

## INVITATION

International conference

### **Global Citizenship Education: Addressing Inequalities and Conflicts**

March 21-22, 2022 – Live Event

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Education is the key component of sustainable and socially just world, where no one is left behind. Global citizenship education (GCE) is addressing the root causes of global challenges and encourages the learners, educators, policy makers and societies, to join the change - the personal and societal transformation that is needed.

Several processes are reshaping Europe and the GCE landscape.

☀ This year marks the 20th anniversary of Maastricht declaration. There are ongoing processes with GENE and The North South Centre of the Council of Europe. ☀ European Commission has also been reviewing its DEAR programme, which with its announced calls for proposals supports European Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities in engaging people to address global challenges. ☀ European Union (EU) has an important and strategic role in providing support for the GCE, therefore the presidencies of the Council of the EU should also maintain the focus on it. ☀ The ongoing crisis, such as biodiversity crisis, climate crisis and covid-19 pandemic, have showed the urgency to stop, reflect, unlearn and transform. ☀ Finally, the current Russian invasion of Ukraine changed geopolitical reality – whole World as such.

Global Citizenship Education is even more needed than before, and the GCE community needs to reflect on the changes and emerging global challenges.

The two-day conference aims to bring together 50 civil society advocates, networkers, innovators in the field of GCE in Europe to create a message for policy and decision makers on the future of GCE, reflect on the current global challenges and provide opportunities to form project partnerships for the upcoming DEAR call for proposals.

International conference will be held live in Ljubljana, Slovenia, face to face, after long two years of social distancing. Welcome!

## Program

<b>March 21</b>	<b>Monday</b>
13.00 – 13.30	<b>Welcoming Addresses</b>  <b>Živa Kavka Gobbo</b> , SLOGA, President of the Board <b>Dr. Simona Kustec</b> , Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Republic of Slovenia <b>Dr. Robert Kokalj</b> , Head of Department for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia <b>Rilli Lappalainen</b> , CONCORD Europe, President
13.30 – 14.00	<b>Keynote Address: Global education in times of unprecedented changes</b> <b>Vanessa Andreotti</b> , University of British Columbia ( <i>online</i> )
14.00 – 15.00	<b>Reflection panel on global citizenship education in times of unprecedented changes</b>  <b>Max Zimani</b> , Zavod Global, Director <b>Miguel Carvalho da Silva</b> , North-South Centre, Council of Europe, GCE Programme Manager ( <i>online</i> ) <b>Patricija Virtič</b> , Platform SLOGA, Head of Global Education <b>Rilli Lappalainen</b> , CONCORD Europe, President
15.00 – 15.30	Break
15.30 – 16.40	<b>Panel discussion on addressing inequalities and conflicts</b>  <b>Rene Suša</b> , Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures collective <b>Borja Arrue Astrain</b> , CONCORD Europe, Senior Policy and Advocacy Adviser ( <i>online</i> ) <b>Momodou Sallah</b> , Centre for Academic Innovation ( <i>online</i> )
16.40 – 17.25	<b>Panel discussion on European Conflict Impact on AU EU relations</b>  <b>Mbemba Jabbi</b> , Africa Centre Ireland <b>dr. Maja Bučar</b> , University of Ljubljana <b>Omyekachi Wambu</b> , AFFORD ( <i>online</i> )
17.25 – 18.30	<b>Conference message to policy and decision makers</b> – Facilitated Group Work with <b>Sašo Kronegger</b>
19.30	Dinner

<b>March 22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
08.30 – 11.00	<b>Group work cont. with a coffee break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<b>Global education in a volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous (VUCA) world</b> Workshop by <b>Rene Suša</b> , Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures collective
12.30 – 13.15	<b>Plenary – presenting common message to the decision makers and closure of the conference</b>
13.15 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 18.00	<b>Space for networking on future DEAR projects</b>
14.30 – 15.30	<b>Everything you wanted to know about the new DEAR MEAL system and were afraid to ask</b> , Workshop with <b>Inka Bartošová</b> , author of DEAR MEAL Guide
15.30 – 18.00	<i>In the afternoon of March 22, premises for the informal networking meetings will be available at the White hall.</i>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Wednesday (CONCORD's GCE community Meeting)</b>

## Questions?

For any practical questions, please contact us at [conference@sloga-platform.org](mailto:conference@sloga-platform.org).

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