

European Development Days
Brussels, 6 and 7 December 2010

High Level Panel

Do Europeans Care about the Rest of the World?
Measuring and Promoting Europeans' support for Global Development

Tuesday, 7 December 2010 - Auditorium 400

Ambitious development policies are not enough: We also need responsible and engaged Europeans to build a just and sustainable world. However, while public surveys repeatedly show high support to development, the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal is far off track, also due to failed commitments by the donor countries. High-level panellists from European institutions, member states and civil society will assess if Europeans really care about the rest of the world: How can we measure support and engagement of the European population for global development? What is the role of citizens' mobilization and Development Education/Awareness Raising (DEAR) in European Development policies? In the frame of the event, the European Commission will launch its recent comprehensive "DEAR Study", which contains concrete policy proposals to enhance the involvement of Europeans with the development agenda. To close, the World Aware Education Award will highlight three exemplary development education projects as an illustration of what can be done concretely to mobilise European citizens support for global development.

10.00 Introduction and welcome

"What is Development Education, and why is it important?"

Sam Biesemans, Belgium Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Multi-Stakeholder Steering group on Development Education

10.10 Opening words

N.N., European Network of Political Foundations

10.15 Panel Debate part I "Do Europeans care about the rest of the world?"

Franziska Keller, Member of European Parliament

Ahto Lobjakas, Journalist, Estonia

Rilli Lappalainen, CONCORD board member, Co-chair of the European Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group on Development Education

Helmuth Hartmeyer, Austrian Development Agency, Chair of the Global Education Network Europe

Spencer Henson, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK

10.50 Launch of the European Commission's "DEAR Study"

Angelo Baglio, EuropeAid

11.00 Panel debate part II "How to empower Europeans to care more?"

11.45 Closing remarks and World Aware Education Award

Denis Huber, Director of the North-South-Centre, Council of Europe

12.00 Closing

(moderation: *Andreas Unger*, imPuls)

