Global Education Network Europe (GENE)

GENE is the network of ministries, agencies and other bodies with responsibility for Global Education policy, strategy, funding and co-ordination at national level in European countries.

Starting in 2001 with 6 countries, GENE has grown to include over 40 agencies from 25 European countries, sharing policy learning through networking.

In a world of stark contrasts, opportunities to develop a critical understanding of the causes and consequences that lead to change in perceptions in innovative ways need to be recognised. The second edition of the GENE Global Education Innovation Award supports Global Education initiatives that facilitate transformative learning and open peoples’ eyes and minds to the realities of the world, locally and globally. How do we engage people who are not easy to reach? How can innovative Global Education transform attitudes among those whose values differ from those associated with Global Education?

The Award promotes Global Education initiatives that bring about positive change through critical analysis, reflection, creativity, participation, synergies and innovation, with a view to ultimately inspire public policy.

**Purpose**

- To offer recognition to ongoing or recently finalised innovative Global Education initiatives in Europe that facilitate transformative learning.
- To collect examples of innovative practice and disseminate learning from Global Education initiatives to policymakers throughout Europe.

**How to apply**

Applicants will be asked to describe their initiative by submitting a short text (max 1000 words) and a short video (2-5 min). They will be encouraged to tell their story. Why this is a Global Education activity? How does your initiative contribute to transformative learning? In what ways does this learning happen? What aspects do you consider innovative?

Please note that a successful application process involves a peer assessment of your application by another applicant, as well as, you reviewing another application. For more, see the Selection Process section on the website.

**Timeframe of the award process 2018**

- **Official announcement of the Award and opening for applications:** 20 April at GENE Roundtable 38.
- **Deadline for applications:** 8 June
- **Final selection:** 10 September
- **Award Ceremony:** October, at GENE Roundtable 39.

**Selection process 2018**

**Phase 1**

Online pre-selection by the GENE Secretariat. If needed, a shortlist will be created that will include a maximum of 100 initiatives. Preparation of the division into groups for the International Selection Committee, and preparation for the peer review among the applicants.

**Phase 2**

Applicant-led peer review, where each applicant will review one application and offer critical feedback on the transformative learning aspects of the initiative.

**Phase 3**

Selection is carried out by an International Selection Committee composed of international experts.

**Phase 4**

A final selection process is carried out by the GENE Board from the projects recommended by the International Selection Committee.

For more information: [www.gene.eu/award](http://www.gene.eu/award)

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Global Education Innovation Award in 2017

Selection criteria for the 2017 Global Education Innovation Award
• Creativity – a genuine process that demonstrates outside-the-box thinking.
• Interconnectedness – a global/local interconnectedness, the so-called “glocal” dimension.
• Change in perceptions – strengthening positive approaches in terms of behaviour, attitudes and values.
• Educational approach – a learner at the centre of the learning process with a participatory approach.
• Coherence – synergies and coherence between the purpose, methods, results and the testimonies of the participants.
• Outreach – involvement of groups that are usually not engaged.
• Potential for scaling up and sustainability – focus on the ability to learn from experience and even failure in order to promote a sustainable future in the long run.
• Inspiring public policy – showcases for public policy.

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Awardees 2017
• Across Boundaries, World University Service (WUS), German committee, Germany
• Action Week for Education 2017: One song, many schools, one world!, ActionAid Hellas, Greece
• Eat Responsibly! An action-oriented global learning program for EYD 2015 and beyond, Gopolis, Czech Republic
• Go Deep Project, Xena Centro Scambi e Dinamiche interculturali, Italy
• IngénieuxSud, Louvain Coopération, Belgium
• Map Your Meal, Future Worlds Center, Cyprus
• Socratic Institute, Zivica Centre of Environmental and Ethical Education, Slovakia
• Storie da Cinema, Centro per la Cooperazione Internazionale, Italy
• Team Up 2 Teach: Lifeline Teaching Initiative, Team Up 2 Teach Refugees, Bulgaria
• Villages of the World – the Global Education Park, Salesian Missionary Voluntary Service – Youth for the World, Poland
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