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| **EUNEC at work**  |

[**Conference on migration and education**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-kdikykk-l-t/)

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| EUNEC organized its yearly conference together with the Pedagogical Institute (Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus), in Larnaca, on 15 - 17 October 2012.   Fifty participants, coming from 14 European countries and from Quebec, discussed challenges for education that are related to migration.The central themes were, on the one hand, general integration and migration policies, and, on the other hand, educational responses to the migration challenges. Thomas Huddleston (Migration Policy Group) gave an overview of integration policies in Europe using the MIPEX (Migration Policy Index).  This general overview was completed by the presentation of good practices from three countries: Portugal, the Netherlands and Québec.  Professor Piet Van Avermaet (Ghent University) presented a challenging  lecture under  the title 'Migrants in education: an asset or a problem?'  Speakers from Cyprus focused on the impact of school organization, school activities and teaching methodologies on the performances of migrant pupils, and on the consequences for teacher training. Miquel Essomba 5SIRIUS network coordinator) presented an overview of EU policy lines in the field of education and migration.Besides presentations and debate, there was room for a visit to two schools in the Educational Priority Zone (Larnaca). All presentations and background documents from the participating countries can be found at [www.eunec.eu](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-kdikykk-l-i/).  |   | http://i1.createsend1.com/ei/r/0A/F9F/20F/csimport/PA150380.133248.JPGMain conference room, Lordos Beach, Larnaca |

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| EUNEC participated at this Forum 'Investing in skills for growth and jobs' at the invitation of the European Commission, on 18-19 October 2012.Education, training and youth stakeholders gathered with national and regional policy makers, representatives of  business world and civil society.  The aim is to mobilise stakeholders and policy makers to modernise education and training systems through national an EU policies and instruments in order to enhance growth  and jobs.  The Forum had a double focus on education and training aspects of Europe 2020, and on the Erasmus for All programme.The output of the Forum will provide input for the November Conclusions of the Council of Education Minister on Europe 2020 and for the implementation of Erasmus for All.  |   | http://i2.createsend1.com/ei/r/0A/F9F/20F/csimport/20121018-speech-by-androulla-vassiliou-at-the-education-and-training-forum-01_copy.134826.jpgAndroulla Vassiliou and Pierre Mairesse at the Forum |

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| **European heartbeat**  |

[**Informal meeting of Education Ministers**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-kdikykk-l-o/)

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| During this informal meeting in Nicosia, on 4-5 October 2012, Education Ministers from the EU focused on the central role of education in implementing the Europe 2020 strategy for jobs and growth. Professor Christopher Pissarides (2010 Nobel Prize Winner) addressed the Ministers on the link between education and economic performance. Ministers also discussed the recommendations of the Commission's High Level Group on Literacy.  |

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