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Concept Paper

**Global Education Week network
evaluation seminar**

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Background information

The North-South Centre's objective as regards global education is to develop and sustain strategies and capacity-building for global education, targeting institutions and practitioners from educational formal and non-formal sectors. This work is based on the conviction that global education is a holistic "education that opens people's eyes and minds to the realities of the world, and awakens them to bring about a world of greater justice, equity and human rights for all"¹. With this in view, "Global education is understood to encompass Development Education, Human Rights Education, Education for Sustainability, Education for Peace and Conflict Prevention and Intercultural Education; being the global dimension of Education for Citizenship"².

The Global Education Programme of the North-South Centre (NSC) promotes, improves and intensifies this type of education within the Council of Europe (CoE) member States as well as on a global level. This programme is based on CoE recommendations and outcomes of conferences organised by the NSC, namely the Maastricht Congress (2002) which gathered policy makers and practitioners to reflect on a European strategy framework for improving and increasing global education towards 2015. This reflection resulted in the Maastricht Declaration. This declaration, together with the Global Education Charter, delivered in 1997 as the first North-South Centre reference document on global education, act as the NSC global education framework documents.

In parallel, the North-South Centre has developed a networking mechanism for practitioners from Council of Europe member states to share strategies and good practices for increasing and improving global education. This networking approach is supported by Global Education Week (GEW), an Europe-wide annual awareness-raising kick-off event to encourage global education practice in formal and non-formal educational settings. The Global Education Week is coordinated with the assistance of the Global Education Week Network and supported by an interactive global education webpage³ and electronic newsletter. This mechanism was systematised since 2000 when the Global Education Week network as such had its first evaluation and planning meeting in Lisbon.

The GEW networking process is appraised during its annual evaluation seminar, a meeting for the GEW network to share strategies for increasing and improving global education. It is in this context that the GEW network agreed on the need to produce the Global Education Guidelines, a pedagogical tool to share concepts and methodologies on global education with educators and policy makers, available on-line from the NSC GE webpage. In 2009 the NSC will complement the GE guidelines with an on-line training course. In parallel, global education country profiles will also be made available on NSC GE webpage. Like the GE Guidelines process, which comprised a consultative process of the GEW network, the GE on-line training course and the country profiles editing will strengthen the synergy between the NSC GE programme and the GEW network. Together with the preparation of a GE Recommendation to be presented to the CoE Committee of Ministers, these initiatives will reinforce NSC global education regular actions such as the GEW, the World Aware Education Awards and the Global Education Newsletter.

¹ Maastricht Global Education Declaration, 15th-17th November 2002. The definition was originally formulated during the yearly evaluation meeting of the Global Education Week Network, held in March 2002, in Cyprus

² Maastricht Global Education Declaration, 15th-17th November 2002

³ http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE_en.asp & http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/ge_FR.asp

Objective

The objective of the GEW evaluation seminar is to share successful practices developed in the frame of the GEW 2008 edition and assess the recommendations and follow-up measures resulting from the preceding GEW evaluation seminar (*June 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia*) aiming at improving working synergies between the NSC GE programme and the GEW network and strengthen global education networking strategies at national level.

Therefore the seminar will centre on:

- . the GEW 2008 evaluation;
- . the preparation of the GEW in 2009;
- . the role of the GEW network coordinators in the framework of the NSC 2009 programme of activities and the recently signed Joint Management Agreement with the European Commission to promote GE in the new EU member states;
- . the coordinated working strategy between the GEW network and the NSC GE programme.

Time and date

Saturday 21 March 9.30 – 18.00h to Sunday 22 March, 9.00 – 18.00h in Budapest, Hungary

Organisation and working methods

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, organiser of the evaluation seminar, will provide conference facilities, accommodation and meals in Budapest (*venue details to be sent together with the electronic invitation and confirmation form*) from the evening of Friday 20 March to breakfast on Monday 23 March. Travel to and from the conference venue should be paid by participants' organisations. In cases where this would preclude participation, please contact a.s.a.p. the North-South Centre that will make a budgetary assessment on the possibility to reimburse or partially contribute to travel costs.

The seminar's programme will be discussed and finalised in cooperation with the preparatory team composed by GEW network representatives from Cyprus, Germany and Slovakia.

The meeting will be held in English

Programme elements

- North-South Centre programme of activities overview for 2009, presentation for the Joint Management Agreement with the European Commission
- GEW 2008 overview, sharing good practices in working groups and plenary
- GEW evaluation criteria review
- GEW network working strategy at national level :
 - improving national networking mechanisms and local partnerships
 - GE national platforms & GEW national websites
 - working with local authorities & media
 - coordination with local international organisations representations (CoE information offices, UNESCO, OHCHR, MDGs, EU Dev. Days, EU Year of Intercultural Dialogue)
- GEW network / NSC working strategy :
 - GE Guidelines follow-up priorities : its dissemination strategies at national levels & its translation
 - Consultative processes for 2009 : GE country profiles & GE on-line training course
 - Working groups :
 - evaluation criteria and indicators for the assessment of GEW implementation strategies;
 - GEW webpage & GE electronic newsletter presentation
 - preparation and agenda of the GEW annual evaluation seminar
- Preparation of GEW 2009

Participants

National contacts from the GEW network new member states of the CoE.

Representatives of the 12 new EU member States – *Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia* – will be invited for the launching event for promoting development education in the new EU member States, 23-24 March.

Expected results

The expected results from the working meeting are:

- Increased global education practice by GEW network and partners at national level
- Improved overall coordination and identification of GE needs at national level
- Common ownership and commitment to the NSC GE programme
- Identification of possibilities to further improve global education in the different sectors in respective country

Background documents

- Global Education Guidelines (2008)
- Maastricht Declaration on global education; Europe-wide Global Education Congress report “Global Education in Europe to 2015 - Strategy, policies, and perspectives” (2002)
- Global Education Charter (1997)
- European Consensus on Development Education (2007)
- European Youth Forum’s policy paper on global education (2008)
- Joint management Agreement between the NSC and the European Commission (2008)
- CM draft recommendation on global education (on-going process)