

“GOOD PRACTICE” IN EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNECE REGION

"Good practices in ESD" are initiatives closely related to Education for Sustainable Development, that demonstrate good practice, generate ideas and contribute to policy development. These good practices:

1. focus on the educational and learning dimensions of sustainable development.
2. are innovative. They develop new and creative solutions to common problems, such as:
 - ❖ ways to discover what the key local issues of sustainable development are
 - ❖ ways to adapt processes to relevant teaching and learning strategies
 - ❖ ways of fostering links between learning situations and the community
 - ❖ ways of integrating local knowledge and culture
 - ❖ curriculum development processes enabling content to be decided as locally relevant
 - ❖ starting points on how Education for Sustainable Development can best be put into effect.
3. make a difference. They demonstrate a positive and tangible impact on the living conditions, quality of life of the individuals, groups or communities concerned. They seek to bridge gaps between different societal actors/sectors and are inclusive, in order to allow new partners to join the implementing agents/bodies.
4. have a sustainable effect. They contribute to sustained improvement of living conditions. They must integrate economic, social, cultural and environmental components of sustainable development and reflect their interaction/interdependency in their design and implementation.
5. have the potential for replication. They provide effective methodologies for transdisciplinary and multi-sectoral co-operation. They serve as models for generating policies and initiatives elsewhere.
6. offer some elements of evaluation. They have been and can be evaluated in terms of the criteria of innovation, success and sustainability by both experts and the people concerned.

If you submit more than one "good practice", please indicate the priority 1, 2 or 3.

1. NAME OF THE INITIATIVE CONSIDERED AS A GOOD PRACTICE¹:

In 2005 Denmark launched a website to mark the DESD 2005 - 2014 by establishing: www.ubuportalen.dk

2. RESPONSIBLE COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION:

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4. FOCUS OF THE INITIATIVE (check one or more box(es)):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education/Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace, Human Rights & Security |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educators | <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy, Regulation, Governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overcoming Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intercultural Understanding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Equality | <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools and materials (e.g. Media & ICTs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Urbanization | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Consumption | <input type="checkbox"/> Research / Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Responsibility | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional / international cooperation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizenship | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) |

¹ Your response to this questionnaire should not exceed 2 pages. Font: Arial , size - 9; margins - 2 centimeters.

5. INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION *(provide brief description)*

- **Type:** Governmental/non-governmental
- **Working language(s):** Danish and translation of examples into English
- **Setting / Target group(s) / Number of persons involved:** During the development process 3 persons involved, during the updating process 1 person involved
- Starting year and Duration:
- **Budget and Funding Sources:** 100.000 DKK corresponding to 13.300 EURO
- **Partner organisations involved (if any):** The project manager for the UN Associated School Project
- Stakeholders involved (e.g. local community). *Describe their involvement in this initiative and the kind of relationship you have with them.*

6. MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE INITIATIVE *(provide brief description)*

Good examples of inspiration for teachers, NGO's and private persons

7. METHODOLOGY *(provide brief description)*

Methods/approach for this initiative *(list key background materials that were used; If necessary, use a separate sheet)*

Establishing a national website, where all schools can connect

8. RESULTS AND EVALUATION OF THE INITIATIVE *(provide brief description and assessment)*

The evaluation process hasn't started yet, but it will be evaluated later.

Please attach one relevant picture, as a separate file *(max 1024 x 768 px /72 dpi/ jpg-format 80% quality/ up to 300KB)*

Please submit your "Good practice" (up to 3 "Good practices" per country/organisation) electronically by e-mail to: esd@unece.org. In addition, you are invited to send us any relevant information you might think useful, including references to documents, publications and/or articles describing the initiative, as well as relevant links to websites.

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