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¹ The Euro-English term *didactics* of history is used throughout this proposal to denote concepts, theories, knowledge, understandings, traditions and practices connected with teaching and learning history. The term is used here synonymous with the German term "Geschichtsdidaktik", i.e. 'subject-specific teaching methodologies' and/or 'pedagogy of history'— As there is no cover term in the English-speaking countries for 'didactics of history' so far, the term 'didactics' is translated in various forms in the English speaking countries. Depending on the context, it could refer to 'theory and/or reflection upon teaching and learning history', to 'the concepts of teaching and learning history', to the methodology of teaching history, to the development and organisation of learning arrangements in subject 'history' and the reflection of such practices, or to 'the epistemological ground of teaching and learning 'history' as well. The relevance of such paradigmatic approach to the field of subject didactics is documented for the English speaking countries p.ex. in the 'Debates in Subject teaching Series', (edited by Susan Capel, Jon Davison, James Arthur and John Moss). Cf. for our topic: Davis, I. (Ed.) (2012) Debates in History Teaching, London, NY: Routledge/ Taylor & Francis; and Arthur, J. and Cremin, H. (Eds.) (2011) Debates in Citizenship Education, London, NY: Routledge/ Taylor & Francis.

² See www.che-itt-history.eu (20/09/2012)