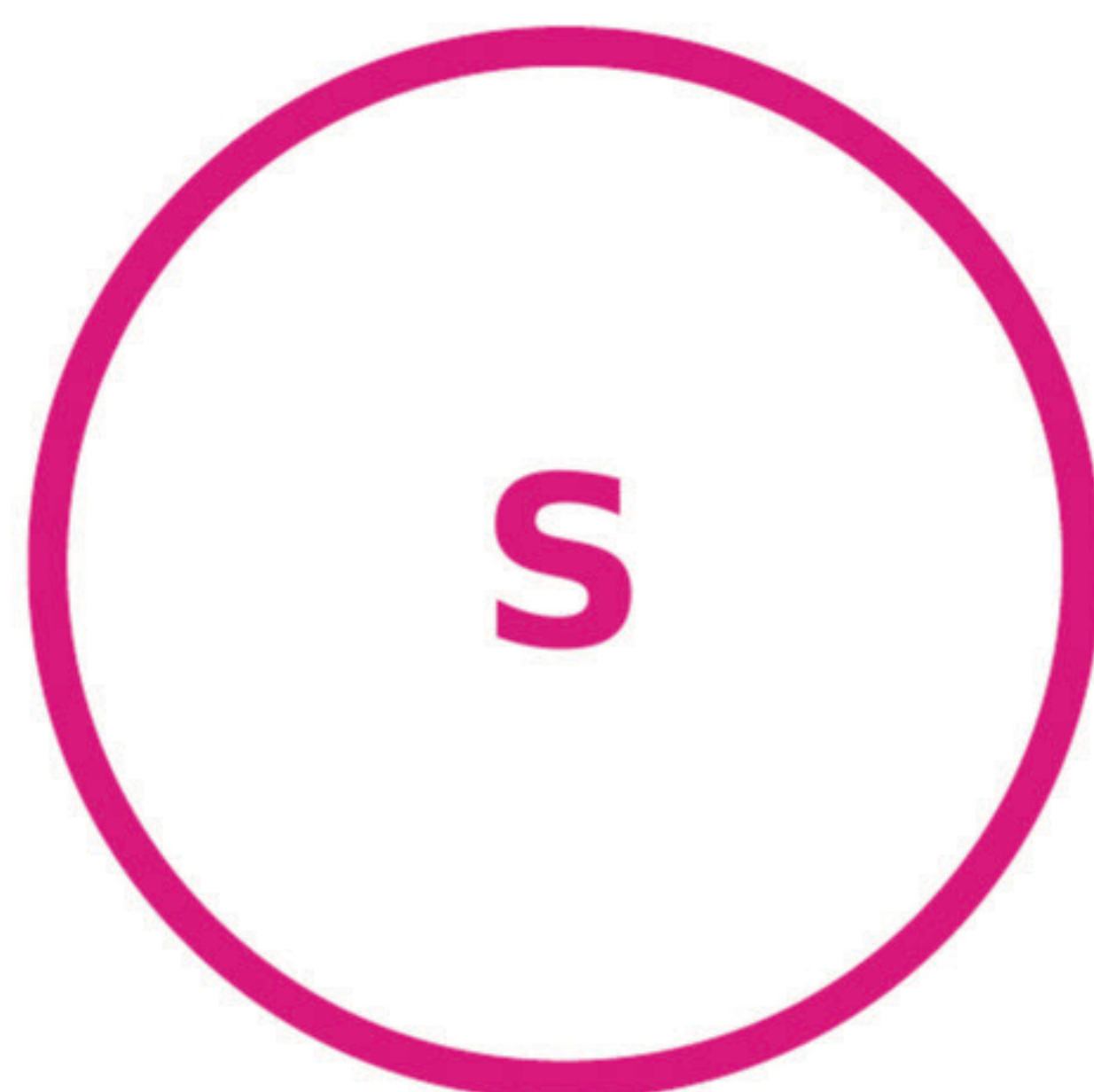
Storytelling for Peace Exhibition

Students collect stories from local or family history about reconciliation, cooperation and overcoming division.

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Anti-Hate Speech Campaign

Student teams prepare videos, posters and classroom messages against hate speech, stereotypes and polarisation.



Solidarity

Mutual support, shared responsibility, care for others and fair sharing of resources.

1

ACE²-EU Solidarity Day

All universities organise volunteering: food donation, clean-up, support for vulnerable groups, blood donation or mentoring.

2

Buddy System for Incoming Students

Local students support incoming ACE²-EU students with arrival, accommodation, orientation, language and social life.

3

Solidarity Mentoring Circles

Senior students mentor first-year students; professors mentor young researchers; former mobility students mentor future participants.

4

Community Support Action

Each university chooses one local need: elderly support, school workshops, environmental action, migrant support or disability inclusion.

5

Solidarity Fundraising Event

A student-led event with music, art, food, second-hand books or handmade products for a selected local cause.

6

Shared Resources Market

Students exchange books, clothes, devices, study materials and household items, especially to support incoming students.

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Sustainability

Environmental responsibility linked to solidarity, dignity, equality and peace.

1

ACE²-EU Tree Planting Day

Each university plants trees on campus or in the community, connecting each tree to one value.

2

Green Campus Challenge

Student teams reduce waste, energy use, plastic consumption or paper use during one month.

3

Campus Clean-Up and Recycling Action

Students, staff and local partners clean up or recycle, followed by reflection on environmental justice.

4

Sustainable Mobility Day

Students and staff come by walking, cycling, public transport or car-sharing; the university may organise a bike tour.

5

Repair Café

Volunteers help repair clothes, electronics, bikes and bags, linking sustainability, solidarity and skills-sharing.

6

Eco-Art Exhibition

Students create art from recycled materials, with each piece representing one EU value.

ACE²-EU Values Week

Each partner university can organise local activities during the same week, under one shared ACE²-EU identity and communication campaign.

Day 1

Democracy and Participation

student advisory board, participatory values activity, democracy cafe, open dialogue with leadership

Day 2

Human Dignity and Human Rights

dignity wall, human rights film night, safe contact campaign, living library

Day 3

Equality and Inclusion

inclusive campus mapping, equality art competition, accessibility checklist, inclusive teaching workshop

Day 4

Rule of Law and Freedom

mock ethics committee, freedom debate, know-your-rights session, mobility guidelines

Day 5

Peace, Solidarity and Sustainability

tree planting, volunteering day, intercultural dinner, peace wall, campus clean-up, charity event

Creative Outputs

Each member university could produce one or more outputs that are visible locally and can be shared through an Alliance-wide digital gallery.

1

ACE²-EU Values Poster Series

One poster per value, created by students.

2

ACE²-EU Values Tree

A physical or digital tree where every leaf represents one action for democracy, dignity, equality, peace or sustainability.

3

Student Video Campaign

Short videos: "What does this value mean to me?"

4

Photo Exhibition

Photos from all partner universities showing values in action.

5

Values Passport

Students collect stamps by participating in activities and can receive an ACE²-EU Change Maker Ambassador certificate.

6

Values Map of Europe

A digital map showing activities implemented by each ACE²-EU university.

7

Creative Corners on Campus

Temporary spaces where students write, draw, reflect, record videos or propose ideas.

8

ACE²-EU Values Handbook for Events

A one-page checklist for accessibility, inclusion, sustainability, dignity, safety, transparency and participation.

Creative and Intercultural Activities

These formats make ACE²-EU values more attractive, emotional, visible and student-friendly.

1

Fashion for Values: Wear Your Values

- Student fashion activity using clothing, accessories, scarves, T-shirts, tote bags or recycled fashion pieces inspired by EU values.
- Suggested format: ACE²-EU Sustainable Fashion Show with recycled materials, traditional textiles and second-hand clothes.
- Each outfit is presented with a short explanation: which value it represents and why.

2

Poetry for Values: Verses of Europe

- Open poetry night, multilingual poetry reading, poetry for peace or poetry for human dignity.
- Students read original poems or selected poems from European, national or local authors.
- A Poetry Wall can collect one line of poetry from each participant.

3

Cinema of Values

- Film projection or documentary screening followed by moderated dialogue.
- Themes can include democracy, migration, disability, justice, freedom of expression, peace, solidarity or sustainability.
- Can become an ACE²-EU Travelling Film Festival across partner universities.

4

Living Europe on Campus

- Intercultural evening, cultural cafe, international food and values fair, music and dance for peace, storytelling night.
- Each table or stand connects culture with one value: dignity, equality, solidarity, peace or sustainability.
- The format combines social interaction with reflection and community building.

Strong Signature Activities for ACE²-EU

These activities can become recognisable flagship formats of the Alliance and can be repeated annually.

ACE²-EU Change Maker Ambassador Programme

Each university selects students and staff as Change Maker Ambassadors to organise activities, moderate discussions, support incoming students, promote inclusion and report good practices.

ACE-EU Kaleidoscope Festival

A larger annual event with exhibitions, music, debates, poster competitions, student films, workshops, sustainability actions and community engagement.

Green and Inclusive Campus Change

All partners implement small improvements: more recycling, inclusive signage, accessible events, reduced paper and student support actions.

Human Rights and Sustainability Hackathon

Mixed international teams develop solutions for hate speech, accessibility, air pollution, wellbeing, migrant inclusion or sustainable mobility.

Community Engagement Day

All universities work with local communities on the same day: schools, NGOs, municipalities, vulnerable groups and environmental organisations.

Peace and Solidarity Tree Planting

Each partner plants a symbolic tree or garden linked to Europe Day, Erasmus Days, Earth Day or ACE²-EU Values Week.

The way forward...

1

ACE²-EU Values Week

One common week, local activities and shared communication.

2

Student Poster and Art Competition

A visible, low-cost format that involves students creatively.

3

Tree Planting / Green Campus Action

A practical action linking sustainability with solidarity.

4

Human Rights Film Night or Living Library

A reflective and emotional format for dialogue and inclusion.

5

ACE²-EU Change Maker Ambassador Programme

A student/staff group that supports activities and continuity.