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**LEARNERS FIRST**

Education for  
Today's and Tomorrow's  
Democratic Societies

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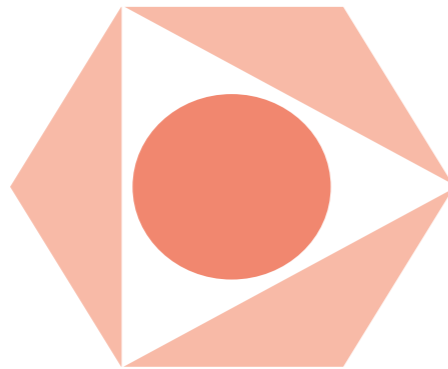
# PROGRAMME

## 3 Pillars

Renewing the **Democratic & Civic Mission** of Education.

Enhancing the **Social Responsibility & Responsiveness** of Education.

Advancing Education through a human rights-based **Digital Transformation**.



## 5 Key Principles

**Adaptable curricula & study programmes.**

**Inclusion & participation** of all learners.

**Development opportunities** for education professionals.

**Flexible** learning environments.

**Participatory** education governance.

## Actions

Legal instruments

Financial instruments

Monitoring instruments

Guidance instruments

Build new partnerships

Communication & visibility

Share innovation, research & best practices

## Target Groups

Curriculum developers

Policy makers

Higher Education leaders

Specialised Networks



# LEARNERS

*A learner that should actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the Rule of Law.*

## Citizen-Learner

1



A competent engaged citizen and **critical thinker**, confident in the democratic process and its institutions.

UPHOLD

DEFEND

“

BENEFIT

PROMOTE

## Digital Learner

2



A fully functional member of society who can exercise their democratic rights and **protect human rights online**.

## Intercultural Global Learner

3

#HUMANRIGHTS



A **socially engaged**, environmentally conscious learner, open to the rich diversity of cultures and languages locally and globally.

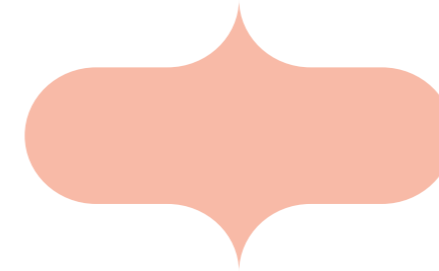


# SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



## Increase the effectiveness of education for democratic culture

*Development of policies to renew the democratic and civic mission of education at the European level.*



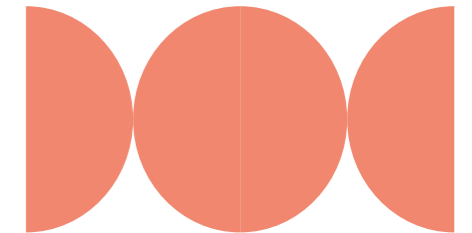
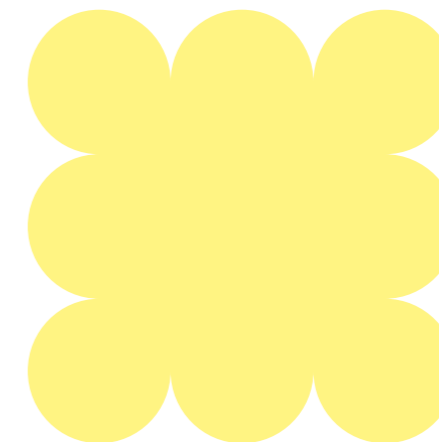
→ 31.12.2024

Review report on the implementation of the Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture.

Resilience toolbox to ensure the right to education in times of emergency.

→ 31.12.2025

Policy guidelines on open school data to improve transparency and accountability in education.



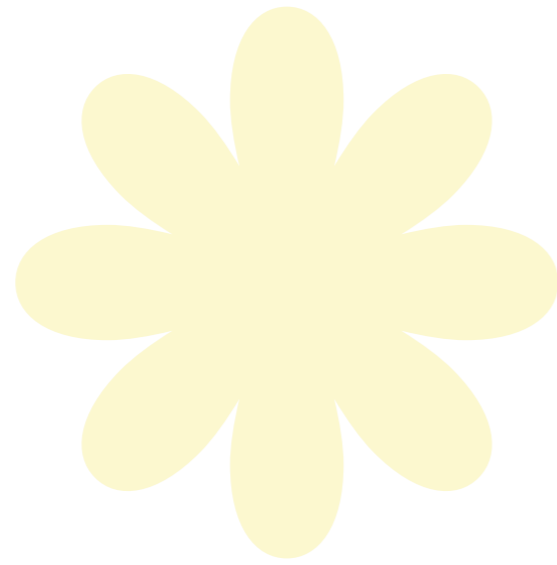
→ 31.12.2026

Codification of the principles of a European Space of Citizenship Education, with a view to possibly developing a draft legal instrument.

Feasibility study on the creation of a Fund for the European Space for Citizenship Education.

# 2

## Valuing diversity at all levels



*Encourage practices furthering the social responsibility and responsiveness of education, that value the social, cultural and linguistic diversity of every learner, from early childhood education to higher and further education.*

→ 31.12.2024

Revised and updated version of the former Language Education Policy Profiles in line with CM/Rec(2022)1 on the importance of plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture as the overall framework.

Draft Recommendation on the use of the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees.

→ 31.12.2025

Compendium for decision-makers on language education policy and practice.

Toolkit on inclusive quality education.

Draft Recommendation on history education.

→ 31.12.2026

Gender Equality Scorecard in Education (jointly with GEC), in line with the implementation of CM/Rec(2007)13 on gender mainstreaming in education.



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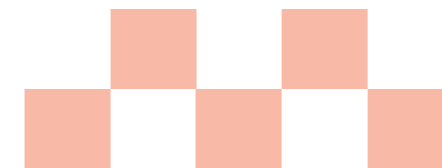
## Promoting fundamental values, ethics, integrity and transparency

*Guide higher education policies towards contributing to the promotion of fundamental values of academic freedom and institutional autonomy, a culture of trust, integrity.*

→ 31.12.2025

Proposals for the establishment of the Council of Europe Observatory on Countering Education Fraud and Promoting Transparency in Education building on the work of ETINED, in line with CM/Rec(2022)18 on Countering Education Fraud.

Policy guidelines on open school data to improve transparency and accountability in education.

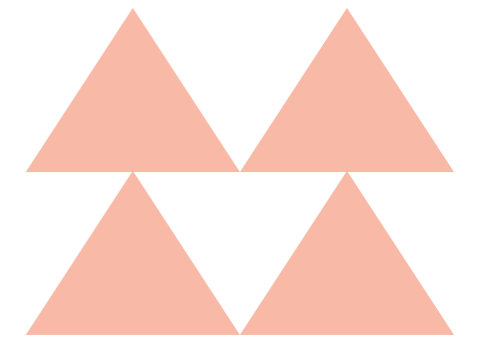


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Proposal for a draft legal instrument on automatic recognition in higher education.

Draft Council of Europe Student Charter.

Implementation review report of CM/Rec(2012)7 on the responsibility of public authorities for academic freedom and institutional autonomy.



→ 31.12.2027

Report on the mid-term implementation evaluation of the Education Strategy 2024-2030.

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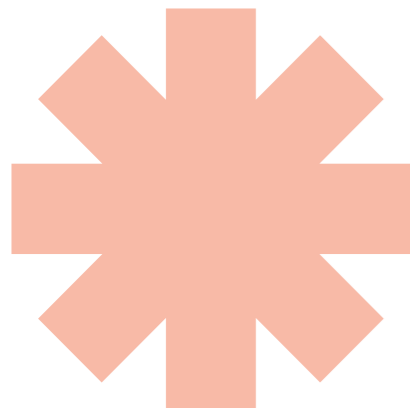
## Harnessing the potential of digital transformation

*Development of policies to support a human rights-based approach to the digital transformation of education.*

→ 31.12.2024

Implementation review report for CM/Rec(2019)10 on developing and promoting digital citizenship education.

Implementation of the 2025 European Year of Digital Citizenship Education.



→ 31.12.2025

Draft Recommendation on teaching and learning about AI.

→ 31.12.2026

Proposal for the development of a draft legal instrument to regulate the use of AI systems in education to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law, applying the provisions of the future Framework Convention on AI, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law of the Council of Europe to the sector of education (in collaboration with the Committee on AI – CAI).



→ 31.12.2027

White paper on the teaching profession in the digital age.

Draft guidelines on the use of education data & data analytics in education systems.

Creation of a state of the art knowledge hub/base of Council of Europe Education learning resources.

#DIGITAL



TRANSFORMATION



# STRUCTURES

## Statutory Bodies

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION (CDEDU)

LISBON RECOGNITION COMMITTEE (LRC)

## Networks

EPAN ENIC/NARIC

ETINED DCE PROMOTERS

## Pilots

EDUCATION IN TIMES OF EMERGENCIES AND CRISIS TOOLKIT **NEW**

## Working Groups

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

HIGHER EDUCATION GROUP **NEW**

AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION

HISTORY

DEMOCRATIC MISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LANGUAGE

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION (DCE)

VET RFCDC<sup>2</sup>

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD)

1. European Qualifications Passport for Refugees  
2. Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture and Vocational Education & Training

EQPR<sup>1</sup>

## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

STANDARD SETTING · CAPACITY BUILDING · MONITORING

ANNUAL OPERATIONNAL BUDGET : 3.06 MILLION €

Formal & Non-Formal Education



Higher & Further Education



Language Policy & Practice



History Education



Digital Transformation & E-Learning Hub

Task Based Teams

COMMUNICATION · EVENTS · CONSULTANCY · AD HOC TASKS





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“ Priority will be given to support the participation of young persons in democratic life and decision-making processes, including through education about human rights and core democratic values, such as pluralism, inclusion, non-discrimination, transparency and accountability.

Reykjavik Principles  
for Democracy – N°8

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