



Growing European Access to Quality Global Education

GENE – A Perspective from DEAR Policy Development

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Summary

- Introduction to **GENE**
- **Diversity** of Approaches in Europe
- **Significant Progress** in last 15 Years
- **Challenges / Opportunities...**

GENE – an introduction

- **GENE** - Global Education Network Europe
- GENE is the network of **Ministries and Agencies** with national responsibility for Global Education in Europe.
- Our aim is to work towards the day when all Europeans have access to quality Global Education.
- What do we do? **We share Policy Learning!**

GENE

- Started in 2001 with 6 bodies sharing learning
- Now over 40 Ministries and Agencies & EC
- 33 Roundtables
- Peer Reviews
- Internat. Symposiums and Seminars
- Bi-lateral & Common Initiatives



Diversity of Approaches

- Conceptual
- Histories
- Funding
- Strategic

Significant Progress in Global Education

**Growing Cooperation and Policy Learning at a
European level over the last decade**

Major GE Events / Initiatives

- Maastricht Congress (2002)
- Learning for a Global Society (London confer. 2003)
- European Conference on PA & DE (Brussels, 2005)
- Conference on European DE (Helsinki, 2006)
- The European Consensus on Development: The Contribution of DEAR (2007)
- EC DEAR Study (2010)

Major GE Events/Initiatives

- Espoo Symposium on GE in Curriculum Change (2011)
- Lisbon GE Congress (2012)
- GENE Hague Symposium on GE (2012)
- Espoo Symposium on Education of Global Citizens (2014)
- Zagreb GE Congress (2015 forthcoming)

Developments / Trends

- Growing Cooperation and Coordination at European level
- Strengthened European Policy Frameworks
- Growth in National Support Structures
- Growth in geographic spread of GE in Europe
- Growth in Quality National Strategies

Developments / Trends

- Moves towards greater Conceptual Clarity
- Greater Emphasis on Monitoring and Evaluation
- Growing Interest in Research and Academic work
- Strengthened GE in development of and reform of curricula

In Particular

**Growing Movement of GE from an add-on,
to being more central.**

Espoo Finland Conclusions (2011)

1. ***“Education must put Global Education at the heart of learning, if it is to be considered quality education.”***

Source: The Espoo Finland Conclusions on Global Education in Curriculum Change.

Challenges / Opportunities

- Diversity
- Conceptual Development
- Funding
- Cooperation and Coordination
- National Level and European Cooperation and Coordination
- Political change
- SDGs

In Conclusion: Sharing Approaches That Work Going Forward

- Continue strengthening Cooperation, Coordination and Sharing of Policy Learning on GE in Europe;
- Need to Build on these Approaches which Work;

Thank You!

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