European Commission

Council Recommendation on common values, inclusive education and the European dimension of teaching

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Developing the Recommendation

1. What societal challenges does education need to address?

2. What can the EU do to help?

Developing the Recommendation

Which values to focus on?

Belonging to school, locality, country, Europe

Four main pillars of proposal

1. Promoting common values

2. Providing inclusive education

3. Promoting a European dimension of teaching

4. Supporting teachers and schools to deliver these objectives

1. Promotion of common values

Learning content

- Citizenship education
- Critical thinking, media literacy

Learning environment

- Open classroom climate
- Whole school approach; support for community involvement

Learning resources

- Council of Europe Democratic Culture Framework
- [Also output from ET2020 working group etc.]

2. Inclusive education

Access

- Including all pupils in quality education
- Acknowledging importance of early childhood education & care

Support

- Enabling inclusion by providing support to learners according to their needs

Transitions

- Helping students navigate educational levels–educational and career guidance

3. European dimension of teaching

Knowing our neighbours and ourselves

- Understanding of diverse MS and their people
- Understanding our common heritage

Knowing the EU

- Why do we have the EU and what does it do?

Personal experience of being European

- Mobility, e-twinning
- Local projects, e.g. back to school

4. Supporting teachers and teaching

Teacher training

- Initial and ongoing teacher training on
  - Conveying common values
  - Responding to learners' diverse needs

Mentoring and support

- Teacher exchanges; peer learning; guidance and mentoring.

What can the Commission do?

Funding

- Erasmus+: e-Twinning, school mobility, policy experimentation
- Structural and investment funds
- Etc….

Supporting policy reforms

- ET2020 cooperation
- Structural reform support

Research and guidance

- E.g. EENEE, NESET, Eurydice studies
- Education & Training Monitor

Questions?