

# (A) Organisational

## ACC Fact Sheet

How were the links between the organisational structure, the strategy & the ideology? - up until now.

1. We wanted to bring our idea to the top in European politics (vision).

In the future, there should be residential schools for Europeans, about European issues, preferably with European staff and certainly with common issues on the agenda.



2. We had to deliver the proof ourselves (mission):

That there is energy and will to organize residential learning events and it does in fact create small scale European public spheres, that add quality to European polity.



3. We had to make it credible I (coherence):

Nobody should be allowed to say: "You are in fact confirming the national spheres by being split up in national branches. How come you then say you work for a European public sphere?" **That is why we have avoided national chapters defined by state borders. We have only project committees defined by projects!**



4. We had to make it credible II (coherence):

Nobody should be allowed to say: "We are against your idea, because it means centralising policy of education at the end of the day. It moves responsibility even further away from citizens." We had to prove that "European" does not mean distance to the citizens. Projects had to be organised **bottom-up**, because that is the proof, that in the future Europe, this is possible as well. **That is why contents should come from the organisers/committees**, not from Brussels, ACC Office, capitols or anywhere considered "central".



5. We had to make it credible III (coherence):

**The giving-voice-to-the-idea had to be transnational/European** - just as the goal: a European public sphere *supplementing* the regional, national and local ones. Fortunately, the ACC was born as a European voice as founded by Europeans.

**NEW CONSIDERATION (from 2006/7):** The mission is accomplished in so far as our ideas and proofs have been seen at top level of EU and copied by other civil society organisations. However, the EU does not have power to take appropriate action. We *could* still keep the spirit alive by organising community college activities, but the purpose of delivering proof as material for a common lobby-voice, is probably not necessary anymore. The chain of necessities explained upon has become weaker, and it is time to re-arrange. **This leads to a NEW CONCLUSION (from 2006/7):** We encourage you as an ACC member to (a) get in contact with other members locally in order to (b) spread the ideas in the local language media and to (c) organise activities. (d) We have to make much more material accessible for all in order for you to do this successfully. We do hope European Community College activities keep on spreading like rings in the water - also outside the ACC.