

Development education and active global citizenship

Declaration of the European Parliament of 5 July 2012 on development education and active global citizenship

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Consensus on Development, which underlines that ‘the EU will pay particular attention to development education and raising awareness’,
 - having regard to the conclusions of the Structured Dialogue concerning the role of civil society and local authorities in development, which calls on ‘EU Member States and the European Commission [to] strengthen their strategies for Development Education and Awareness Raising’,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas development education and awareness-raising are central to European development policies, as outlined in the European Development Education Consensus (‘The European Consensus on Development: The contribution of Development Education and Awareness Raising’);
 - B. whereas, despite being one of the biggest funders of development education in Europe, the European Union does not have a dedicated strategy in this field;
 - C. whereas, during periods marked by austerity, crises and the rise of nationalist and populist movements, it is particularly important to support active global citizenship;
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to develop a long-term, cross-sectoral European strategy for development education, awareness-raising and active global citizenship;
 2. Calls on the Member States to develop or strengthen national development education strategies;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories¹, to the Commission, the Council and the parliaments of the Member States.

¹ The list of signatories is published in Annex 1 to the Minutes of 5 July 2012 (P7_PV(2012)07-05(ANN1)).