



**GENE**  
**Global Education**  
**Network Europe**  
**Networking**  
**Ministries**  
**and Agencies**

Synergies between  
National and European initiatives

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# GENE – Global Education Network Europe

Over 60 Ministries – of Foreign Affairs, Development, Education - and their Agencies, from across Europe, with national responsibility for Global Education (GE) - policy, co-ordination, funding and support.

- Multilateral Roundtables for policy learning
- Peer Review for enhanced quality
- Policy research and support

Working towards the day when all people in Europe – in solidarity with peoples globally - will have access to quality GE (including ESD).

Beyond silo-isation...

# Global Education and ESD

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Importance of recognition  
in relation to youth

Global Education is 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.

Global Education is understood to encompass Development Education, Human Rights Education, Education for Sustainable Development, Education for Peace and Conflict Prevention and Intercultural Education; being the global dimensions of Education for Citizenship.

*Maastricht Definition (2002)*



Global Education in formal, non-formal and informal education settings

Meaningful YOUTH PARTICIPATION  
and YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Opportunity emerging in the synergies between *national whole of sector youth initiatives* and a *European policy landscape* that is beginning to **recognise the importance of youth engagement across all settings...**



# Example of Youth Engagement: Ireland

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The NYCI partnership  
GE/DEAR programme

- National Youth Council, particular youth organisations, NGDOs, Irish Aid, etc.
- Strong, coherent, strategic sector wide approach.
- Training, campaigns, awareness-raising, representation.
- Building GE/ESD into the heart of what it means to do youth work.
- Strong inter-ministerial support.
- Funding is crucial, if used strategically.



CODEV of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the EU February 2020 heard..

- **Strong policy and provision and commitment by Member States and by the EU; and good policy learning between MS and with the Commission in GE/DEAR**
- **Progress made towards ensuring access to quality GE and DEAR for all people in Europe.**
- Circa 150 million Euro dedicated funding from ODA annually at national level

Council of the European Union Conclusions on Youth, June 2020

The Council calls upon the Commission and the High Representative, in cooperation with the Member States ... to (support) work with, by and for youth in order to:

Enhance **active global citizenship** through **strengthened global education, development education and awareness raising (DEAR) with youth** including ***training, youth work activities and awareness-raising in human rights, sustainable development...***





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