

Ministries and Agencies in GENE

Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
Belgian Development Agency Enabel

Participatin in GENE since 2004.

Other ministries and agencies in GE

Development Co-operation Department of the Flemish community (DIV)
Development Co-operation Agency of the Wallonia-Brussels community (WBI)
Wallonia-Brussels Council on Development Co-operation (CWBCI)

Flemish Department of Education and Training
Education in the French Community
Department of Education of the German Community in Belgium

The [French Community Department of Culture](#) - runs anti-racism campaigns and 'remembrance education'.
The [Flemish Community Department of Environment](#) - promoting Education for Sustainable Development.
The [Flemish Community Department of Culture](#) - promoting cultural activities, inter-culturalism, arts and media in Flemish schools.

[Annoncer la couleur / Kruit](#) ("Speaking Out") is a governmental education programme implemented by Enabel. It focuses on Global Citizenship Education (GCE) in the Dutch and French speaking formal education sectors. As a GCE Centre of expertise, it provides tools and trainings for education professionals and also take up a lot of other facilitating roles to support, guide and inspire all relevant actors in the field. They also have [some information and publications available in English](#).

Civil society and youth platforms

[ACODEV](#) - Fédération des OSC francophones et germanophones de coopération au développement
[NGO Federatie](#) - Federation of Dutch speaking Development NGOs
[CNCD](#) - Centre national de coopération au développement (National Centre for Development Co-operation) - platform of French and German speaking NGOs and associations involved in international solidarity.
[11.11.11](#) - umbrella organisation of the Dutch speaking organisations

"Koepel van Internationale Solidariteit" with NGOs, activist groups, volunteer committees, unions, and youth groups based on a political charter.

The French Community's Youth Council – Forum des jeunes
Flemish Youth Council

Global Education Documents

[Development Education Notions and Concepts](#) (2011)
[Strategic Note on Development Education](#)
[Preparatory work for the actualization of the strategic note for global citizenship education](#)

Concepts and definitions

MFA definitions: '[Development Education Notions and Concepts](#)' p.2 ; "*Development education forms part of global citizenship education. The general purpose of this is to contribute to a more just and solidary world based on democratic values. North-South relations are the focus of development education. In a context of mutual dependence between global issues and daily life of individuals and communities, development education establishes processes that have the following aims: - to promote global insight in the international development issues and to encourage forming critical opinions; - to bring about a change of values, attitudes and behaviour, both individually and collectively; - to encourage active practice of local and global rights and obligations to achieve a more just and solidary world.*"

Definition used by Enabel

Definition used by [ACODEV](#):

"Education for Global Citizenship and Solidarity contributes to the development of just, sustainable, inclusive and solidary societies, strengthening individual and collective action of aware and co-responsible citizens regarding global challenges. It is based on principles and values such as: justice, solidarity, equality, openness to otherness, respect to the environment, diversity, responsibility and participation."

GE specific budget

2019 – 26.869.185 Euro - Source: The figures have been submitted to GENE as part of country reporting in connection with GENE Roundtables during 2021 (Spring).

GENE Peer Review

[Global Education in Belgium, 2016](#)

GE in formal education

The [Flemish Community of Belgium](#) is the competent body for Flemish-speaking education.

The [French Community of Belgium](#) is the competent body for French-speaking education.

The [German Community of Belgium](#) is the competent body for German-speaking education.

General Administration of Education ([GAE](#)) - participates in the development and implementation of educational and pedagogical policy in Wallonia-Brussels and provide administrative and financial management of the educational staff of Wallonia-Brussels.

In Flemish schools 'Education for Citizenship' is primarily addressed through the compulsory core curriculum. This curriculum contains a number of objectives (called final objectives) for certain levels of education (end of primary and end of each cycle in secondary). They are formulated per learning area, subject or cross-curricular theme. The objectives are determined by a decree of the Flemish Parliament. All Flemish schools are obliged to make sufficient efforts to work towards these objectives. Financing and the right to issue diplomas depend, among other things, on compliance with the compulsory core curriculum. At the same time, schools are free to determine their own way of implementing the cross-curricular themes: through subjects, projects and different types of activities.

In the French community citizenship skills are implicitly present in the 'Mission Decree' and explicitly dealt with in the 'Decree for Citizenship'. There are no final objectives connected in this area to subjects or cross-curricular attainment. In 2016 and 2017 an educational course on 'Philosophy and Citizenship' was launched in primary and secondary education. This course has an educational frame of reference and is evaluated accordingly. In Flemish education the term Global Education as such does not feature in the final objectives, but many aspects of GE are nonetheless present. Teachers, teacher trainers and school advisory teams may choose for themselves to what extent they engage, depending on and adapted to school context and population.

GE in other sectors

- 4 associations on the commune level (589 communes in Belgium):
- [Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities \(VVSG\)](#) - promotes sustainable development at local level and worldwide, raises awareness through information/publications and offers training on global issues (like the SDGs) and organises learning networks.
 - It manages programme called [Winning through twinning](#) which enables local authorities to be active actors in development co-operation by co-operating with partners in the South through town twinning or city-to-city co-operation.
 - **Municipal Councils for Development Co-operation (GROS)** - advises the council on its north-south policy, such as the purchase of Fairtrade products and often calls for spending 0.7% of the municipal budget for development co-operation.
 - [Union des Villes et Communes de Wallonie](#) & [Association de la Ville et des Communes de Bruxelles \(AVCB-VSGB\)](#) - work very closely on a range of initiatives promoting local democracy as well as engaging internationally.

GE in initial teacher education

Specific courses on Development Education/Global Citizenship Education are included within some Masters programmes, particularly those that deal with development or educational issues. These programmes are designed to challenge students and equip future professional with knowledge and skills in areas such as global-local relations and 'emancipatory education'. The Faculty of Social Science of the University of Liège offers a Master "Sciences Population and Development" that focuses specifically on the issues of "development" and "citizenship issues." Two seminars, one on "Issues of development education" and another "Exercises educational practices in development" have been integrated into the curriculum.

Educational resources on GE

[Annoncer la couleur publications](#)
[Kruit Global Citizenship Education Centre of Expertise](#)

Overall ODA budget

2 196.17 in 2017; 2 218.50 in 2018 Net ODA total volume 2017-2018 among GENE participating countries and indication of year-on-year change since 2016. Figures in million USD (current prices). All figures rounded to two decimal points. Data: OECD (2020), Net ODA (indicator). doi: 10.1787/33346549-en (Accessed on 13 January 2020).

Development Policy documents

- [Annual Report 2018 \(English\)](#)
- [Annual Report 2020 \(French\)](#)
- [Annual Report 2020 \(Dutch\)](#)
- [Evaluation of Belgian Development Cooperation in education and training Final Report \(belgium.be\)](#)
- [The SDGs as a compass for the Belgian development cooperation DAC's main findings and recommendations](#)
- [Belgium's Global Efforts for Sustainable Development](#)

Agenda 2030

[Belgium country profiles – SDGs and the environment \(2020\)](#)
[First Belgian National Voluntary Review on the Implementation of the Agenda 2030](#)

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Public Opinion on issues related to GE

Public opinion and ODA:
Belgium and GENE

■ Belgium (BE)
■ GENE average

