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1. Policy Documents, Frameworks and Reports: Transversal

Theme:	Title and Link:
<p>☞ Overall Policy Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Europe 2020: https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/european-semester_en ▪ Europe 2020 targets: http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/targets/eu-targets/ ▪ Education and Training 2020 (ET2020): http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/index_en.htm ▪ Rethinking Education-Investing in skills for better socio-economic outcomes: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0669:FIN:EN:PDF ▪ Council Resolution on a renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018) - EU Youth Strategy: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32009G1219%2801%29 ▪ The EU Youth Report: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/implementation/report_en.htm ▪ Declaration on Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/repository/education/news/2015/documents/citizenship-education-declaration_en.pdf ▪ Investing in Europe's Youth: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=950&langId=en ▪ The New Skills Agenda for Europe: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1223&langId=en ▪ Commission communication on Strengthening European Identity through Education and Culture - The European Commission's contribution to the Leaders' meeting in Gothenburg (2017): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2017%3A673%3AFIN
<p>☞ Recognition and Transparency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Europass: http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/home ▪ European Qualifications Framework: http://ec.europa.eu/eqf/home_en.htm ▪ Youthpass: https://www.youthpass.eu/en/youthpass/ ▪ ECNET: https://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/ecvet_en

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☞ Entrepreneurship
Education

- Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52012DC0795>
- Entrepreneurship Education - A Guide for Educators: <http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents/7465>
- Towards Greater Cooperation and Coherence in Entrepreneurship Education - Report of the High Level Reflection Panels on Entrepreneurship Education initiated by Directorate General Enterprise and Industry and Directorate General Education and Culture: <http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents/9269/>

☞ Information and
Communications
Technology (ICT) and
Open Education
Resources (OER)

- The Future of Learning: New Ways to Learn New Skills for Future Jobs: <http://is.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pages/EAP/ForCiel.html>
- Opening up Education: <http://www.openeducationeuropa.eu/en/initiative>
- Open Educational Resources and practices in Europe: <http://is.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pages/EAP/OEREU.html>
- Up-scaling Creative Classrooms in Europe <http://is.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pages/EAP/SCALECCR.html>
- Digital Competence: Identification and European-wide validation of its key components for all levels of learners: <http://is.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pages/EAP/DIGCOMP.html>

☞ Multilingualism

- Commission Staff Working Document - Language Competences for employability, mobility and growth: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52012SC0372&from=EN>
- Languages in Education and Training: Country Comparative Analysis: http://ec.europa.eu/languages/library/studies/lang-eat_en.pdf
- Improving the effectiveness of language learning - CLIL and Computer-assisted Language learning: http://ec.europa.eu/languages/library/studies/clil-call_en.pdf
- Language teaching and learning in multilingual classrooms: http://ec.europa.eu/languages/library/studies/lang-eat_en.pdf

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2. Policy Documents, Frameworks and Reports: Adult Education

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<p>☞ Adult Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Renewed European Agenda for adult learning (2011): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:372:0001:0006:EN:PDF ▪ Specific priorities of the European Agenda for adult learning 2016-2020 (published in 2015 Joint Report on implementation of ET 2020): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52015XG1215(02)&from=EN ▪ Promoting adult learning: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/adult-learning/adult_en.htm ▪ In-depth analysis of adult learning policies and their effectiveness in Europe-Final Report. Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=7851&type=2&furtherPubs=yes ▪ Adult Learners in Digital Learning Environments - Final Report. Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=&pubId=7820&type=2&furtherPubs=yes ▪ Support for the work on policy guidance on basic skills for adults - Upskilling Unemployed Adults - The organisation, profiling and targeting of training provision: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=7552&type=2&furtherPubs=related ▪ The New Skills Agenda for Europe: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1223&langId=en ▪ Proposal for a Skills Guarantee: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52016DC0382 ▪ Recommendation on Upskilling Pathways (2016) – New Opportunities for Adults: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:JOC_2016_484_R_0001 ▪ PIAAC, the survey of adult skills: http://www.oecd.org/skills/piaac/ ▪ ET2020 working group on adult learning 2016-2018: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/repository/education/policy/strategic-framework/expert-groups/documents/et2020-presentation_en.pdf ▪ The European Pillar of Social Rights: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/deeper-and-fairer-economic-and-monetary-union/european-pillar-social-rights_en ▪ Other research and studies into aspects of adult learning policy and provision: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1146&langId=en and http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/adult-learning/adult_en

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3. Policy Documents, Frameworks and Reports: Higher Education

Title:	Title and Link:
Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Higher Education Modernisation Agenda: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDFThe European higher education in the world strategy: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52013DC0499&from=ENAdditional information at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/higher-education/index_en.htm and http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/international-cooperation/world-education

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4. Policy Documents, Frameworks and Reports: School Education

Title:	Title and Link:
<p>🔗 School Education: general policy information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commission Communication-School Development and Excellent Teaching for a Great Start in Life (2017): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1496304694958&uri=COM:2017:248:FIN ▪ Commission staff working document accompanying the Communication on school development and excellent teaching for a great start in life, SWD/2017/0165 final (2017): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1496303586570&uri=SWD:2017:165:FIN ▪ Council Conclusions on School Development and Excellent Teaching for a Great Start in Life" (2017) http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1496303586570&uri=SWD:2017:165:FIN
<p>🔗 School Education: improving the attainment of young people, especially those at risk of ESL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council recommendation on policies to reduce early school leaving (2011): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:191:0001:0006:en:PDF ▪ Commission Communication - Tackling early school leaving - A key contribution to the Europe 2020 Agenda (2011): http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0018:FIN:EN:PDF ▪ Final Report and other documents of the Thematic Working Group on Early School Leaving (2013): http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/archive/index_en.htm ▪ Eurydice/CEDEFOP Report "Tackling Early Leaving from Education and Training" (2014): http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/thematic_reports/175EN.pdf ▪ A whole school approach to tackling early school leaving: Policy messages: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/expert-groups/modernisation-higher-education_en (other language versions available at: https://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/expert-groups-2014-2015_en) ▪ Council conclusions on reducing early school leaving and promoting success in school (2015): http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-14441-2015-INIT/en/pdf

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👉 School
Education:
improving the
attainment of
young people with
low basic skills

- The European Framework for Key Competences: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=URISERV%3Ac11090>
- Council conclusions of 26 November 2012 on literacy: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2012:393:0001:0004:EN:PDF>
- Final Report of the EU High Level Group of experts on Literacy: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/repository/education/policy/school/doc/literacy-report_en.pdf
- Commission staff working document - Assessment of Key Competences in initial education and training: Policy Guidance: http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/rethinking/sw371_en.pdf
- Council conclusions on increasing the level of basic skills in the context of European cooperation on schools for the 21st century: https://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/117853.pdf
- The Commission analysis of the PISA 2012 results http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/doc/pisa2012_en.pdf
- PISA 2015: EU performance and initial conclusions regarding education policies in Europe: https://ec.europa.eu/education/news/20161206-pisa-2015-eu-policy-note_en and https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/education/files/pisa-2015-eu-policy-note_en.pdf
- The Commission analysis of the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) 2013: http://ec.europa.eu/education/library/reports/2014/talis_en.pdf
- Thematic Working Group on Mathematics and Science education (final report) http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/archive/documents/wg-mst-final-report_en.pdf

👉 School
Education:
developing high
quality and
accessible early
childhood
education and care
services

- Commission Communication - Early Childhood Education and Care: Providing all our children with the best start for the world of tomorrow: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0066:FIN:EN:PDF>
- Council conclusions on early childhood education and care: providing all our children with the best start for the world of tomorrow: [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52011XG0615\(04\)&from=EN](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52011XG0615(04)&from=EN)
- Final report and other documents from the Thematic Working Group on ECEC: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/archive/index_en.htm
- Additional reading at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/school/early-childhood_en.htm

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🔗 School
Education: revising
and strengthening
the professional
profile of the
teaching
profession

- Council conclusions on effective teacher education (2014): http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/142690.pdf
- Council conclusions on effective leadership in education (2013): http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/139715.pdf
- Council Conclusions on the professional development of teachers and school leaders (2009): <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:302:0006:0009:EN:PDF>
- Education & Training 2020 Working Group on Schools - Teachers and School Leaders in Schools as Learning Organisations - Guiding Principles for policy development in School Education: https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/education/files/teachers-school-leaders-wg-0917_en.pdf
- Education & Training 2020 Working Group on Schools Policy - Shaping career-long perspectives on teaching - A guide on policies to improve Initial Teacher Education: http://ec.europa.eu/education/library/reports/initial-teacher-education_en.pdf
- Commission staff working document - Supporting the Teaching Professions for Better Learning Outcomes: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=SWD:2012:0374:FIN:EN:PDF>
- European Commission/EACEA/Eurydice (2015): The Teaching Profession in Europe: Practices, Perceptions, and Policies: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/thematic_reports/184EN.pdf
- The Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) 2013. Main findings from the survey and implications for education and training policies in Europe: the main Findings from the TALIS 2013 Survey (2014): http://ec.europa.eu/education/library/reports/2014/talis_en.pdf
- European Policy Network on School Leadership (EPNoSL) - The EPNoSL Toolkit: School Leadership for Equity and Learning: <http://www.schoolleadership.eu/portal/deliverable/epnosl-toolkit-school-leadership-equity-and-learning>



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5. Policy Documents, Frameworks and Reports: Vocational Education and Training

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<p>☞ Vocational Education and Training (VET)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bruges Communiqué: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/brugescom_en.pdf ▪ Riga Conclusions: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/repository/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/2015-riga-conclusions_en.pdf ▪ The New Skills Agenda for Europe: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1223&langId=en ▪ Investing in Europe's Youth: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=950&langId=en ▪ The European Pillar of Social Rights: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/deeper-and-fairer-economic-and-monetary-union/european-pillar-social-rights_en ▪ The European Framework for quality and effective apprenticeships: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2873 ▪ European Alliance for Apprenticeships: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1147 ▪ Work-Based Learning - High-Performance Apprenticeships & Work-Based Learning - 20 Guiding Principles: http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/files/2_12_2_appr_20principles_en.pdf ▪ Work-Based Learning in Europe-Practices and Policy Pointers: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/repository/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/alliance/work-based-learning-in-europe_en.pdf ▪ Reports on Apprenticeships: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1147 ▪ ECVET: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/ecvet_en.htm and www.ecvet-secretariat.eu and http://www.ecvet-toolkit.eu/ ▪ EQAVET: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/eqavet_en.htm and http://www.eqavet.eu/gns/home.aspx ▪ Additional information at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/vet_en.htm and http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1146&langId=en

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