

Council of Europe Contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



4.6 Universal youth literacy

By 2030, ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy

The Council of Europe, in its contribution to ensuring that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults achieve literacy and numeracy, works in particular on language programmes for migrants and other vulnerable groups. For example, it encourages its member States to recognise their specific responsibilities in relation to language training for adult migrants, which for a long time was seen solely as the responsibility of migrants themselves. This language support must have objectives such as ensuring a level of competence in oral communication, a crucial element of social life, in particular in the workplace. However, it should also seek to generate a sense of belonging to the migrants' new social environment, in addition to their existing loyalties, while bearing in mind that this sense of belonging depends too on the migrants' own plans (for instance, permanent or temporary settlement).

Mapping for Council of Europe Education Activities on SDG 4.6

Standards	Data/Reports	Tools	Activities
<p>Extracts from Council of Europe Conventions, Recommendations and Resolutions concerning Integration of Adult Migrants and Education (1968-2015)</p>	<p>Final Report on the 3rd Survey on language policies for the integration of adult migrants The report, also building on the previous two surveys (2007 and 2009), provides further information on language requirements and course provision in member states as a basis for shared reflection and debate on emerging policy trends in the light of our shared principles</p>	<p>Language Support for adult refugees: a Council of Europe toolkit The toolkit is designed to assist organisations, and especially volunteers, providing language support for adult refugees. Throughout the toolkit “refugee” is understood in a broad sense and includes asylum seekers as well as refugees.</p>	<p>Linguistic integration of adult migrants The Council of Europe toolkit aims at providing guidance and easy to-use teaching materials for volunteers working with refugees. The project also aims at providing assistance to member states in developing coherent and effective policies, practical support and encouraging good practices.</p>
			<p>Plurilingual Education It aims at designing and implementing initiatives for the development and analysis of language education policies aimed at promoting linguistic diversity and plurilingualism.</p>