

EFEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016

EFEE proposes its 2016 Work Programme in order to raise awareness and increase commitment and ownership on the European policy agenda in education, training and youth and its reforms at EU and Member State level. This Programme consists of 7 pillars, identified since 2013. New this year is the topic of promoting civic education, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship to facilitate the migrants' integration in the education system. This programme has been agreed by the General Assembly of 15/12/15 2015, thus representing the priorities and ideas expressed by our members.

I Participation in DG EAC TWGs:

Since 2013, members of EFEE and secretariat take part in ET2020 Thematic WGs of DG EAC. The secretariat coordinates input to the Working Groups and the output of WGs are communicated to all members through newsflashes, during social dialogue meetings (pillar II) GA meetings (meetings self are reimbursed by DG EAC, but staff costs are not). The list of EFEE representatives in the Working Groups is as follows:

- Working Group on Schools: Bianka Stege (EFEE) & David Simmonds (Local Government Association – UK)
- Working Group on Modernization of Higher Education: Heikki Holopainen (Association of Finnish Independent Education Employers – FI)
- Working Group on Vocational Education and Training: Rob Schuur (Association of VET Colleges/MBO-raad – NL)
- Working Group on Adult Learning: Fiona Maloney (Education and Training Boards Ireland – IE)
- Working Group on Digital Skills and Competences: Jens Vermeersch (GO! Education of the Flemish Community – BE)
- Working Group on Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education: Miriam Appelman (Secondary Education Council of the Netherlands/VO-raad – NL)

II Social Dialogue working groups

3 Working Groups for EFEE and ETUCE members (meetings are reimbursed by DG EMPL, but staff costs not)

- WG Spring: theme European Semester, ET2020, Skills Agenda
- WG Summer: modernising Higher Education & Research
- WG Autumn; themes Open and innovative education with focus on digital era, supporting a new generation of educators by enhancing professional profile of teachers & trainers

III EC Consultations & policy papers

- 2 consultation papers further to consultations by DG EAC/ DG EMPL
- Policy paper on “ promotion of civic education, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship, and other competencies to facilitate the migrants' integration in the educational and socio-economic environment of host countries”
- Guidelines on “Work related stress”



IV Enhanced partnerships activities

- EFEE is member of European Policy Network on School Leadership. Focus on promoting equity and inclusive education.
- Ensure representation of Education sector at cross-sectoral social partner meetings with CEEP
- Prepare joint declarations ahead of Tripartite Social Summits
- Take part in Public Services Employers meetings to link with other sectors
- Promote link VET with labour market through work as member of European Alliance for apprenticeships, for EFEE members dealing with VET
- Work with ETUCE on project on Work related stress and professionalisation of teachers

V Capacity Building activities:

- General Assembly (2) & Executive Committee meetings (4)
- Recruit new members to reinforce network
- Training of existing and potential members on EU Policies and European Sectoral Social Dialogue (Possible visits: EE, HU, LV, ES, Serbia)

VI Peer Learning activities

- PLA on Open and innovative education with special focus on digital era (tbc)
- PLA on promoting civic education, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship and other competencies to facilitate the migrants' integration

VII Dissemination and communication activities

- Monitoring survey on dissemination and exploitation of results.
- Dissemination of outcomes (recommendations, joint declarations, statements, guidelines, best practices, publication).
- News-flashes with info of DG EAC, DG RTD and DG EMPL (Call for proposals, press releases, Communications, stakeholder consultation)
- Linked-In and Twitter updates
- Dissemination of Education Council conclusions

