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Introduction

European Education Area

Education and training play a crucial role so that everyone can flourish in society. To build more resilient and inclusive education and training systems in Europe and help address the common challenges that they face, the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training was put in place. This framework was outlined in the <u>Council Resolution</u> of February 2021 and has as an overarching objective of building the European Education Area (EEA).

European cooperation to build the European Education Area focuses on:

- improving quality, equity, inclusion and success for all,
- making lifelong learning and mobility a reality for all,
- supporting the green and digital transitions in and through education and training,
- enhancing competences and motivation in the education profession,
- strengthening European higher education.

It also helps to make Europe stronger in the world.

To provide insights into what has been achieved within the EEA, an evaluation is being conducted and the results of this public consultation will be added to the evidence base.

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General questions

*Which of the following best describes you?
Learner in general education
Learner in vocational education and training
Learner in higher education
Learner in non-formal education
Adult learner
Early childhood education and care professional
Teacher
Trainer
Educator
Educational support staff
Education institution leader
Researcher / Scholar
Policymaker
Social partner (employers)
Social partner (employees)
International organisation
NGO NGO
Other
Are you a member of any of the following groups / formations?
Please select all that apply.
Education Committee of the Council
High Level Group on Education and Training
Directors-General formations (for school education, vocational education and
training, higher education)
Advisory Committee on Vocational Training
European Education Area Strategic Framework Working Groups (Early
childhood education and care, Schools, Higher education, Vocational
education and training and the green transition, Adult learning: opening up opportunities for all, Digital education: learning, training and assessment,
Equality and values in education and training)
Standing Group on Indicators and Benchmarks
Other European Commission expert groups
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Please specify:

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Graduate tracking

*Which of the education and training levels do you work with / in?

Please select all that apply.

- Early childhood education and care
- General education
- Vocational education and training
- Higher education
- Adult learning
- Non-formal education

To what extent do you agree that education and training systems in the EU have faced the following challenges in recent years?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know / no opinion
Inequalities in education and training	•	0	0	0	0	0
Low quality of education and training provision	•	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient opportunities for lifelong learning	•	0	0	0	0	0
Insufficient opportunities for learning mobility in another country	0	•	0	0	0	0
Underachievement in basic skills	•	0	0	0	0	0
Low levels of digital skills	0	•	0	0	0	0
Low levels of competences for sustainability	•	0	0	0	0	0
Low levels of skills for civic, social and democratic participation	0	•	0	0	0	0
Mismatch between supply of skills and labour market demand	0	0	0	0	•	0
Teacher shortage / lack of attractiveness of the teaching profession	•	0	0	0	0	0
Lack of well-being in education and training institutions	•	0	0	0	0	0
Limited cooperation among higher education institutions	0	0	0	0	•	0
Low / inefficient investment in education and training, including in infrastructure	•	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Are you familiar with European cooperation in education and training?

- Yes, I am familiar to a great extent
- Yes, I am familiar to some extent
- No, I am not familiar at all

Have you ever heard of the following activities associated with European cooperation in education and training?

	Yes, I have heard about it and know it very well	Yes, I have heard about it, but I do not know it very well	No, I have never heard about it
* Setting common European priorities in education and training	•	0	0
* Mutual learning and exchange of good practices	•	0	©
* Work of the European Education Area Strategic Framework Working Groups	•	0	0
* Commission expert groups (such as, on supportive learning environments for groups at risk of underachievement and for supporting well-being at school)	•	0	0
* Implementation of European Education Area via available EU funding and other instruments (such as Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Social Fund +, European Regional Development Fund, Technical Support Instrument)	•	©	0
* European Education Area Portal	•	0	©
* Events organised by the European Commission on education and training (e.g. European Education Summit)	•	0	0
* Education and Training Monitor	•	0	0
* EU-level targets in education and training	•	0	©
* Communities of practice (e.g. <u>European School</u> <u>Education Platform</u> , <u>EPALE</u> , <u>eTwinning</u> , etc.)	•	0	0
* Mobility and cooperation opportunities under Erasmus+	•	0	0
* Council Recommendations in the field of education and training	•	0	0

* Studies and assessments for education and training reforms	•	•	0
* Country-specific recommendations under the European Semester linked to education and training	•	•	•

Questions for those familiar with European cooperation in education and training

To what extent is it important to continue to support European cooperation on the following priorities of education and training?

	Highly important	Somewhat important	Rather not important	Not important	Do not know / no opinion
* Quality, equity, inclusion and success for all in education and training	•	0	0	0	0
* Making lifelong learning available for all	•	0	0	0	0
* Making learning mobility in another country available for all	•	0	0	0	0
* Support of the green transition in and through education and training	•	0	0	0	0
* Support of the digital transition in and through education and training	•	0	0	0	0
* Enhancement of competences and motivation in the education profession	•	0	0	0	0
* Strengthening of European higher education	•	0	0	0	0
* Geopolitical dimension of education and training	•	0	0	0	0

Are there other	areas	where	the EU	should	support	cooperation	in	education
and training?								

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[◎] No

Which ones?

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Improving attractiveness of the teaching profession: strong recommendations to Member States to practice social dialogue with teachers' trade unions and to cooperate to learn how to raise the status, strengthen qualification requirements, and improve salary, working conditions and well-being of teachers, and to support novice teachers (housing, reducing tuition fees, paid teaching practice, etc).

Since 2021, to what extent has the European cooperation in education and training succeeded in supporting Member States in the following levels of education and training?

	Strongly successful	Successful	Rather unsuccessful	Not at all successful	Do not know / no opinion
* Early childhood education and care	•	0	0	0	0
* School education	•	0	0	0	0
* Vocational education and training	0	•	0	0	0
* Higher education	•	0	0	0	0
* Adult learning	0	0	0	•	0
* Non-formal education	0	•	0	0	0

*What can be done to improve the effectiveness of European cooperation in education and training?

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DG EAC needs to support more social dialogue/partnership and to invite not only the Member States' representatives to events and policy groups, but oblige them to bring along their teachers' trade unions and to brainstorm together. It is not possible to make decisions about teachers and education without the teachers' involvement. European Sectoral Social Dialogue for Education can also contribute

Have you ever participated in or made use any of the following activities of European cooperation in education and training?

	Yes, I participated / made use of	No, I did not participate / make use of	I do not know
Setting common European priorities in education and training	•	0	0
Mutual learning and exchange of good practices	•	0	0

Making available funding and other instruments for national, regional and local measures and reforms in education and training (through Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Social Fund +, European Regional Development Fund, Technical Support Instrument)	0	•	0
Making information accessible through the EEA portal	0	•	0
Events organised by the European Commission on education and training (e.g. European Education Summit)	•	0	0
Education and Training Monitor	•	0	0
EU-level targets in education and training	•	0	0
Communities of practice (e.g. <u>European School Education</u> <u>Platform, EPALE, eTwinning</u> , etc.)	•	0	0
Mobility and cooperation opportunities under Erasmus+	•	0	0
Adopting and implementing Council Recommendations in the field of education and training	•	0	0
Delivering evidence relevant for education and training reforms (e.g. studies, reports)	•	0	0
The EEA Strategic Framework Working Groups' deliverables	•	0	0
Results of Commission expert groups	•	0	0
Country-specific recommendations under the European Semester linked to education and training	•	0	0

Have you observed any of the following results when participating in the activities you selected above?

	To a significant extent	To some extent	To a limited extent	Not at all	Do not know / no opinion
Improved understanding of common European priorities in education and training	0	•	0	0	©
Improved understanding of funds for supporting reforms and measures in education and training	0	•	0	0	0
Gained new knowledge from others' experiences in addressing common challenges	•	0	0	0	0
Increased synergies with other policies	0	•	0	0	0
Creation of / awareness about new evidence to inform policy making	•	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

To what extent are the following activities of European cooperation in education and training successful in building the European Education Area?

	To a significant extent	To some extent	To a limited extent	Do not contribute	Do not know / no opinion
Setting common European priorities in education and training	•	0	0	0	0
Mutual learning and exchange of good practices	•	0	0	0	0
Making available funding and other instruments for national, regional and local measures and reforms in education and training (through Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Social Fund +, European Regional Development Fund, Technical Support Instrument)	•	•	©	©	•
Making information accessible through the EEA portal	0	•	0	0	0
Events organised by the European Commission on education and training (e.g. European Education Summit)	•	0	0	0	0
Education and Training Monitor	•	0	0	0	0
EU-level targets in education and training	•	0	0	0	0
Communities of practice (e.g. <u>European</u> <u>School Education Platform</u> , <u>EPALE</u> , <u>eTwinning</u> , etc.)	•	0	0	0	0
Mobility and cooperation opportunities under Erasmus+	•	0	0	0	0
Adopting and implementing Council Recommendations in the field of education and training	0	•	0	0	0
Delivering evidence relevant for education and training reforms (e.g. studies, reports)	0	•	0	0	0
The EEA Strategic Framework Working Groups' deliverables	0	•	0	0	0
Results of Commission expert groups	0	•	0	0	0
Country Specific Recommendations under the European Semester linked to education and training	0	•	0	0	0

Overall, do you think that the activities of European cooperation in education	tion
and training are successful?	

Yes
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Please explain why:

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National plans to implement the EEA goals in many countries were never consulted with trade unions; the plans are not clear and not adapted; the Council recommendations are not disseminated by the governments among schools (trade unions do this job) so it will not be evident that counterproductive reforms are not in line with agreed EU policies. Social dialogue on education policy needs more role

Has progress been achieved towards the EEA priorities?

\bigcirc	Yes	:

No

I do not know

To what extent do you consider that the resources (financial and human) allocated to European cooperation in education and training correspond to the results achieved?

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To some extent

Not at all

Do not know / no opinion

To what extent is the EEA coherent with:

	Coherent	Somewhat coherent	Incoherent	Do not know
EU initiatives and funding?	•	0	0	0
National / regional / local initiatives and funding?	0	0	•	0
International initiatives and funding?	0	•	0	0

Are there any areas in which coherence should be improved? If yes, which ones?

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Partly

[◎] No

More democratic governance is needed. European Semester should motivate more sustainable public financing is needed to schools and for teachers' salaries, working conditions, and CPD. There should be less EU targets and more continuous process (5-10 years) to reach the targets. Less reporting and more action. Teachers should be involved. Guaranteed social dialogue with teachers' trade unions.

How successful do you think EU cooperation towards the EEA has been in achieving the following effects beyond what Member States could accomplish individually?

	Strongly successful	Successful	Rather unsuccessful	Not at all successful	Do not know / no opinion
Putting education and training at the top of the policy agenda at the EU and national level	0	0	0	•	0
Exchanging of experience and effective practices to support national reforms	0	•	0	0	0
Triggering the use of available EU funding to support national / regional / local and cross-border measures and reforms	•	•	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

In your opinion, what more could be done by the Commission, the Member States and other stakeholders to reinforce the European cooperation in the field of education and training to support the EEA?

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Take more time to reach the goals. Involve more actors. Support local / national needs and cooperation. Involve teachers in European policy making and exchange. COM's WGs should develop guidelines which are presented at the Council (VET and AL WGs play too low key). Listen to national / local needs instead of allocating EU budget only by EU defined priorities. Support more democratic values.

Closing questions

If you have further comments on the topic of this questionnaire, please write them below:

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Education is a human right a public good. It should support the personal development of each student. The European Pillar of Social Rights must remain a cornerstone of the EU education policy making. The European Commission should stop seeing education as a service of the labour market and companies and link it to "attracting talents", reducing "skills shortages/mismatches".

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