



A general overview of the European Education Area as a broad policy initiative

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We are in a transition moment

- Can we make the case for education and training?
-European Parliament elections
-A new European Commission
- A new Multiannual Financial Framework



- Why the 3 objectives?
-**Because mobility matters:** Erasmus graduates show a 45% advantage in employability; mobility enhances soft skills, opens up perspectives
-**Because recognition of learning outcomes, and proficiency in foreign languages is part of the mobility equation**
-**Because everyone should have access to high quality, inclusive and innovative education:** across the EU, underachievement is predominant in pupils coming from vulnerable socio-economic backgrounds
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European Education Area at the horizon 2025

- **Are the actions proposed ambitious, achievable, adequate to the current challenges in education?**
 -Doubling of Erasmus+ budget
 -Automatic recognition of learning outcomes
 -20 European Universities
 -A good start with high quality childhood education
 -A true commitment to foreign languages
 -A solid support to key competences
 -Digital literacy for all



- **What are the challenges we address?**

- ...Equity in education

- ...but also excellence in education

- ...support to teachers

- ...and to schools as communities of learning

-providing digital literacy for all

-and transversal skills (critical thinking, teamwork)

-teaching Europe to everyone

- ...and help everyone experience Europe (mobility)

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Where are teachers and pedagogies in all this?

- **EU complements Member States actions**
-eTwinning network – the largest teachers’ network in the world from pre-primary to upper secondary schools
-ET2020 mutual learning
-Education and Training Monitor 2019
 -Brainstorming about a European Teachers Academy
 -Education Summit 26 September 2019

What do we need next?



- **STRENGTHENED SUPPORT TO MEMBER STATES**
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- **INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS IN EDUCATION**
- **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

European cooperation in education post 2020

- Need to balance:
 - Core education issues (inclusion, quality, skills development, mobility)
 - AND more forward-looking developments addressing the known megatrends (technological change, demography, sustainability...)

Need to reinforce:

- Mutual learning between Member States
- Governance of the framework

European cooperation in education post 2020

- **What next?**
-Public consultation 2019
-Drawing from the results of the stock-taking 2018
-Proposal for a future framework for cooperation expected in 2020

https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-education-area_en

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