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| **EUNEC at work**  |

[**Community schools**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-njkldyd-l-t/)

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| On 23-24 May 2013, EUNEC organized a seminar on Community Schools.  Based on the presentations, the school visit and the debates during the seminar, members of the network agreed on common statements on the topic.  A full report of the seminar has been published, including input from the members. |   | http://i1.createsend1.com/ei/r/48/C94/476/csimport/com.120543.jpg |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**Meeting of the stakeholder group on early school leaving and on early childhood education and care**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-njkldyd-l-i/)

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| In 2011, the European Commission has set up two Thematic Working Groups, one on Early School Leaving (ESL) and one on Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC).  Their work is based on the Council Conclusions on ECEC of May 2011 and on the Council Recommendation on policies to reduce ESL adopted in June 2011, and is set within the context of the 'Strategic Framework for Education and Training (ET 2020).EUNEC participated at this stakeholder meeting on 9 October 2013. Presentations and discussions during the day focused on the results of both groups. |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**European Education, Training and Youth Forum 'Working together for reforms'**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-njkldyd-l-u/)

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| EUNEC participated at this Forum, which has been organized by the European Commission on 17-18 October 2013.  The event was chaired by Mr Xavier Prats-Monné, Deputy Director General DG Edcuation and Culture. Participants debated on how cooperation between stakeholders can contribute to modernizing education and training systems and youth policies, within the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Education and Training 2020 Framework. The Forum brought different perspectives together.  In this area of disruptive changes, policy makers and stakeholders will have to work together towards a massive upgrade of quality and quantity of skills, in partnership and with collaborative effort, concluded Mr Prats-Monné. |

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| **European heartbeat**  |

[**Results of PIAAC**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-njkldyd-l-o/)

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| The Survey of Adult Skills is the first comprehensive international assessment of the skills of the working age population, covering 24 countries, including 17 from the EU.PIAAC is the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies.  It collects and analyses data that assist governments in assessing, monitoring and analysing the level and distribution of skills among their adult populations as well as the utilisation of skills in different contexts. |   | http://i2.createsend1.com/ei/r/48/C94/476/csimport/Skills-vol-120ENG--Front-cover-for-web-130x174px.124927.jpg |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif[**Opening up Education**](http://www.emeel.be/t/r-l-njkldyd-l-b/)

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| 'The education landscape is changing dramatically, from school to university and beyond: open technology-based education will soon be a 'must have', not just a 'good-to-have', for all ages.', said Commissioner Vassiliou.In this Communication, the Commission launches an action plan to tackle digital challenges which are hampering schools and universities from delivering high quality education and digital skills. |   | http://i3.createsend1.com/ei/r/48/C94/476/csimport/10000000000007BA00000527F6364198.130535.jpg |

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| The European Commission launched a new strategy 'European Higher Education in the world', aiming to ensure European graduates gain the international skills they need to work anywhere in the world and that Europe remains the most attractive destination for international students. |   | http://i4.createsend1.com/ei/r/48/C94/476/csimport/130719.131050.jpg |

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| **Members' news**  |

**Professor David Justino appointed as President of the National Council of Education in Portugal**

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| David Justino is currently associate Professor in Sociology at Nova University of Lisbon and he is serving as Social Affairs Advisor to the President of the Republic. He holds a PhD in Sociology, a PG in Historical Economics and Sociology an a BA in Economics.  David Justino has been lecturing since 1976 as Assistant or Guest Professor in different Portuguese Universities.  In 1992 he became a permanent Associate Professor at Nova University of Lisbon where he is senior reseracher in Sociology.  He was awarded with the Gulbenkian Price for Technology and Science in the field of Social Sciences. For three years he served as Member of the Parliament in the Assembly of the Republic and from 2002 to 2004 he was Minister of Education. |   | http://i5.createsend1.com/ei/r/48/C94/476/csimport/ZGF0YS9ub3RpY2lhcy8yMDEzL1Byb2ZEYXZpZEp1c3Rpbm9fRkNTSC5qcGdfMzAwX18wNjQyMjg.131927.jpg |

http://i8.createsend1.com/ti/r/0D/443/ABA/180658/images/divider_grey.gif**Harry Martens elected President of the Flemish Education Council**

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| The General Council of the Vlor (the Flemish Education Council) elected Harry Martens as president.  Martens is emeritus professor chemistry and has been rector of the University of Hasselt.  In the past, he was a member of the Vlor for several years, and has been president of the Vlor council for Higher Education.Martens strongly believes in the societal role of education and in the important advisory role of the Vlor, gathering all the important stakeholders in education and offering them a platform to get to know and to value each others' viewpoints.  Martens has a background in Higher Education, but will preside the council from a broad perspective on the entire education field.  |   | http://i6.createsend1.com/ei/r/48/C94/476/csimport/C__Users_CDS.vlor_AppData_Local_Microsoft_Windows_TemporaryInternetFiles_Low_Content.132759.bmp |

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