

Balkan

on-line experts meeting on Global Development Education

26 November 2020 – 10h00-13h00 CET

Concept Note

In partnership with:



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The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) is implementing from 2019 to 2022 a cycle of regional meetings and follow-up events for the understanding of and competence development on Global Development Education in new EU member States and candidate countries. These regional meetings are developed in the framework of iLegend II, the Joint Programme between the European Union (EU) and the Council of Europe to promote Global Development Education (GDE) in the Balkan, Baltic, South-East Europe and Mediterranean, and Visegrad countries.

These meetings aim at sharing expertise and practices, identify needs and priorities to be tackled in terms of capacity-building and advocacy, and agree on a follow-up mechanism through sub-granted projects.

They target formal and non-formal education practitioners; national Civil Society Organisations platforms; youth organisations and youth multipliers; Ministries of Education, and/or Ministries of Youth, Ministries of Civil Affairs and Ministries of Foreign Affairs; representatives of national parliaments (commission for education and/or development); and platforms of local and regional authorities, with the objective of offering a space of dialogue for a shared understanding, practice and recognition of GDE and a sound development of education policies that can be carried back to the national level.

This approach follows the Council of Europe *Recommendation CM/Rec (2011)4* on education for global interdependence and solidarity and is aligned with the Council of Europe Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture.

It is developed in the framework of the Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) programme of the European Union and responds to the 2017 *European Consensus for Development* and the 2014-2020 financing instrument for development cooperation.

It is also in line with United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda, contributing to the following SDGs:

- Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all (in particular goal 4.7.);
- Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls;
- Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels;
- Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

The Balkan 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 the Balkan partners: Agency for Quality Assurance for the Pre-University (Albania); Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Centre for Peace Studies (Croatia); Association for Democratic Initiatives (North Macedonia); Ministry of Education of Montenegro; Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia; GSM- Youth Services Centre (Turkey).

As from March 2020, the regional meetings took the format of on-line experts meetings, in compliance with sanitary contingencies.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Short introduction to the activity

The Balkan meeting on GDE, to be held in 26 November 2020, will bring together approximately 35 to 42 practitioners and decision-makers from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey to jointly discuss existing perspectives and further developments on the concept and practice of GDE - taking into consideration the challenges arise in the context of to the current pandemic situation and the contribution of GDE in this context - focusing on the competences development and pedagogical support of practitioners and decision-makers, and on awareness-raising and networking.

Each national delegation shall include five to six participants maximum representing formal/non-formal education sector; CSO platform; local authorities; Ministry of Education (MoE), Ministry of Civil Affairs, Ministry of Youth and/or of Foreign Affairs (MFA); parliamentary commissions on education, and the national coordinator of the NSC GE network.

Through plenary and working sessions, participants will review the state of advancement of professional development of and pedagogical support to educators and institutional stakeholders and propose a roadmap to increase GDE capacity-building and advocacy at national and regional level.

The half-day online expert meeting shall be followed by a second half-day session for sharing its outcomes with a wider audience of GDE educators and stakeholders and allow further networking.

Targeted outputs:

- regional state of play in the field of GDE capacity-building and advocacy is shared;
- regional GDE recognition and increased institutional support for policy improvement and pedagogical support are discussed;
- regional needs and priorities are defined in terms of GDE competencies development of main stakeholders (both practitioners and institutional stakeholders) and in terms of policy development;
- digital challenges and divides in the period of COVID 19, and the support for educators facing such challenges, are tackled;
- follow up mechanisms and terms of reference for implementing GDE – including regional needs and priorities in terms of competencies development of main stakeholders (both practitioners and institutional stakeholders) and in terms of policy development - are proposed for the next two years in the framework of sub-granted projects.

Targeted outcomes:

- confidence among representatives from the quadrilogue (governments, national parliaments, local and regional authorities, and civil society) is strengthened;
- knowledge of policy makers (representatives of national governments, local/regional authorities, and national Parliaments) about GDE related competences is increased;
- competences of practitioners (i.e. educators, youth multipliers and NSC GE Network members) on the different dimensions of GDE and its practical implementation are strengthened, and a capacity-building scheme is agreed, taking into consideration new challenges arose with COVID-19 pandemic;
- the NSC Global Education Network is strengthened and reinforced, with government and youth representatives.

Targeted group(s):

- Formal and non-formal educators;
- CSO platform, including youth organisations;
- Local authorities¹;
- Ministries (MoE / Youth / Civil Affairs / MFA)² or training institutes;
- Parliamentary commissions on education³;
- National coordinator within the NSC GE network

Working language

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

DATE

26 November – 10h00-13h00 CET : Experts meeting

27 November – 11h00-13h00 CET : follow-up meeting

2 Half day format (one half-day expert-meeting followed by a second half day session to share with a wider public the results of the expert meeting)

¹ In accordance with the CoE [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#)

² When possible, in accordance with [GENE-Global Education Network Europe](#) representatives

³ In accordance with the CoE Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly: [Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media](#)

International reference documentation

- North-South Centre Global Education network annual meeting [report](#), Lisbon, January 2020;
- North-South Centre [Global Education Guidelines – a Handbook for Educators to Understand and Implement Global Education](#), Lisbon 2019;
- Council of Europe [framework of Competences for Democratic Culture](#), Strasbourg 2016;
- Council of Europe [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2011\)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on education for global interdependence and solidarity](#), Strasbourg 2011;
- Council of Europe [Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education](#), Strasbourg 2010;
- Council of Europe White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue: [“Living Together As Equals in Dignity”](#), Strasbourg 2008;
- [European Consensus for Development](#), 2017;
- [2014-2020 financing instrument for development cooperation](#);
- United Nations [2030 Agenda for sustainable development](#)

Regional reference documentation

Montenegro:

- Methodological instructions for implementing Education for Sustainable Education, Bureau for Education Services (BES) and Regional Environmental Centre (REC) of Montenegro, 2015;
- "Our School" – Methodological instructions for implementing the programme: ESD in preschool education (3 – 6-year old), BES and REC of Montenegro, 2015;
- Education for Sustainable Development: Cross-curricular area in the subject programmes of primary education, BES and REC of Montenegro, 2014;
- Cross-curricular areas in general secondary education subject programmes, BES, 2014;

The materials are available in Montenegrin language on the Bureau for Education Services [website](#)