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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCES OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP: BEHIND THE HUNGARIAN SCENE

Social discourse has never spoken so much about active citizenship, the need for trust, cooperation and community, the role of dense bonds of social integration and democracy when all these phenomena seem to be evaporating or at least dramatically transforming themselves to something of a different mode.

A careful analysis of the social scenes reveal a lot of symbolic violence and real structural oppression, numerous economic and political mechanisms which generate insecurity all over the board, with the serious impact of depoliticizing the people, especially those segments of the populations which can be labelled as „left behind”. Mobilization of these social groups is really a challenge.

Passivity, apathy, resentment is a mentality not only existing in the Central and Eastern European context, but the legacy of the communist past doesn't help to counteract these waves.

The paper seeks to identify those external and internal features which created „active citizens” evolving in the 90-s, and attempts to shed light on the social barriers as well both in micro and macro level.

The paper will rely on qualitative research data compiled by the presenters themselves and other research groups' results.

The development of the necessary skills and competences of AC would need a social praxis really set for empowerment.