



EU DEAR Programme Multi-Stakeholder Group

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)

This Expression of Interest (EoI) invites organisations to express their interest in collaborating with the European Commission in the implementation of the DEAR Programme (Development Education and Awareness Raising) through the DEAR Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG).

Registered **civil society organisations (CSOs), local authorities (LAs), youth groups, international networks, Member States' national departments or agencies, and scholars - all from the EU - are eligible** to express their interest and provide the required information **filling in this [application form](#) by 4th March.**

Date of issue of Call of EoI	8th February 2022
Deadline for submission of EoI	4th March 2022
Selection completed by	13th April 2022
Reference	DEAR MSG Expression of Interest
Questions about EoI to be sent to	francesca.vanoni@ice-org.eu
First DEAR MSG meeting	Mid-May 2022 (indicative)

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1. BACKGROUND

The EU DEAR Programme (Development Education and Awareness Raising) of the European Union is managed by the European Commission, DG for International Partnerships (INTPA - Unit G3).

THE DEAR PROGRAMME supports global citizenship education and awareness raising (GCE/AR) for building a more **inclusive society** with a developed **sense of shared responsibility for local and global sustainable development**. It strengthens the **active engagement** of people in Europe, and particularly youth, on global challenges such as ecological crises and inequalities.

With periodic calls for proposals, the DEAR Programme supports actions to pursue the above objectives. The DEAR programme also promotes exchange and coordination among different European stakeholders.

The multiple support mechanisms reflect the cross-sectoral and multi-level nature of DEAR.

2. THE DEAR MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG)

The European Commission, with the assistance of the DEAR Support Team (DST)¹, organises the DEAR Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG), a consultation body that brings together key DEAR stakeholders to facilitate **policy-relevant exchange and learning, networking, and coordination** in the field of DEAR at European level.

2.1 WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE MSG?

- ❖ Exchange, exemplify, and develop ideas and strategies to strengthen the impact of global citizenship education and awareness raising in Europe

¹ <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/dear/news/dear-support-team>

- ❖ Support cross-fertilisation among different stakeholders, as well as different (national) contexts within the EU
- ❖ Advise the Commission on the DEAR Programme, its vision, objectives, as well as specific implementation issues - beyond individual affiliations

2.2 WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE MSG?

The MSG is composed of around 40 representatives of a range of DEAR stakeholders, mainly from the EU, with expertise in GCE/AR work, notably from:

- ❖ CSOs and their umbrella platforms
- ❖ Local authorities and their networks
- ❖ Youth organisations and their networks
- ❖ Member State departments and agencies
- ❖ Scholars and their networks
- ❖ Other stakeholders (Council of Europe, Global Education Network Europe)
- ❖ European Commission.

Participation in the MSG is not remunerated. However, all **travel and allowance costs** borne by MSG members are covered by the European Commission through the DEAR Support Team.

2.3 MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Participate in setting the agenda of MSG meetings
- ❖ Actively partake in half-yearly MSG meetings (online or in person)
- ❖ Contribute to thematic working groups that may be established to deepen specific topics between plenary meetings
- ❖ Timely disseminate information gathered during meetings among peers or constituencies, and collect the widest possible feedback/contribution/comments to be reported in plenary and working groups
- ❖ Circulate information on their respective DEAR-related initiatives
- ❖ Share knowledge about the most recent and innovative approaches, methodologies and practises related to GCE across the world, including a reflection on the roots and implications of populism, as well as involving International Partnerships countries (and more broadly non-European perspectives)

2.4 MSG COMPOSITION

The MSG reflects a balanced distribution both in terms of typology of stakeholders and their geographic coverage.

Each typology of stakeholder will be assigned a number of 'representatives', up to:

- ❖ 8 CSOs (and their networks)
- ❖ 8 LAs (and their networks)
- ❖ 4 Youth organisations (and their networks)
- ❖ 4 Member States (departments or agencies)
- ❖ 4 Scholars (individually or as representatives of academic networks)
- ❖ 4 DEAR-supported projects (awarded by current/previous Calls for Proposals)
- ❖ 1 Council of Europe (North South Centre)
- ❖ 1 Global Education Network Europe

- ❖ Up to 2 other stakeholders directly invited by the DG INTPA and relevant for thematic priorities
- ❖ European Commission

TOTAL 36 + EC

Six stakeholder organisations/networks, considered “one-of-a-kind” and/or particularly strategic for the DEAR Programme, will have an assigned ‘seat’. However, every three-year period **they must explicitly express their interest** via the application form, to continue being part of the MSG. They are:

- ❖ CONCORD Europe
- ❖ PLATFORMA
- ❖ European Youth Forum
- ❖ The North-South Centre (CoE)
- ❖ GENE
- ❖ ANGEL

2.5 TERM DURATION

Three years, renewable. The upcoming term will cover 36 months over the period 2022-2024.

2.6 MEETING FREQUENCY AND WORK IN-BETWEEN PLENARY MEETINGS

The MSG gathers in plenary twice a year. The meetings are held online and/or in person in Brussels. Between MSG plenary meetings, thematic working groups are organised, based on priority issues of each specific phase of the DEAR Programme, and members can contribute on a voluntary basis.

2.7 WORKING LANGUAGE

All meetings and communications are in English.

3. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Organisations/Institutions or individual scholars interested to apply must meet the following requirements:

- ❖ Belong to one of the categories listed in par. 2.2
- ❖ Have documented experience in DEAR-related fields, in EU countries and/or outside Europe
- ❖ Have the capacity to amplify and cross-fertilise the work of the MSG through membership, or documented representativeness, or outreach capacity among relevant stakeholders.

The final selection of the members will be done by the Commission and will reflect the diversity of experience, size, expertise, geographic coverage, DEAR-related topics, and typology of stakeholders.

4. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED

DG INTPA invites DEAR-experienced organisations/institutions/scholars to express their interest in being part of the EU DEAR Multi-Stakeholders Group by providing the following mandatory information:

- ❖ A brief **description of the organisation or institution or of the individual scholar**, with specific reference to Global Citizenship Education/DEAR. For organisations/institutions information must include the type of organisation, mission, size (staff & turnover, if applicable).
- ❖ Name, position, contact details of the **person that would represent the organisation** in the MSG
- ❖ Description of the **added value of your (organisation's) profile** for the MSG
- ❖ Short description of **your (organisation's) major achievements over the last three years**, relevant for the MSG
- ❖ Brief description of **your (organisation's) capacity to cross-fertilise/include/consult** different types of stakeholders
- ❖ Description of **presence on social media**, and other relevant web links

5. PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Interested organisations/scholars should submit their Expression of Interest (EOI), including the above information, ONLY by filling in [this form](#) by **4th March 2022, at 23:59**.

This Call for Expressions of Interest does not constitute a formal bidding process.

6. INFO CONTACT

For information about the application process you can write to Francesca Vanoni, DST team leader, at: **francesca.vanoni@ice-org.eu**