

# GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK 2022

## Concept Note

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## BACKGROUND

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) objective as regards global education (GE) is to develop, enhance and sustain strategies, competence development and capacity-building for global education, targeting institutions and practitioners from the formal and non-formal educational sector. Global Education is understood as a holistic education dealing with the growing interconnectedness between local and global realities. It aims at developing learning communities in which practitioners are encouraged to work cooperatively and develop skills for a participatory global citizenship.

Global Education aims at enabling learners to understand world issues while empowering them with knowledge, skills, values and attitudes desirable for world citizens to face global problems. One of the core competences of Global Education is the ability to understand facts holistically, fostering multiperspectivity and the deconstruction of stereotypes. It helps learners to understand the complexity of the world, be aware of contradictions and uncertainties and understand that there is no one-dimensional solution for complex problems. It helps learners to deal with cultural variety of languages and codes so that mutual understanding can be achieved.

### **The North-South Centre Global Education Week**

The Global Education Week is an annual Worldwide awareness raising initiative unfolding during the third week of November. It is a call to rethink our world together, using Global Education as a tool for solidarity and change and contribute for a more and sustainable and equitable world. In preparation and during the Week pedagogical approaches and awareness-raising activities are shared amidst practitioners to rethink our habits, contributing to a sustainable future through sustainable lifestyles.

The Global Education Week relates to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) which aim to eliminate extreme poverty, reduce inequalities and combat the threat of climate change by 2030.

Through its GEW webpage and its GEW Toolkit the North-South Centre offers practitioners guidance to implement awareness-raising activities tackling one or more of the five distinctive areas of the SDGs: Planet, People, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership.

Through the GEW toolkit, practitioners get acquainted with the GE concept, the GEW purpose and aim, the GE network, the UN Agenda 2030 and its five development pillars. More concretely it suggests guidelines to act through people-powered initiative, how to plan an initiative through a specific checklist, how to engage with other stakeholders and peers – it offers practical tools, links and resources promoting global education and media literacy.

Activities taking place during the GEW are displayed through an interactive map and a scrolling list per countries on the GEW webpage.

## **The North-South Centre Global Education Week 2022 edition**

In the context of current crisis, namely the war in Ukraine and other ongoing tensions in the world, the preparation of the GEW 2022 edition – in consultation and collaboration with the GE network national coordinators - will privilege the pillars People, Peace and Partnership, while not neglecting Planet and Prosperity.

### **Process**

As from March 2022 a preparatory plan will be launched with the GEN national coordinators, based on the main findings and recommendations of the **GEW 2021 report**.

Based on the GEW 2021 recommendations, a specific **task force** for the preparation of the GEW 2022 edition will be constituted, involving NSC secretariat (GE programme manager, the Communication assistant, and the trainee) the GEN national coordinators volunteering to join the task force and the campaigner.

The task force role will consist in reinforcing the existing **GEW toolkit chapters** related to People, Peace and Partnership, searching for additional existing resources and pedagogical tools as well as useful links to complement the chapters with up-to-date initiatives.

Based on this update, the GEW webpage would be structured to give more visibility to these chapters.

In parallel, as done in previous editions, an interactive planning framework document will be made available for GEN to register their planned activities, allowing an on-going sharing and a good practice peer-learning process, also offering the possibility for joint initiatives to be planned and implemented (*such as awareness-raising activities, workshops, or webinars among others*).

A specific joint flagship initiative, joining all GEN coordinators and NSC secretariat, would be planned and organised, culminating during the GEW with a specific activity (*ex. concert, webinar, appeal*).

The preparatory process will culminate with a specific public online information session planned in May with the purpose of outlining the GEW 2022 edition and invite constituencies across borders to join the event in 14-20 November, under the overarching five SDGS pillars, with a special focus on People, Peace and Partnership.