Implementation of Global Education in the Visegrad Region: Czech Republic







Policy making and curricula development

In 2018 the Czech Republic adopted that new National Strategy for Global Development Education 2018 – 2030, updating the previous strategies. This key concept document for the global development education (GDE) implementation in the Czech Republic provides the binding guidelines for actions of the key GDE stakeholders in the Czech Republic. FoRS and its working group on GDE and awareness raising have contributed to the outlines of the new strategy drawing up the GDE topics chapter. The aims and principles of GDE have been reflected to a varying degree in basic concept documents of the Czech education policy. The cross-cutting topics of the compulsory Framework educational programmes of the curricula for the elementary and secondary education include the GDE (i.e. Education towards Thinking in European and Global Contexts, Environmental Education and Multicultural Education).



Professional development of educators and quality support

The Czech civil society organisations (CSO) have developed long-term educational programmes on GDE for schools, teachers and other educators and have created a number of high-quality GDE methodology materials for pre-school, primary and secondary education. The NGOs have also initiated a closer cooperation with several Czech universities, especially pedagogical faculties, in order to jointly develop GDE-related teaching programmes for future teachers. The methodology web-portal under the Ministry of Education provides teachers with methodological support in teaching and implementation of the framework educational programmes, incl. sharing experience among teachers in GDE-related areas.



Awareness raising and pedagogical tools

The CSOs associated in FoRS run a website www.globalnirozvojovevzdelavani.cz with various GDE materials and providing information regarding the basic principles of GDE, upcoming events, campaigns and other activities. The dialogue among various stakeholders within the multistakeholder working group for GDE under the coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the occasion of various events organised mainly by the CSOs continues. The Czech Development Agency supports GDE projects and awareness raising campaigns of CSOs and other actors since 2004 and co-funds grant schemes for existing projects.

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