



# South-East Europe and Mediterranean Regional Seminar on Global Development Education

## Follow-up meeting

Ljubljana, Slovenia

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## Concept Note

In partnership with:



## BACKGROUND

In the framework of the Joint Programme between the European Union (EU) and the Council of Europe to promote Global Development Education (GDE) in new EU member States and candidate countries<sup>1</sup>, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe is pursuing a cycle of regional seminars and follow-up meetings to promote and monitor the recognition and implementation of GDE in the Balkan, Baltic, South-East Europe and Mediterranean, and Visegrad countries between 2016-2019. This process follows on the strategic recommendations of the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Congress on Global Education organised by the North-South Centre in Zagreb, 2015, and on the Council of Europe [Recommendation CM/Rec \(2011\)4](#) on education for global interdependence and solidarity.

This annual GDE promotion and monitoring process is in line with the Council of Europe Action Plan on Building Inclusive Societies (2016-2019); the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education held in April 2016 under the theme “Securing democracy through education”; and with the Conference organised by the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers “*Education: a safe option to Democracy*”, (Nicosia, Cyprus, March 2017).

It is also in line with Council of Europe and UNESCO efforts to make progress towards Target 4.7 referring to Global Citizenship Education monitoring, in the framework of UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (UN Agenda 2030).

By bringing together practitioners, educators and decision makers to exchange and jointly discuss existing perspectives and further developments on the concept and practice of GDE, in terms of policy making, curriculum development, pedagogical support and advocacy, the North-South Centre contributes to the promotion, recognition and practice of GDE in the South-East Europe and Mediterranean (SEE-Med) region.

The follow-up meeting is organised and facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe with the support of the European Commission (EC) and in partnership with North-South Centre’s South-East Europe and Mediterranean regional partners: Slovenia (SLOGA, as implementing partner); Bulgaria (Open Education Centre-OEC); Cyprus (Ministry of Education and Culture); Malta (SKOP) and Romania (FOND and the Ministry of Education). The follow-up meeting will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

## ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

### Introduction to the activity

The follow-up meeting will bring together approximately 45 practitioners, educators and decision makers from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Malta, Romania and Slovenia to monitor the level of implementation of the recommendations agreed during the SEE-Med Regional Seminar on GDE (Sofia, Bulgaria, December 2016) and updated during the first follow-up meeting held in Bucharest in November 2017, in the field of GDE policy and curricula development, pedagogical support and advocacy, in accordance with the Zagreb Congress strategic recommendations.

Each national delegation shall include five to six participants representing the formal/non-formal education sector; CSO platforms; local authorities; parliamentary commissions on education, Ministry of Education (MoE) and/or of Foreign Affairs (MFA); and the national coordinator of the North-South Centre GDE network.

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<sup>1</sup> ILEGEND-Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue - PA Grant agreement between the European Commission and the Council of Europe – signed in July 2016

These national multistakeholder task forces monitor the process of GDE curricula and policy development throughout the year, during their regular mid-term meetings.

During the one-day meeting, and based on the report of the Bucharest GDE follow-up meeting and on the outcomes of the annual task-force meeting(s), participants will review the state of advancement of GDE implementation through three sessions dedicated to Policy Making and Curriculum Development; Professional development of educators and quality support; Awareness raising and pedagogical tools.

**Targeted outputs:**

- Progress made in relation to the GDE regional seminar and the recommendations of the follow-up meeting is measured and issues at stake are identified;
- Strategies for the recognition and promotion of GDE developed in the region are shared;
- Complementarities between existing education national policies, these recommendations and with Council of Europe framework of competences for democratic culture are acknowledged.

**Targeted outcomes:**

- Common challenges and practices in GDE in the SEE-Med countries are identified and regular national follow-up meetings of the multistakeholder task forces are agreed;
- GDE is promoted as an integral part of education and of development policy through regular assessment of the progress made in the field of policy making and curriculum development;
- Opportunities to develop joint action and collaboration within and beyond the SEE-Med countries are discussed and planned through regular meetings between the regional North-South Centre GDE network coordinators / GDE working groups of the national CSO platforms;
- Operational recommendations and priorities for furthering GDE in the SEE-Med countries are established and benchmarked until 2019.

**Targeted group(s):**

- National coordinators within the North-South Centre GDE network;
- Practitioners and formal and non-formal educators;
- Ministries (MoE and/or MFA)<sup>2</sup>;
- Parliamentary commissions on education<sup>3</sup>;
- Local and Regional authorities<sup>4</sup>;
- CSO platforms;
- Media representatives.

**Working language**

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

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<sup>2</sup> When possible, in accordance with the [GENE-Global Education Network Europe](#) representatives.

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

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with the Council of Europe [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#).

## VENUE

*Grand Hotel Union, Milosiceva 1, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia*

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

- **SEE-Med GDE regional seminar** (Sofia, Bulgaria, December 2016) [Report and Recommendations](#)
- **SEE-Med GDE follow-up meeting** (Bucharest, Romania, November 2017) [Report](#)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> GE Congress Strategic Recommendations:** [Recommendations](#)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> GE Congress Report:** [Final Report](#)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> GE Congress Background documents**
  - [GDE national seminars: 2013-14 overview](#)
  - [GDE regional seminars: 2013-14 overview](#)
  - [Global Development Education Survey](#) - Evaluating the 2012 Lisbon Congress Thematic Recommendations
  - [Youth Global Skills Survey](#) - Exploring Youth Skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century from a Youth Perspective
- North-South Centre [Global Education Guidelines](#)—a Handbook for Educators to Understand and Implement Global Education, Lisbon, 2012 (2008)
- 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 [framework of Competences for Democratic Culture](#), Strasbourg, 2016
- White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue: [“Living Together As Equals in Dignity”](#) Strasbourg, 2008