



# Policy context and priorities

Erasmus+ 2024 – Key Action 2

Cooperation Partnerships in the field of education and training submitted by European NGOs

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# Highlights

- European Education Area (EEA)
  - Midterm review in 2023
  - Evaluation Report in 2025
  - News
- Erasmus+ Call 2024
  - European values and civic engagement
  - Election of the European Parliament and national elections
  - European Year of Skills

# Main tools to implement education and training policies



## ❖ Strategic Framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030)

- Frames collaboration between European Union Member States and key stakeholders and allows the monitoring of progress towards the achievement of their collective vision

## ❖ The European Semester - framework for integrated surveillance and coordination of economic and employment policies across the European Union

- Country reports / country-specific recommendations

## ❖ **The Education and Training Monitor**

- gathers a wide range of evidence to show the evolution of national education and training systems across the EU
- measures countries' progress towards the EU-level targets of the European Education Area
- analyses key education challenges and recent policy developments at EU and national levels

## ❖ **Funding opportunities** → Erasmus+ Programme

# EEA Progress Report



Structured in 4 parts:

- European Education Area communication in 24 languages
- Staff working document on the EEA
- Roadmap of EEA Actions
- Co-creation of the EEA with Member States and stakeholders



# Main findings of the report

- initiatives in Member States and at EU level have been mutually reinforced with funds for national reforms and investments
  - trends towards several EU-level targets show a positive upward convergence
  - persisting deep challenges such as equity and teaching profession, especially teacher shortages
  - focus until 2025 on implementation, quality investment and robust monitoring of the national follow up of EEA initiatives and objectives
- reflect together on deep challenges and future-oriented measures such as:
    - boosting equity and inclusion at all levels of education and training,
    - improving quality by tackling teacher shortages and increasing attractiveness of the teaching profession;
  - enhancing European citizenship education;
  - explore the feasibility and value-added of further EU-level targets under the EEA, particularly on equity, the teaching profession and sustainability;
  - strengthen and tailor to the needs of Member States mutual learning activities;
  - strengthen monitoring of the follow-up given at Member State level to strategic EEA initiatives.

# EEA midterm review process

## ***What:***

- process of listening, dialogue, and joint reflection to take stock and keep momentum and commitment of all key actors to achieve the EEA by 2025

## ***Who:***

- Member States, the Council, the European Parliament, other EU institutions, and the wider education and training stakeholder community; EEA strategic framework Working Groups, Standing Group on Indicators and Benchmarks, other Commission expert groups

## ***How:***

- discussions, exchange, dialogue...
- targeted events organised by the Commission on implementing the relevant already adopted EEA initiatives or on co-creating the remaining EEA initiatives (European Education Summit, 30 November 2023)
- events organised by civil society (Stakeholders Forum, 27 November 2023)

# EEA midterm review event

The event agenda followed the findings provided by the [European Commission report on the progress of the European Education Area](#)

## Main topics discussed:

- Citizenship education: empowering young people and promoting EU values
- Supporting teachers and trainers
- Boosting equity and inclusion in education and training
- Facilitate automatic mutual recognition



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**# EUROPEAN**  
EDUCATION AREA

**EEA**  
**midterm**  
**review event**

10 October 2023, Brussels

# Sixth European Education Summit

*“The European Education Area: A reality for all”*

[Video recordings of the event are available](#)



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SUMMIT**

#EduSummitEU

30.11.2023



## European Education Area – evaluation 2024-25

- Main messages from the midterm review process will be part of an EEA evaluation
- EEA evaluation will also build on an open public consultation (during 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2024) and an external evaluation support study
- Commission will publish the evaluation report in 2025
- on the basis of the 2025 Evaluation Report, the Council will review the strategic framework including EU-level targets, governance, and working methods, and makes any necessary adjustments for the second cycle 2026-2030 ([EEA Council Resolution](#) February 2021)

# EEA news Publications

Supporting well-being and  
mental health through education:  
a series of inspiring factsheets for schools



Tackling prejudice and discrimination  
in and through education and training

# The Education and training Monitor 2023

The 2023 edition includes the latest analysis how education and training systems evolve across the EU, with a special focus on the teaching profession.

available in all EU languages

- Comparative report:

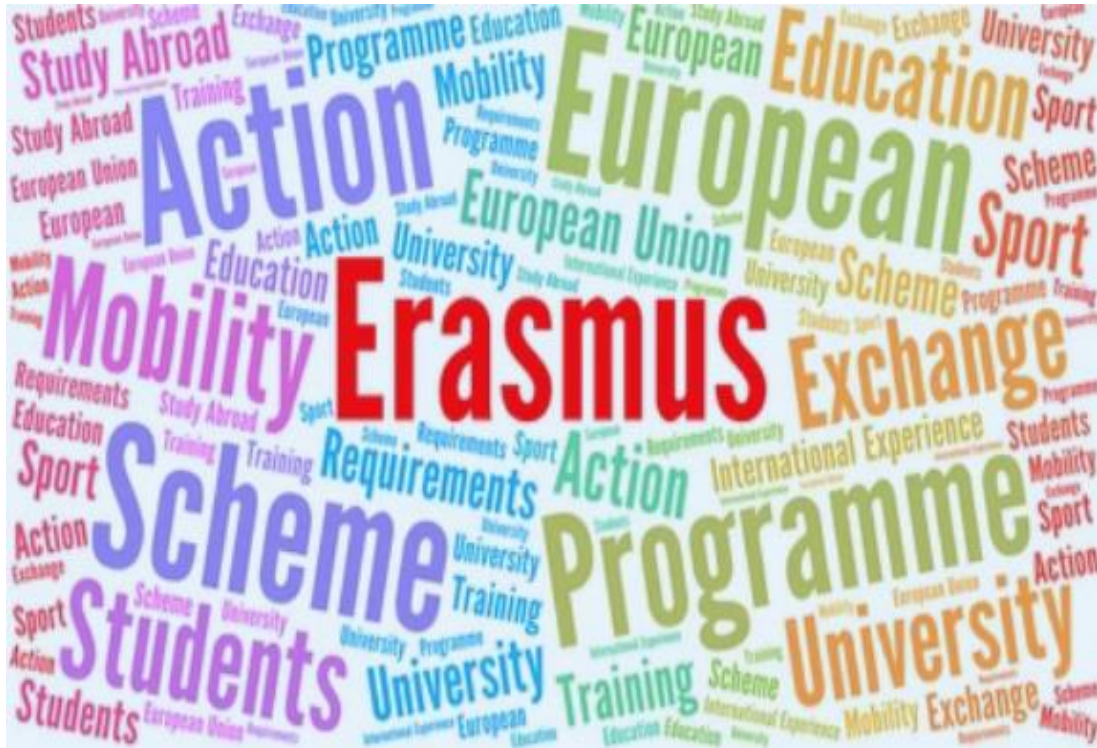
- Positive trends: increasing third-level attainment and decreasing number of early leavers from education and training;
- Challenges: improve **equity in education** access and performance (including gender equality), tackle **underachievement in basic skills** as well as **teacher shortages**.

- 27 Country reports

- Monitor Toolbox (the most prominent data and sources on education and training systems)



# Erasmus+ Programme



**Key instrument for building the  
European Education Area**

# Horizontal aspects to be considered in all actions

**Inclusion and diversity**

**Environmental sustainability**

**Digital dimension**

**Participation and civic engagement**

# Partnerships for Cooperation

Enables participating organisations to:

- gain experience in international cooperation and strengthen their capacities,
- produce high-quality and innovative deliverables,
- contribute toward achieving the common priorities and objectives of the Erasmus+ Programme by different type of activities.



# Transversal priorities applying to all Erasmus+ sectors

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**Inclusion and diversity in all fields of education, training, youth and sport**

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**Environment and fight against climate change**

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**Addressing digital transformation through development of digital readiness, resilience and capacity**

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**Common values, civic engagement and participation**

# Sector-specific priorities in the field of:

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**higher education**

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**school education**

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**vocational education and training**

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**adult education**

*The full list of priorities per education sector is available in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide*



# Cooperation Partnerships



Provide support for:

- Increase quality in the work, activities and practices of organisations
- Build capacity of organisations to work transnationally and across sectors
- Address common needs and priorities in the fields of education and training
- Enable transformation and change (at individual, organisational or sectoral level), leading to improvements and new approaches

# EU values and civic engagement

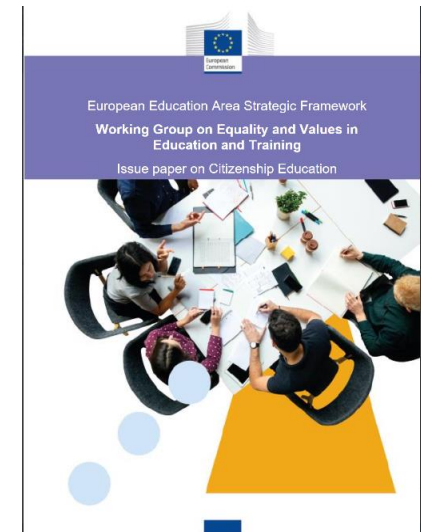
## EU Charter of Fundamental Rights



## European Democracy Action Plan

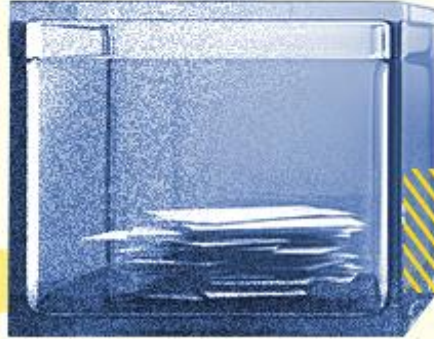
# EU values and civic engagement

- [Council conclusions on the contribution of education and training to strengthening common European values and democratic citizenship](#) (1/12/2023)
- [Issue Paper on Citizenship Education by EEA Working Group on Equality and Values in E&T](#) (2023)
- [EEA Working Group on Equality and Values](#) for more information



# European Parliament elections:

6-9 June 2024



**TOGETHER FOR  
DEMOCRACY**

Dedicated webpage in all EU languages:  
<https://elections.europa.eu/en/>



# European Year of Skills



## Right skills for quality jobs

- **What?** - Having a workforce with in-demand skills is important for long-term sustainable growth and competitiveness. It will also ensure that the green and digital transitions are socially fair and just.
- **How?** - Thousands of events and activities on skill development across Europe.
- **DG EMLP** website for more information



# Questions?

*Prepare your questions for the online information session*



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