



Education and training, an invaluable investment for Europe

- Education and training are essential for Europe's future.
- They are an invaluable investment generating benefits for the economy and society:
 - Effective investment in education and training is crucial for employment, job creation and growth.
 - Education and training can foster inclusion and equality, cultivate mutual respect and embed fundamental values in an open and democratic society.

Education and training – challenges and opportunities

- We spend 5% of our GDP on education and training , yet ...
 - more than one in ten pupils leaves school without a sufficient qualification
 - less than four young people out of ten have completed higher education
 - two adults out of ten have low literacy and numeracy skills
- Education and training should offer citizens the best learning opportunities early on and throughout life.



Education and training – What can the European Union do?

- Education and training are Member States' responsibility, but many face similar challenges. European cooperation complements and supports Member States' reforms and actions.
- In 2009 the Member States and the European Commission agreed to focus their cooperation until 2020 on :
 - Strengthening lifelong learning and mobility;
 - Improving quality and efficiency of education and training;
 - Promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship;
 - Fostering creativity and innovation.
- This cooperation is known as Education and Training 2020, or ET 2020.



ET 2020 – How does it work?

- European cooperation brings Member States, the European Commission and other stakeholders together to learn from each other by sharing experience, evidence, analysis and policy options. This cooperation is referred to as the “ET 2020 tool box”
- ET 2020 Working Groups, comprising experts from Member States' administrations and other stakeholders, are one of the main instruments of the ET 2020 tool box.
- The Erasmus + programme can support this cooperation through strategic partnerships, innovative projects, policy experimentations, networks and other tools.
- European cooperation also monitors progress through agreed benchmarks and regular reports, in particular the annual Education and Training Monitor.

How do the ET2020 Working Groups operate?

- Through mutual learning and the identification of good practices they help Member States address the key challenges of their education and training systems and the common priorities agreed at European level.
- Their work is based on clear mandates and standard operating procedures defining the outputs to be delivered. Their duration is 2-2,5 years.
- In total, the groups involve over 400 experts, including policy-makers, stakeholders and representatives of international organisations who participate in peer learning activities, webinars, meetings and dissemination activities.



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ET 2020 WG milestones

**Education council
conclusions, 11-
12 May 2009**
Adoption of the
**ET2020 strategic
framework**

2011-2013
**11 Thematic Working
Groups (TWG)**

2014-2015
**6 new ET 2020
Working Groups**

2016-June 2018
**6 ET 2020 Working
Groups**



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The six ET 2020 Working Groups



WG on Schools: Governance of school education systems



WG on the Modernisation of Higher Education



WG on Vocational Education and Training: Teachers and trainers in work-based learning



WG on Adult Learning: Workplace learning of adults



WG on Digital Skills and Competences



WG on Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education (follow-up to the Paris declaration)



For more information please check:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/strategic-framework/expert-groups_en.htm