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The start of a new school year is always an exciting and challenging time, whether you are a newcomer or an experienced educator! To make the most of this time, we have compiled a few past topics to explore and get inspiration from!

You may already know how <u>partnerships with the community</u> can benefit and <u>empower</u> schools in multiple ways – these action plans help build <u>school-company partnerships</u>.

In the same vein, cooperation and <u>communication with parents</u> is essential – to deepen **parental engagement** you can pick new ideas from the <u>tutorial</u> and other <u>practices</u>.

Nurturing **social and emotional learning** is as important as ever: not only is the impact of the <u>COVID-19 pandemic</u> still substantial but particular support must be given to <u>refugee students</u>.

Interested to try out something new? Learn how **mentoring** can help <u>pupils</u>, <u>teachers and school</u>s, as well as <u>early career teachers</u>. While new legislation on **artificial intelligence** is under negotiation for Europe, strengthen your knowledge with our articles: what <u>AI tools</u> to use, how to deal with <u>ethical questions</u> or what the main <u>EU policies</u> are about it.

The European School Education Platform team wishes you great reading and hopes that you will stay tuned for more this autumn!

Content by the latest focus areas



Skills matter

The <u>European Year of Skills</u> accentuates the importance of skilled and prepared young professionals especially when facing the digital and green transitions. This puts a special focus on vocational education and training (VET) and its <u>teachers</u> who are challenged in many ways. Furthermore, it is essential to consider the <u>integration of immersive technologies</u> in VET and see how to address the changing skills needs created by <u>artificial intelligence</u>.

Concurrently, we must ensure <u>inclusive VET</u> to keep onboard disadvantaged students; more opportunities for <u>apprenticeships and work-based learning</u> help achieve this. You can learn more about initiatives like <u>GreenComp Community</u> or teacher education for sustainability.



School segregation

Fighting school segregation is an important part of promoting inclusive education for all. Specifically, deprived urban communities or minorities like Roma communities face a higher risk of school segregation. Different ways to tackle school segregation exist across Europe and vary from parent-led initiatives in Amsterdam, grass-root movements in Denmark, using matching mechanisms of schools and different measures taken by cities.

Learn more from two publications that focus on patterns of school segregation in Europe and inclusive education.

Other content

- Survey on promoting mental and physical health in schools
- News: The Digital Education Hackathon is back on 6-13 November!
- **Teaching material:** <u>Toolkit for schools:</u> <u>EU Democracy in Action Have Your Say with the European Citizens' Initiative</u>

- **Teaching material:** Action plans to unlock the power of parentteacher partnerships for inclusive learning
- Practice video: Citizenship education in action
- Practice video: <u>Promoting sustainability and pupil participation in school life</u>

Professional development

Would you like to receive regular news about the professional development activities happening on the European School Education Platform? Register here to receive our professional development updates!

Upcoming webinars:

 High Achievers: Social Experiences of Gifted Students, 21.9.2023, 16:00 CEST

Upcoming courses:

- Supporting gifted and talented students in your classroom, 18.9.2023
- <u>eTwinning Schools: Inclusive and Innovative Learning Organisations</u> (eTwinners), 18.9.2023

Self-paced courses:

- Navigating the European School Education Platform
- Erasmus Accreditations a New Path to Mobility
- <u>Erasmus+ Pupil Mobility in School Education</u>
- Erasmus+ funding opportunities for schools
- <u>Teachers as Researchers Improving Classroom Practice through</u>
 <u>Action Research</u>

Webinar recordings:

- Skills Development: Schools as skill-generating environments, 7.2023
- <u>Fighting school segregation at a local level: strategies and policies</u>,
 7.2023

Support

In case you have questions or need advice, here is how to find support:

 A self-paced course about European School Education Platform (in English)

- Support portal with FAQ and contact form (in English)
- <u>Tutorial videos</u> to use the platform (in 29 languages)

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