GCE FALL MEETING / 6-7 December 2021

PARTICIPANTS

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- GCE Advocacy Strategy 2020-2022 — Open link
- Priorities document — Open link
- Exchange session ppt — Open link
- 2021 Recap document
- COVID letter — Open link

1st day. December 6, 2021

Agenda

1. Introductions and updates from the national level
2. External and internal updates
3. Content exchange and GCE mainstreaming discussion

Updates from the national / network level

Using the sticky notes, post here the most relevant milestones regarding GCE from your national / network perspective

this is an example! → (Country) - Organisation - [content]

- Belgium - Belgian CONCONRD Platform - 1. Decompartmentalization (btw North and South approaches and bwt NGOs and other educational actors) 2. Decolonization 3. Climat change
- Denmark, Global Focus PRESSURE A number of organisations pressurized Min.Ed. to add sustainability to the education laws. New funding from MFE with emphasis on actions and engagement.
- Portugal - Plataforma - We have been able to build bridges with national governmental authorities
- Hungary - HAND - We have narrowed the topics to work on: teacher training
- Austria - Sudwind - New 3-year dev coop programme, with GCE included. SDG campaign next year
- Malta - SKOP Platform "Juggling" as most members had to focus their work on a number of priorities brought about by Covid, but nonetheless initiatives on GCE popped up here and there and currently a State-of-Play report on GE is being carried out through NSC funds.
- Name: Czech Republic - National Platform Czech Donors - Czech Development Agency - World Vision as recently, global development education in the Czech Republic has been closely tied to the Czech Donors Platform (development education and Goals to Go), we were finally able to connect representatives of MFA, MoE and Czech Development Agency. There are now two major processes: 1) Review of the Czech Development Education Strategy - preparation for the Czech Presidency - From January 2022 - new position focused on GCE
- Spain - Coordinadora ONGD - A lot of changes, very intense year
- Poland - Zagranica - A lot of work on research during the last year in teacher training
- Slovenia - SLOGA - Difficult relation with the current govt. EU Presidency going on, with a lot of activities
- Italy The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation has started working on a draft national GCE implementation plan recently shared with CSO WG on GCE for inputs
- France - Coordination Sud - new ways of working with new targets due to the pandemic.
- Czech Rep - FORS - GCE in the country closely linked to climate change, we managed to engage with different ministries
- Finland - FINGO - Roadmap for next 9 years on how to achieve the SDGs
- Latvia - LAPAS - Two more colleagues in the office. Good year in building bridges with other NPs for activities beyond national context
- Luxembourg - Cercle de Cooperation - good meetings, even in person!
- WeWorld - We have been working on GCE as a policy framework at different levels
- Estonia - AKU - national Dev. Coop agency just set up, hopefully it will include a GCE section
- ADRA - Work focused on a bottom-up approach, based on the needs of the people we work with
- Germany - VENRO - public finance for GCE is decreasing a lot
- Slovakia - Ambrela - trying to intensify the connections with members and other NGOs working on GCE
- ALDA - For first time in almost two years it was possible to celebrate two big in person events

Review of 2021 - exchange with Tanya

(Exchange with CONCORD Director and Head of Policy)

- Introductory remarks by Tanya
  - One of CONCORD priorities is to continue conversation on "Unlearning development"
  - Reminder of sharing any impact on EU level of the GCE group with the Secretariat for good coordination
- Q&As
  - Policy procedures: how to make sure the work goes through
    - Being able to talk to advocacy targets directly
    - Members have shown interest in strengthening our efforts on advocacy
  - Budget and secretariat support
    - CONCORD puts the pressure on the EU level, not national level
    - 20% FTA allocated to GCE from next year on
  - Where's the backlog in procedures?
    - Coordinators facilitates the work, but never leads on it.
    - We are moving towards advocacy, some groups need faster to that
    - Highlight the importance of GCE, but need for better timing and strategy
    - We can discuss better tools than the ones currently used
- CONCORD's priorities
  - Unlearning development
    - We are keen to know what actions we should do to tackle
    - Stop talking about capacity building and start working with and without the partners.
  - Citizens' engagement
    - Survey results to understand what they could do for us (being action-oriented)
    - Systemic change, social justice and social change issues
  - Shrinking civic space
    - We can all identify the problem, but we need more creative solutions

Exchange with Skuratowicz

Head of Unit of INTPA G3 (Youth, Education and Culture)

- Some remarks
  - New HoU, appointed in September
  - GCE higher on the agenda since she joined
  - INTPA looking at EU policies as one (internal and external)
  - GCE as a glue between internal and external dimension
  - INTPA trying to be as flexible as possible re impact of COVID-19 on DEAR projects
    - Ad-hoc and one-to-one analysis
  - Some challenges: political narrative, social media
  - Address CONCORD to come up with intensive story-telling
  - Principle of partnerships is very important
    - Hence the change of name of the meeting of 2021
- Q&As and comments
  - Glad to hear INTPA speaking "the same language"
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  - Importance of having EU level policies on GCE
  - Underline the importance of exchanges - need to keep in touch regularly with Sobiech
  - Challenge facing the perception of the role of GCE for development
  - Competing narratives and voices questioning the role of EU in development
  - Not only a matter of funding, info about priorities is also very important
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Programming document for DEAR call to be launched mid-December

Next DEAR Call for Proposals in Spring 2022

Content exchange

In break out rooms, we will be discussing different topics that are relevant for our work.

1. COVID-19 impact on GCE

- Threatened Survival - Income streams broken down
- Work online - change pedagogical approach
- Tools - ethical online solutions
- Change in discourse around migration
- Affects wellbeing of implementators of GCE - testing resilience
- Opportunities - Funding e.g. Erasmus +, COVID related funding - include GCE
- Digital inequality - digitalisation is an opportunity to challenge power structures
- Switching local activities online - maintaining local connection
- Shrunk Civil Society spaces even more
- Covid letter - relevant for various actors
- Discourse: Makes Globalisation more tangible
- Opportunity: focal groups with young people - new communication channels
- Outreach to same audience with same type of activities - innovating enough? Not reaching larger audience
- Divisions in society: Border issues
- Difficulty of working in a network, partly due to COVID
- Presidency project - more linked with GCE - presenting now?
- Schools (and other spaces) in difficulty - education advocacy targets
- Opportunity to work with North-South centre - improved capacity to link actors
- Zoom Fatigue - Personal meetings needed for TGs and ourselves
- European elections - Increase importance of GCE
- Change in discourse around migration
- GCE not a priority due to COVID emergency
- Difficulty in working with Schools - resources don't meet need
- Importance of not letting decision makers not affect our motivation
- GCE more important than ever!

2. CONCORD strategy and policy processes

- Focus on Advocacy cannot mean forgetting policy side
- GCE situation is more fragile than ever
- Learn from previous period: smallest org. may just collapse
- top 5 values from strategy process survey; solidarity, non-discrimination, collaboaration, integrity, respect (each got over 50% of voets)
- Increase in the role of NPs
- Digitalisation as an opportunity (and as unavoidable) - connecting DEAR with Digital Community
- Unlearn Development = Learn GCE
- Spain: new cooperation law next year
- Create policy creation manual with transparent approval process description
- In run-up to 2024 Elections: Engage citiizens for global sustainability and empowerment
- Link DEAR and Economy Workstreams regarding Due Diligence in supply chains
- Work hand in hand with GCE for Programming
- Ask for sharing in advanced when Advocacy docs. are going to be released to provide inputs

Mainstreaming GCE across CONCORD's workstreams

The purpose of this session is to exchange with representatives from other workstreams and cross-cutting groups to be aware of the work done and look for possible interlinkages

Please, find here the PPT where we presented the main ongoing work in other WSs and C-C groups

GCE Fall meeting - Exchange session ppt.pptx

Linkages with other WS

- Progresses made with the Comms group
- More collaboration needed with NDICI group > DEAR!
- Concerns about fewer linkages than imagined
- Go internally in our platforms to see who is working on other groups
- Difficult to be propositional without resources / budget
- Organize once a year a meeting with all those representatives of the different WG of CONCORD

2nd day. December 7, 2021

Agenda

1. Prioritisation discussion and planning for 2022
2. 'Re-thinking development' training (open to members)

Priority proposals for 2022

Mainstreaming GCE across CONCORD's workstreams

- National/network CONCORD rep meetings on national level — SIGN UP: everyone :) (Fede to draft document for collection of info)
- meet other CONCORD WSs and structures — SIGN UP: Pat: comm comm Mari, Stefan (social ec): FFSD Digital Community: Fede
- Unlearning development — INTERESTED: Anna

Citizens' engag

- Citizen Engagement towards EP Elections Task Force — Sign up: Stefan Luciana (link comcom)
- MEL - Monitoring and evaluating impact TaskForce — Sign up: Minna Anna
  - MEL guide

DEAR policy and funding

- DEAR policies + guide — SIGN UP: Mari Stefan (link FFSD, comcom for guides?)
- Pro bono policy and rules analysis — SIGN UP: Vero (Mari with old documents)

2022 Action plan

GCE Mainstreaming

- Mainstreaming GCE at each national level (colleagues that go to other CONCORD groups) and at CONCORD level
- Identifying people and moments that needs GCE inputs at a CONCORD level and national level
- Organize once or twice a year a meeting with all CONCORD representatives to mainstream GCE at a national level
- Talking more about common agendas (like agenda 2030, SDGs, or Target 4.7) more understandable than GCE
- Mainstreaming GCE Expertise and tools at national/CONCORD level
- Identifying other pertinent GCE events/actors like GEW from NS center at national and EU level
- Mainstreaming at a national or CONCORD level tools like code of conduct or other tools from other platforme (like target 4.7 tools from Fingo or Bridge 47 network)
- Offering GCE expertise in other WS, groups or activities at a EU level
- Inviting representative of other CONCORD WS in our meetings and go to theirs
- Go to the actors from Undevelopement WS
- Improve Story telling capacities and narrative about GCE and share it
- Success in Spain to change the perception of GCE beeing the seconde sister ;)
- Decolonization training
- Mainstreaming GCE outside of GCE comunity and no usual suspects (youth, scouts, elders organizations,and other actors)

Citizen's engagement

- Link with unlearning?
- Ask re link to global trends
- Importance sharing information on how 4.7 is being roadmapped/ evaluated in differente countries
- Practical examples that have worked in the past
- Linking citizen engagement on supply chains in DEAR with WG on Sustainable Economy
- Link with Social Economy Action Plan
- Impact evaluation always difficult but necessary, need to be more visible
- MEL Working Group- Reflection on Impact Evaluation
- mass lobby of youth in EP
- Link with DEAR programming - MEAL
- Citizen engagement action to work together on
- European Year of Youth 2022 :E needs to ›age as key.
- European Election Campaign in run up to 2024 - engage between elections - importance of task force
- 2 working group: - MEAL/DEAR an Campaign 2024 elections
- Fits in with "New Power" narrative - good case to be made for citizen engagement actions linked with
- Importance of studies and long erm thinking
- Make up plan for 2023 NOW - with Comms and external support
- Importance of studies on public opinion/young people on EpCG and 4.7
- Concord DEAR project???
- What is the action(s) that we can take from the WG?
- THink BIG - more important than ever

DEAR Policy

- Actions:
  a) COVID letter
  b) DEAR prog. and CfP
  c) Negotiations with INTPA
  d) CfP/programme guide
  e) MEAL Framework guide
- Link with CONCORD WS
  DEAR = FFSD
  Guides = com. com. and FFSD
- Possible actions:
  a) impact stories (mainstreaming)
  b) pro bono analysis of calls+recomms+PRAG
  c) GCE strategy (beyond dev coop/INTPA)
- TRENDS:
  UNESCO goes for transformative edu, 4.7 all together.
  Bridge: 4.7 strategy
  GENE: GE declaration
  Us: GCE strategy?
  - TARGETS/partners
    INTPA, various levels
    other DGs (for GCE strat)
    GENE (for GE declaration)