



Register of Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities

Commission Expert Group

Name: Thematic Working Group on Early Childhood Education and Care (E02749)
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

Abbreviation: TWG ECEC

Policy Area: Education

Lead DG: EAC - DG Education and Culture

Type: Informal, Temporary

Scope: Limited

Mission: The Commission has set up the group in the context of the Education and Training 2020 work programme through which Member States pursue common objectives to improve their education and training systems. Its overall objective is to help Member States develop their Early Childhood Education and Care policies and provision by enabling them to learn about other countries' policies and practices.

Task: Assist the Commission in the preparation of legislation or in policy definition
Coordinates with Member States, exchange of views
Monitors the development of national policies and the enforcement of EU legislation by national authorities

Composition: National Administrations
Third Country (Education)
Candidate country (Education)
Association (Education)

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Additional Information

Activity Report

First meeting of the Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) held on 12 & 13 March 2012.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/school-education/childhood_en.htm

[Document 1](#)

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[Document 2](#)

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Selection Procedure (members)

According to the Council Conclusion of 12 May 2009 on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training, the European Commission has decided that membership of the Thematic Working Groups under the Open Method of Coordination of the Education and Training 2020 Strategic Framework should be as follows: (a) Member States (invited by the Commission following their nomination by national ministries of Education); (b) Candidate countries and EEA countries (invited by the Commission following their nomination by national ministries of Education); and (c) European social partner organisations (by direct invitation from the Commission).

Internal Rules of Procedure

Experts groups usually operate in an informal setting without any formal rules of procedure. This is the case for this group.

Members

Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
ETUCE	Association	European	Member
Ministry of Education	Third Country	Norway	Member
Ministry of National Education, DG Basic Foundation	Candidate country	Turkey	Member
Comenius Foundation for Child Development	NGO	Poland	Alternate member
Education and Teacher Training Agency	Candidate country	Croatia	Alternate member
Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica	Academia	Slovakia	Alternate member
Ministry of National Education, DG EU and Foreign Relations	Candidate country	Turkey	Alternate member
"Step by Step" Centre for Education and Professional Development	NGO	Romania	Alternate member
Stirling Council	Association	United Kingdom	Alternate member
The Danish Evaluation Institute	Research Institute	Denmark	Alternate member

National administrations

Country		Membership Status
Austria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	3 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Croatia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	3 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Romania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

Statistics

Number of Members: 31

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	3		
National administrations:	28		

Number of Alternate Members: 7

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	7		
National administrations:	0		

Number of Observers: 0

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	0		
National administrations:	0		