DEAR MSG
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Main findings from the DEAR Stakeholders' Consultation

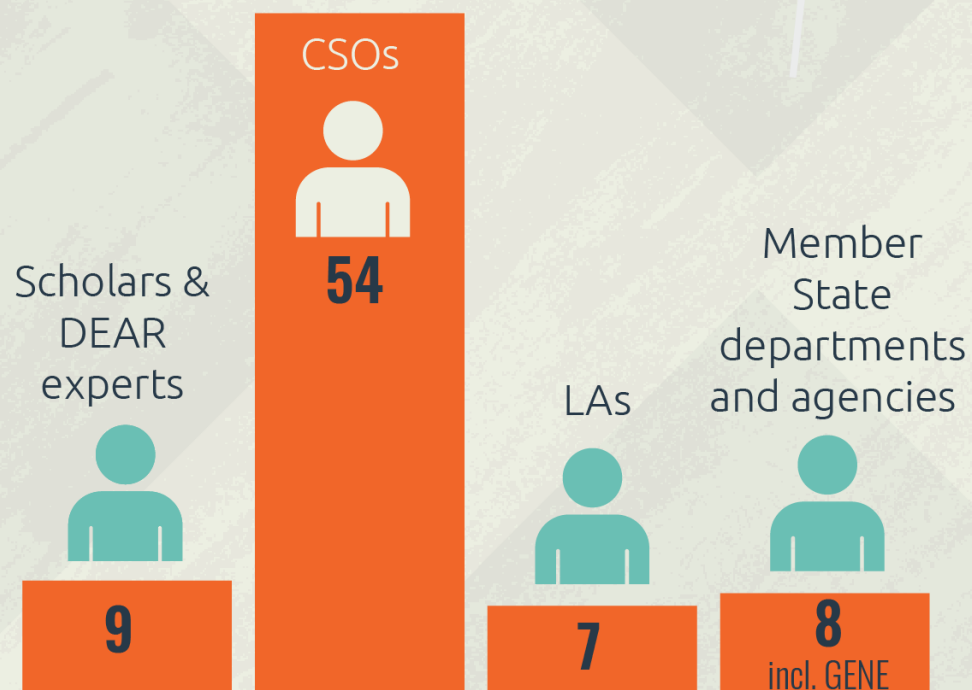Francesca Vanoni, DEAR Support Team

Survey among DEAR Stakeholders

Quick overview on methodology:

- ❖ Online survey (Nov-Dec 2020)
- ❖ 13 questions overall, mainly open questions
- ❖ Only 2 compulsory questions
- ❖ Respondents are DEAR stakeholders working on DE/GE in various capacity across Europe

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DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION
AND AWARENESS RAISING

Respondents:
Total **78**

Ever in a DEAR-supported project?

CSOs

54

Scholars &
DEAR
experts

Member
State
departments
and agencies

LAs

9

7

8
incl. GENE

57 YES

21 NO

Typology of DEAR Stakeholders

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What objectives should the future DEAR Programme pursue?

22 Support the achievement of SDG target 4.7

16 Foster public understanding and citizens' action on global challenges

9 Support and strengthen civil society

16 Support campaigning, advocacy, education, awareness-raising for systemic change

10 Affect change in youth attitudes and engagement

5 Develop fair and multilateral dialog

DEAR Objectives

22 SDG 4.7

16 Systemic change

16 Understanding and action

10 Youth engagement

9 Civil society

5 Dialogue

What issues should the future DEAR Programme focus on?

13 The integrated nature of SDGs

13 A global perspective on issues and policies

7 SDG 4.7

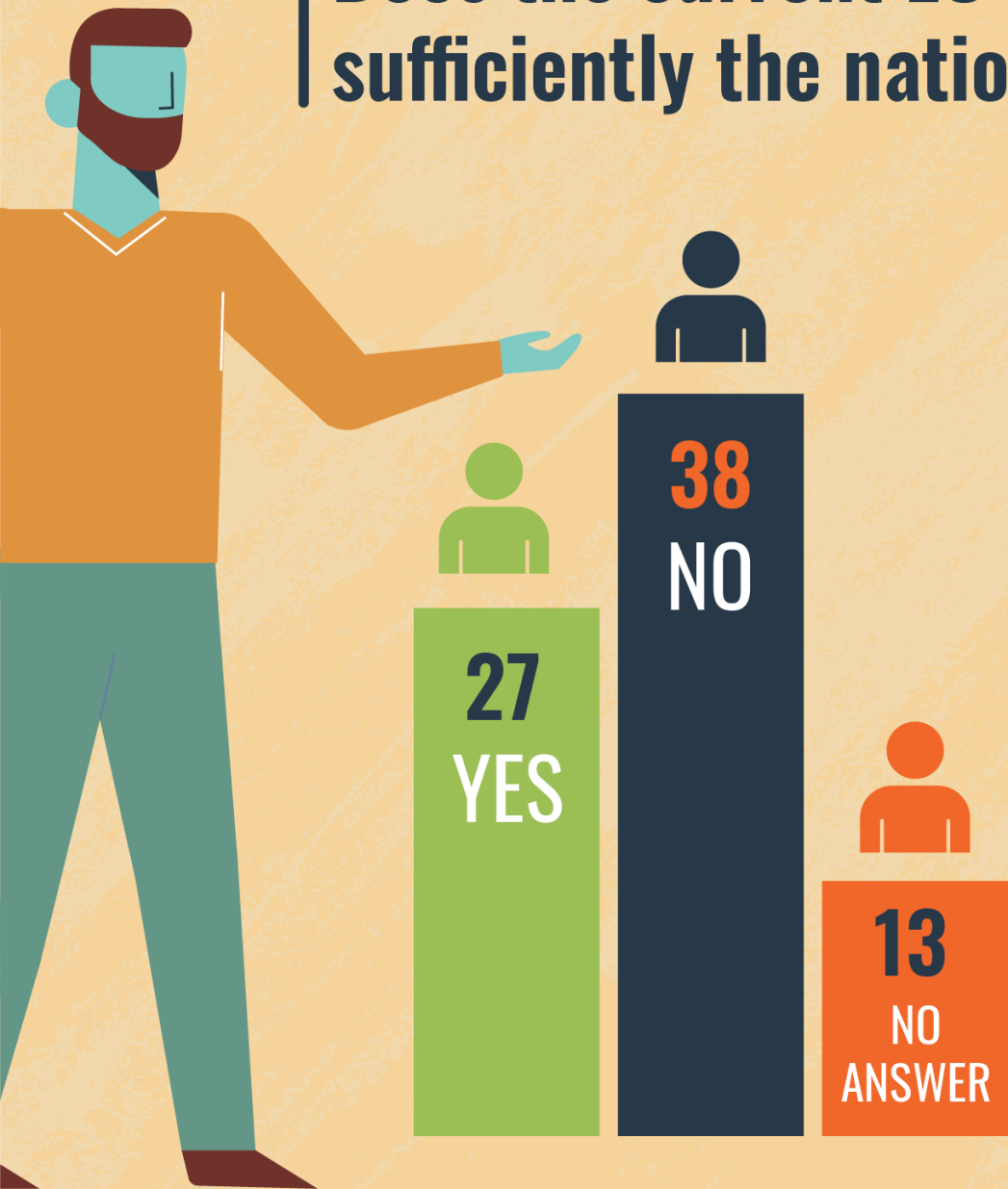**7** Global Citizenship Education

7 Climate crisis

6 Youth participation

Other issues in a second tier (from 2 to 5 respondents):

- Global issues identified by CSO/LA as part of their right of initiative
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Civic engagement
- Inequalities
- Migrations
- Human rights
- Gender equality
- Media literacy
- Inclusive societies…

Does the current EU DEAR Programme complement sufficiently the national DEAR/GE programmes?

27 YES

38 NO

13 NO ANSWER

HOW TO STRENGTHEN COMPLEMENTARITY?

- Multi-level policy dialogue for peer-learning and knowledge-sharing
- EU coordination and (financial) support for national plans
- Funds for initiatives in EU MS where DEAR is weaker
- ! >> Strengthening the Pan-European nature of DEAR projects (7)
- ! >> Reduce the size of consortia (7)
- Greater involvement of smaller organisations
- Involving other fora in consultations on future DEAR calls
- Promote cross-sectoral cooperation at all levels

What measures should be taken to increase the coherence and impact of the EU DEAR Programme as a whole?

- Embrace the diversity of the existing DEAR: no to a centralised intervention logic

- Set up high level programme objectives and ensure all projects contribute to their achievement

- Ensure support for more structured and coordinated cooperation and exchange

- Reduce the size of projects and consortia

- Maintain sub-granting options to reach smaller locally targeted players

- Longer-term and stable funding, regular and transparent CfP, core funding vs. project grants.

- Be sensitive to the country-specific contexts

What could be done to collect/aggregate (more) meaningful information about the results of the DEAR programme, especially at the level of outcomes and impact?
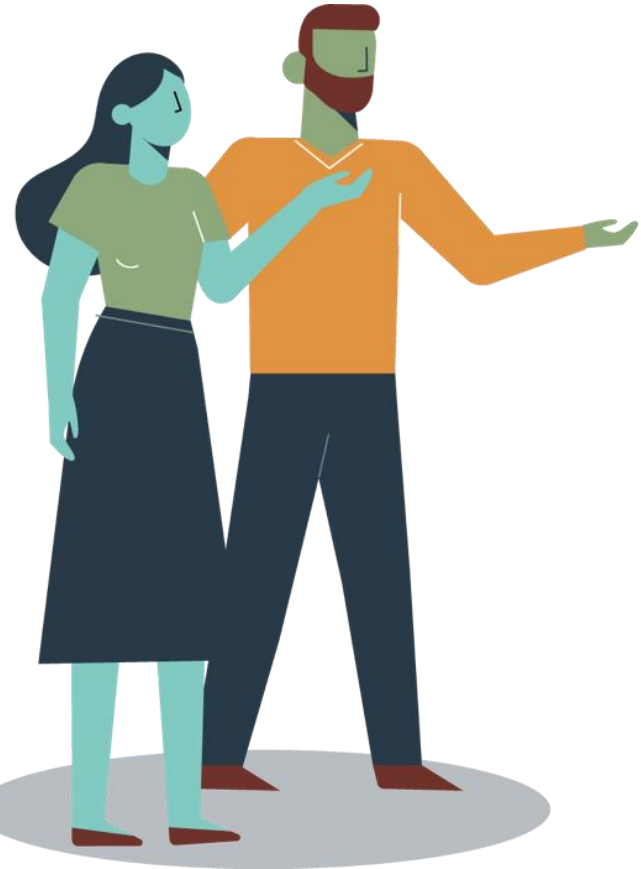
- **Use qualitative data collection methods** (together with quantitative data)

- A reframed DEAR-specific model of M&E to keep it 'simple and tailor-made'

- Establish uniform reporting and monitoring for all projects (and Member States)

- Create a simple online platform as common reporting database

- A closer follow up from EC task managers

- Use the "Engagement pyramid" among the monitoring tools

What role should the MSG play?

- **Networking**

- **Facilitating exchange between stakeholders**

- Offering guidelines or feedback on DEAR, shaping priorities

- Supporting action towards DEAR targets

- Evaluating DEAR

Who should be the MSG participants and how should they be selected?

- ❖   CSOs (networks or single organisations)
- ❖   Member States
- ❖   Past and ongoing projects
- ❖   Youth groups

- ❖   Academics
- ❖   Private sector

What other measures could be taken to strengthen the usefulness and relevance of this grouping?

Call for greater transparency and openness of the work of the MSG

For example:

- Making part of meetings open
- Emphasis on non-hierarchical exchange
- Greater follow-up of decisions, with results made public
- Regular stocktaking of the group's role and functions
- Clearer and better defined role

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If the DEAR Programme was to change its name, what new name would you propose?

Most mentioned ones:

'**Global Citizenship Education**' (or variations on that)

'**GEAR** – Global Education and Awareness Raising'

…move away from Development Education towards Global Citizenship

Among other ideas: Active Citizenship & Engagement (ACE) Programme
…references to: Inclusive and Sustainable Development

12 no change

48 new name

no answer **18**

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Thank you!

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