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| **EUNEC at work**  |

**[Work programme 2014 and beyond](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-t/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**

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| At its executive committee meeting on 11 December 2013, EUNEC discussed the working programme for 2014 and beyond. They agreed on a shortlist for themes at the agenda for 2014 and beyond, aiming for a balance between themes related to the EU agenda and the national/regional agenda of the members.  In the short future, in 2014, EUNEC will focus on EU policy lines related to opening up education and on vocational education and training.EUNEC will diversify its activities, and organize for the first time next year a workshop for presidents and secretary generals of education councils.  The network hopes to conclude with statements on strategies for improved structured consultation in the education policy cycle.Within the new statutes, the network is able to accept organizations that are not education councils in the strict sense.  This would allow adding new members enhancing geographical coverage throughout the EU.Finally, EUNEC members decided to elaborate a set of indicators for monitoring networking and impact. |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif**[Public consultation on a 'European area of skills and qualifications'](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-i/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**

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| In the first months of 2014, EUNEC will prepare answers to the European Commission public consultation on a 'European area of skills and qualifications', aiming at collecting views of stakeholders on the problems faced by learners and workers with regard to the transparency and recognition of their skills and qualifications when moving within and between EU Member States, on the adequacy of the related European policies and instruments and on the potential benefits of developing a 'European area of skills and qualifications'.The consultation is open until 15 April 2014. |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**Attended events**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-u/)

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| In the second half of 2013, EUNEC attended a number of conferences, presentations, panel discussions and stakeholder meetings.  You can read a report of these events under the link above. |

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| **European Heartbeat**  |

**[Education and Training Monitor 2013](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-o/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**

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| At the request of the Council, the Education and Training Monitor is an annual report presented every autumn by the Commission, setting out progress on the ET 2020 benchmarks and core indicators. The Monitor illustrates the evolution of education and training systems across Europe, with a focus on the country-specific recommendations adopted in this field, and contributes to the analytical basis for the next European Semester.Mr Stan Van Alphen, coordinator of the Monitor in the European Commission, DG EAC, presented and discussed the 2013 Monitor with the members of the EUNEC executive committee. |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**Overview of main policy lines**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-b/)

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| EUNEC published its overview of main policy lines, relevant for education and training stakeholders, for the period of November - December 2013. The document focuses on the results of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting of 25-26 November 2013. |

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| **Members' news**  |

**[Sirius round table on migration and education at the Flemish Education Council](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-n/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**

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| The Vlor (Flemish Education Council) is member of the Sirius network.  Sirius is the European policy network on the education of children and young people with a migrant background. First contacts between Vlor and Sirius date from October 2012, where Sirius coordinator professor Miquel Essomba presented the network at the occasion of the EUNEC conference on migration and education in Larnaca, Cyprus. The Vlor published an analytical report on migration and education in Flanders, as well as an extensive report of the round table held on 4 October in Brussels, and a summary of the conclusions.These documents will fit in a comparative report made by Sirius, taking into account the outcomes of different round tables on migration and education organized in the EU.In the field of migration and education, EUNEC received interesting documents from the colleagues from the Malta Review of Educational Research. Their December 2013 issue is a special issue on Migration and Education ([http://www.mreronline.org/issues/issue-2-december-2013/](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-p/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) )  |   | http://i1.createsend1.com/ei/r/56/EEA/155/csimport/22.152426.JPGRound table at the Vlor, in the presence of Pascal Smet, Flemish Minister of Education |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif**[CEE published the 'Informe 2013 sobre el estado del sistema educativo'](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-pluuuht-l-x/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**

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| The Spanish Education Council (CEE, Consejo Escolar del Estado) published its annual state of the education system.  This year's edition is issued only in an electronic version. It contains important innovations, as well in the field of content as in the field of digital technologies used. |   | http://i2.createsend1.com/ei/r/56/EEA/155/csimport/anversotarjeta.153103.jpg |

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