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EUROPEAN EDUCATION OBJECTIVES

Europe 2020 is the European Union's current ten-year growth strategy.
Education and Training 2020 is a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training that builds on its predecessor ET2010.
Their combined targets in education are:

Pre-primary
- Raise the proportion of children between 4 years old and the age for starting compulsory primary-education participating in early childhood education to at least 95%.

Secondary
- Reduce school drop-out rates to 10%.
- Reduce the proportion of low-achieving 15-year olds in reading, mathematics and science to less than 15%.

Tertiary
- Raise the proportion of 30-34–year-olds completing third level education to 40%.

Lifelong learning
- Raise the average of adults that participate in lifelong learning to at least 15%.

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FOCUS ON MIGRANT EDUCATION

Efforts to reach **Europe's 2020 targets** on education and employment should focus on young people with a migrant background because:

- **Immigrant students are over-represented at the lowest educational level:** 36% of first generation 15-year olds perform at the lowest levels in mathematics, language and science, whereas the rate for native students is 17% (**PISA 2009**).

- **Young people with a migrant background are twice as likely to drop out of school**: In 2012, the overall rate for early school leavers in the EU was 12.7%, while the equivalent rate for third-country nationals was 26.5% (**ETM 2013**).

- **Early school leavers are less likely to find a job and are thus at greater risk of social exclusion**: The unemployment rate amongst early school leavers was 40.1% in 2012, against an overall youth unemployment rate of 22.8% (**ETM 2013**).

WHAT IS SIRIUS?

SIRIUS is a European platform that brings together key stakeholders in migration and education from around Europe, including policy makers, researchers, practitioners and representatives of migrant communities.

SIRIUS transfers knowledge and influences policy developments in order to help pupils from a migrant background achieve the same educational standards as their native peers.

WHAT DOES SIRIUS DO?

- Encourage **high-quality, inclusive education** for all, with specific measures to improve the support for migrants both inside and outside the school system.

- **Mainstream migrant education into education policies** so that it becomes a cross-cutting issue in national and European migration and education debates.

- **Promote better policy implementation that encourages lifelong learning** for all disadvantaged pupils.

- **Develop European-wide collaboration** between stakeholders of all levels.

HOW DOES SIRIUS WORK?

SIRIUS concentrates its efforts in the following areas:

1. **Implementing policies and networking**
   - Compares national policies on migrant education;
   - Encourages cooperation on policy implementation;
   - Develops policy recommendations;
   - Communicates the SIRIUS results to migration and education stakeholders both online and offline.

2. **Improving interactions in the classroom**
   - Develops professional capacity building in schools;
   - Encourages teacher diversification;
   - Scopes citizenship education across Europe.

3. **Involving the community in education**
   - Supports knowledge exchange between education support projects;
   - Highlights successful parental involvement.

HOW DOES SIRIUS BENEFIT YOU?

- Read our publications:
  - Literature reviews
  - Peer reviews
  - Comparative reports
  - Mapping European stakeholders
  - Meeting Reports
  - Brochure and Handbook on Mentoring
- Participate at our events:
  - National Roundtables
  - Thematic Workshops
  - European Stakeholder meetings
- Keep up-to-date with migrant education news:
  - SIRIUS Website
  - SIRIUS Newsletter
  - Twitter / Facebook

Austria

- Austrian Ministry of Education, Culture and Arts
- Federal Institute for Research in Education, Innovation and Development of the Austrian School System (BIFIE)

Belgium

- PAYOKE
- Flemish Education Council
- VLOR
- University of Antwerp (CEMIS)

Bulgaria

- Multi Kulti Collective Association

Croatia

- Forum for Freedom in Education
- Ministry of Science, Education and Sports
- Education and Teacher Training Agency (ETTA)

Cyprus

- Cyprus Pedagogical Institute

Estonia

- Praxis Center for Policy Studies
- Ministry of Education and Research

France

- Association de la Fondation Étudiante pour la Ville (AFEV)

Germany

- Verbund für interkulturelle Kommunikation und Bildung e.V. (VERIKOM)
- Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg (European Forum for Migration Studies)
- German Ministry of Education and Research

Greece

- University of Patras
- Hellenic Association for Intercultural Education (HAIE)
- School of Education (University of Western Macedonia)

Hungary

- University of Pécs

Ireland

- The Integration Centre
- New Communities Partnership (NCP)

Italy

- University of Study of Milan-Bicocca
- Trasversale srl
- University of Bérgamo

Latvia

- Global Development Institute (GDI)
- Ministry of Education

Lithuania

- Public Policy and Management Institute (PPMI)
- Ministry of Education and Science

The Netherlands

- Dutch National Knowledge Centre for Mixed Schools
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (Risbo)

Norway

- National centre for multicultural education (NAFO)
- Østfold University College
- Ministry of Education and Research

Portugal

- Programa Escolhas
- Centre for Research and Intervention in Education (CIIE/FPCEUP)

Romania

- CEDU 2000+
- Ministry of Education

Spain

- Regidoria d'Educació de l'Ajuntament de L'hospitalet de Llobregat
- Associació de Mestres Rosa Sensat
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ERDISC)
- Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte
- Autonomous University of Madrid
- Department of Education, Generalitat of Catalonia

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- Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
- European Students' Union
- IMISCOE Research Network
- Migration Policy Group (MPG)
- Migration Policy Institute Europe (MPI)
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