
Policy documents - general

1. [European Agenda for Adult Learning](#)

The Council resolution on a renewed European Agenda on Adult Learning (EAAL), consolidating policy in the field of adult learning. Till this day it is the EU reference text on adult learning policy. A key message of the Agenda is that adult learning in all its forms boosts learners' employability, and contributes to social inclusion, active citizenship and personal development. Increasing participation and enabling all adults to develop and renew their skills and competences throughout their lives are at the heart of the Agenda.

2. [Education and Training 2020](#)

Education and training 2020 (ET 2020) is the framework for cooperation in education and training. It is a forum for exchanges of best practices, mutual learning, gathering and dissemination of information and evidence of what works, as well as advice and support for policy reforms.

3. [2015 Joint Report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training](#)

The report identified new priorities for the education and training including adult learning. The new set of priorities for the period, for the period 2015-2020 in adult learning includes:

- ensuring the coherence of adult learning with other policy areas
- increasing the supply and take-up of adult learning provision
- widening access through workplace-based learning, ICT and second-chance opportunities
- improving quality assurance, including initial and continuing education of adult educators.

4. [European Pillar of Social Rights](#)

The Pillar of Social Rights is about delivering new and more effective rights for citizens. It builds upon 20 key principles, structured around three categories:

- Equal opportunities and access to the labour market
- Fair working conditions
- Social protection and inclusion.

Policy documents – specific solution

1. [Recommendation on Upskilling Pathways: New Opportunities for Adults](#)

This aims to help adult Europeans who struggle with literacy, numeracy or digital skills to obtain those skills and if they want gain higher level of qualification. I will talk about this recommendation in detail after the break.

2. [Recommendation on validation of non-formal and informal learning](#)

This aims to offer individuals the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned outside formal education and training, and to make use of that learning for their careers and further learning.

3. [European Qualification Framework](#)

The European Qualifications Framework (EQF) acts as a translation device to make national qualifications more readable across Europe, promoting workers' and learners' mobility between countries and facilitating their lifelong learning.

4. [Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong Learning](#)

It provides a common European reference framework on key competences (competences necessary for quality life) for policymakers, education and training providers, the social partners and learners themselves.

5. [Europass](#)

Five documents to make skills and qualifications of individual clearly and easily understood in Europe. Two documents freely accessible:

- the Curriculum Vitae helps you present skills and qualifications effectively and clearly.
- the Language Passport is a self-assessment tool for language skills and qualifications.

Three documents issued by education and training authorities:

- the Europass Mobility records the knowledge and skills acquired in another European country.
- the Certificate Supplement describes the knowledge and skills acquired by holders of vocational education and training certificates.
- the Diploma Supplement describes the knowledge and skills acquired by holders of higher education degrees.

Tools, measures, instruments

1. [National Coordinators for Adult Learning](#)
2. [ET2020 Working Group on adult learning and vocational education and learning](#)
3. [Adult Learning Policy Analysis Tool](#)
4. [Erasmus+ Projects Results database](#)
5. [European Quality Assurance in VET](#)
6. [European Credit System for VET](#)
7. [EPALE](#)

Statistics

1. [Skills Panorama](#)
2. [PIAAC](#)
3. Eurostat: [Adult Education Survey, Labour Force Survey and Continuing Vocational Training in Enterprises](#)
4. [Eurydice](#)
5. [Cedefop](#)
6. [Eurofound](#)