

## **PLATFORMA Webinar #8 DEAR (Development Education and Awareness Raising)**

**17 November 2020 - 10:00-11.30**

*Do not hesitate to connect as of 9.50 to test your audio!*

*Interpretation in French, English and Spanish*

[Link to registration](#)

### **Context**

**Development education and awareness-raising (DEAR)** strategies aim at transforming a community's attitudes and behaviours towards global sustainability, solidarity, equality and democracy. In a rapidly changing context of globalisation and intense interconnectivity, the need for a new approach to citizenship and education brought up the notion of **Global Education (GE)**. The [Maastricht Global Education Declaration](#) (Global Education Congress 2002) defined GE as an encompassing “*development education, human rights education, education for sustainability, education for peace and conflict prevention and intercultural education*”. Most of [EU programmes refer to DEAR as a wide spectrum of actions](#) that enable EU citizens “*to understand global development concerns and their local relevance*” and “*to enact their rights and responsibilities as inhabitants of and interdependent and changing world*”. Nowadays, the notion of **Global Citizenship Education (GCE)** is used to put the focus on enhancing a critical and proactive citizenship.

The **2030 Agenda** adopts the GCE approach and explicitly recognises the importance of informing and involving citizens in finding solutions and actions to achieve the goals of sustainable development (Target 4.7 *Sustainable development and global citizenship*, *SDG17 Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development*). The global pandemic has demonstrated that cities of different sizes are hubs where globalisation challenges hit the most, and where innovative solutions for sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda will have to take shape.

**Local and regional governments (LRGs) and their associations (LRGAs) are particularly engaged in DEAR initiatives.** They are key actors when it comes to raise citizens awareness on global challenges through their experience in international cooperation. LRGs play a strategic role as the level of government closest to citizens because they are key in to supporting, articulating or promoting DEAR efforts in their territory, and create a learning agenda that takes into account the 2030 Agenda localisation process. The local and territorial dimension of DEAR is crucial to generate long-lasting and sustainable impacts that follow a whole-of-society approach, especially when the COVID-19 pandemic can be seen as an opportunity for social change, but accompanied by a growing concern about the risk of an authoritarian response in some contexts.

### **Objectives**

The webinar aims to explore the benefits of DEAR projects and policies carried out by LRGs for international solidarity, development cooperation and sustainable solutions in a globalised world. The webinar will also present the work that European networks active in DEAR are doing and PLATFORMA's campaign: the [European Days of Local Solidarity \(EDLS\)](#).

It also aims to provide concrete examples of how LRGAs develop and implement DEAR projects and what they are doing to articulate policy dialogue together with CSO, academia and schools to localise DEAR actions.

## Draft Agenda

*Moderated by Lur Fernandez Salinas, Project Officer on Development Education and Awareness Raising, PLATFORMA*

### 10 Introduction (5')

- **Frédéric Vallier**, Secretary General of the [Council of European Municipalities and Regions](#) (CEMR)
- **Marlène Siméon**, Director of [PLATFORMA](#)

### 10.05 Setting the scene (8')

European Commission

- **Agata Sobiech**, Head of Sector DEAR and Youth at DG DEVCO Unit B1: Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance.

### 10.13 Panel debate: local and regional governments and their associations: the geopolitical dimension and multi stakeholder approach to DEAR (30')

Networks – Council of Europe

- **Miguel Silva**, Programme Manager - Global Education, [North-South Centre of the Council of Europe](#)

Academia

- **Massimiliano Tarozzi** (Chair at the International Research Centre on Global Citizenship - University of Bologna and Coordinator of the [ANGEL network](#))

Networks – France

- **Jean-Marc Delaunay**, Coordinator of [Festival des Solidarités](#).

### 10.43 PLATFORMA's partners inspirational examples: (25')

DIBA, Provincial Government of Barcelona. The working group on DEAR local plans: building knowledge and exchanging practices on 2030 Agenda.

- **Sara Garrido Miñambres**: Project Officer on Global Citizenship Education, Provincial Government of Barcelona.

VVSG, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities: DEAR and solidarity: the work with schools.

- **Heleen Voeten**: Staff member of international department and SDG focal point, Flemish Association for Cities and Municipalities

EUSKADI Basque Country: the (H)abian 2030 strategy on education for social change

- **Marlen Eizaguirre Marañón**: Project Officer on International Cooperation, Basque Agency for Development Cooperation.

LALRG, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments: Latvian municipalities and DEAR

- **Agita Kaupuza**: Adviser to the Chairman on EU Issues, Head of Brussels Office, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments

### 11.08 Questions and answers (15')

### 11.25 Conclusion (5')