



Baltic Regional Seminar on Global Development Education

Follow-up meeting

New Formal Education Curriculum in the light of the Sustainable
Development Goals:
Perspective of the Global Development Education

Programme

Nordic Council of Ministers Office, Riga, Latvia

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Background

Since 2015 the Sustainable Development Goals shape the development agenda globally. While Goal 4 specifically targets education, most of the goals are interlinked with the individual knowledge, practice and responsibility that formal and non-formal education can provide.

All three Baltic countries are going through formal educational reforms - development of the new curriculum, defining competency frameworks and new educational standards.

How can global development education contribute to this process?

Global development education ensures knowledge and skills that link global and local dimensions – *glocalisation* – promoting individual and collective responsibilities, as well as policy change, supporting sustainable global development. Organisations working in the field of global development education for more than 10 years have acquired a consolidated experience in the professional development of formal and non-formal educators, through initial and in-service training, working with the different target groups on diverse topics related to sustainable development.

The Riga follow-up meeting aims at identifying the contribution of the global development education in the new reforms of the curriculum in the light of the sustainable development goals, building of the recommendations of the Baltic Regional Seminar held in Tallinn in October 2016, and of the first follow-up meeting held in Vilnius in May 2017.

Common challenges and practices in all three Baltic States will be identified and follow-up actions agreed through the plenary sessions and working group sessions.

The follow-up meeting is part of monitoring process of the recognition and implementation of global development education in the Balkan, Baltic, South-East Europe and Mediterranean, and Visegrad countries, running over the period 2016-19. This monitoring process is based on the strategic recommendations of the 3rd European Congress on Global Education organised by the NSC in Zagreb, 2015, and on the CoE Recommendation CM/Rec (2011)4 on education for global interdependence and solidarity.

The follow-up meeting is organised and implemented by North-South Centre of the Council of Europe with the support of the European Commission and in cooperation with its Baltic partners, Eesti People to People (Estonia), the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS), the Lithuanian Children's and Youth Centre, and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

Participants

Representatives of the responsible ministries, local authorities, NGOs, formal and non-formal educators, parliamentary commissions and international experts.

Working language

English will be the only working language of the seminar and no interpretation to other languages is foreseen. The seminar is intended to be interactive and thus only participants with relevant level of English will be selected to participate.

PROGRAMME

April 8

Arrival of participants
Welcome dinner (optional)

April 9

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:25 Opening

Maija Kāle, adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Latvia
Miguel Silva, programme manager, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
Daiga Zaķe, chair of the board, Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation - LAPAS

9:25 - 9:40 Tour de table - introduction of participants

9:40 - 10:10 Overview of the Global development education context in Baltic countries:

Estonia: Sigrid Solnik, director, Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation
Latvia: Inese Vaivare, director, Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation
Lithuania: Dalia Navikiene, deputy director, Lithuanian Children's' and Youth Center

10:10 - 10:20 Similar and different opportunities and challenges in Baltic countries
Follow-up from the GDE seminar in Estonia (2016) and the follow-up meeting in Lithuania (2017)

10:20 - 10:40 Key note 1: Competencies for democratic culture
Council of Europe

10:40 - 11:00 Key note 2: Development of the indicators for measuring global development education
North South Centre

11:00 - 11:20 Coffee break

- 11:20 - 13:00 Working sessions (best practice presentations, common challenges and opportunities, possible cooperation activities):
- 1) *Policy making and curricula development:*
 Best practice: *Latvia: Project "Competency-based curricula project Skola2030 (School2030)" experts Danute Grīnfelde and Daiga Brakmane*
 Moderator: *Silvija Pupola, Humana Latvia*
 - 2) *Professional development of educators and quality support;*
 Best practice: *Estonia: (tbc)*
 Moderator: *Ruta Pels, Eesti People to People*
 - 3) *Awareness raising and pedagogical tools*
 Best practice: *Lithuania: (tbc) Justina Kaluinaite, director, Lithuanian NGDO Platform*
 Moderator:
- Q&A
- 13:00 - 14.20 Lunch
- 14:20 - 15:20 Feedback from groups, discussions:
 Moderator: *Inese Vaivare, LAPAS*
- 15.20- 16.00 Discussion in small stakeholder groups on: common challenges and opportunities, and possible actions.
- 16.00 - 16.20 Coffee break
- 16.20- 16.50 Conclusions, common action points from content and stakeholder perspective.
 Next steps, operational recommendations with benchmarks for implementation
 Moderator: *Inese Vaivare, LAPAS*
- 16.50- 17.00 Closing
- 17:30 Site visit Sustainable practice in action: Getliņi EKO (optional)

SIA Getliņi EKO is a company which manages Getliņi, the largest municipal solid waste landfill in the Baltic States. The landfill is one of the most modern landfills in Europe; at the moment, it is created and developed as a modern and safe waste recycling center.



Biodegradable waste has been used for production of biogas, meanwhile materials and metal products useful for processing have been delivered to companies engaged in the recovery and recycling of these materials. Modern greenhouses are built in the territory of SIA Getliņi EKO landfill. Annually, SIA Getliņi EKO produces about 500 tons of tomatoes.

April 10

Departure of participants

Global Education Guidelines revision drafting team and the Media Literacy Task Force meeting
(closed event)