

GDE BALKAN REGIONAL SEMINAR

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WORKSHOP BRIEFING NOTES

Working group 2 - Professional development of educators and quality support

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The purpose of the working group briefing notes is to guide moderators and rapporteurs, as well as the participants of each aforementioned working session, and to link the discussions with the expected outputs of the session.

Having the Zagreb Congress Global Education strategic recommendations as an overarching framework, it is expected that working group participants, under the guidance of the moderator and rapporteurs, produce at the end of the session a set of operational recommendations (or a plan of action). These operational recommendations contribute to the monitoring process of the implementation mechanism of Zagreb recommendations in the Balkan countries for the period 2016-19. It is important that participants feel the ownership and the continuity of this process.

Each working group participant is invited to contribute to the discussions and propose solutions according to her/his professional background and experience in the field.

The following discussion points are proposed:

- Mapping of main stakeholders and resources
From GDE theory to practice:
 - i) Main actors involved and the added value of a multistakeholder and peer cooperative approach, its pedagogical (and political) impact;
 - ii) Policy and pedagogical resources and mechanisms contributing to the recognition, practice and dissemination of GDE
- Contextualisation of GDE in Balkan countries
Taking into consideration the i) [country summaries](#) (that are at the end of the seminar concept paper); and ii) the outcomes of the intermediate meetings of national GDE working groups held at national level; and having the Zagreb congress [strategic recommendations](#) as an overarching reference framework, enumerate main achievements and challenges and propose some concrete guidance to improve the recognition, practice and dissemination of GDE in the region.
- GDE and the UN Sustainable Development Goals
Align the GDE situation in Balkan countries with European and international context, in particular as to the SDG monitoring process.
- Regional GDE cooperation
Point out potential axis of cooperation for improved recognition, practice and dissemination of GDE in Balkan countries, linked with the three workshop domains.