Global Education Network meeting

Lisbon, Portugal

29-31 January 2020

Concept Note

In partnership with:

Global Education network coordinators
BACKGROUND

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) develops and implements its Global Education (GE) programme activities with the support of the Global Education Network: 40 national coordinators from Council of Europe member States and Morocco (NSC member State), representing Civil Society Organisation platforms or Ministries of Education.

More concretely, the GE network liaises the North-South Centre’s activities in the field of global education pedagogical support and advocacy, and coordinates as well the Global Education Week (GEW) the NSC annual flag-ship awareness-raising campaign. The GE network meets annually to assess the progress made in terms of advocacy, pedagogical support and networking. It participates in the establishment of programmatic priorities through regular consultation processes.

The GE network coordinators act as the North-South Centre’s implementing partners for the activities planned in the framework of the joint programme between, and funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe - iLegend II¹.

The GE network builds its force on its diversity, enabling peer and intercultural learning between formal and non-formal educators, and between practitioners and policy makers.

The GE programme activities are aligned with the Council of Europe’s CM/Rec(2011)4 on education for global interdependence and solidarity and CM/Rec(2010)7 Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education. They are also aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.7 on Global Citizenship Education and with SDG 5 (Gender Equality); SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), and with the EU DEVCO/DEAR Global Partnership for Development.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Short introduction to the activity

The GE network annual meeting will take place in Lisbon, Portugal.

Its format and content is subject to a preliminary consultative process among the network coordinators through:

i) the presentation of iLegend II outline and a review on its advocacy, capacity-building and networking priorities, and

ii) a preliminary consultation on the meeting dates and content.

It also builds on the evaluation of the previous annual meeting report, the reports of the Global Development Education (GDE) seminars and follow-up meetings, as well as on the reporting of the GEW.

Targeted outputs:

In line with iLegend II objectives,

- At least 40 national coordinators participate and exchange expertise in advocacy, pedagogical support and networking mechanisms;
- A timeline and operational recommendations are issued to reinforce:
  - Advocacy mechanisms (with local authorities, parliamentary commissions on education, and institutional representatives; fund raising)
  - Capacity-building scheme based on residential and on-line trainings
  - Partnerships (with sister organisations/initiatives, formal and non-formal educational structures, associations)
  - Outreach (communication strategy with particular emphasis on the GEW and beyond);
- GE pedagogical practices are gathered and compiled for the North-South Centre’s GE resource page

¹ Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue
Targeted outcomes:

- A roadmap/calendar is agreed for the follow-up of the meeting set-up priorities for the implementation of iLegend II cycle and the preparation of the GEW 2020 edition;
- Working groups/task forces are established for the follow-up of the iLegend II programme priorities and roadmap and definition of priorities for the following GEW.

Targeted group(s):

- National coordinators of the GE network (primary)
- Formal and non-formal educators (secondary) & Policy-makers (secondary)

Programme structure:

*Day 1* - Presenting the iLegend II programme
  - Composition and role of the GE network
  - Partnerships for a reinforced GE/GDE advocacy

*Day 2* - GDE regional state of play - achievements, obstacles and needs
  - Going through the advocacy and educational pillars of iLegend II – defining the priorities and follow-up strategies through a stronger protagonism of the GE network.
  - The sub-granting mechanism to reinforce the role of the network through advocacy and pedagogical activities.

*Day 3* - The Global Education Week revisited – reaching out mechanisms
  - Sharing GE practices