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## NEXT MULTI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2014-2020

The European Commission presented on 29 June 2011 its proposal for the next [Multi-annual Financial Framework 2014-2020](#). This proposal "A budget for Europe 2020" outlines the creation of an integrated programme of €15.2 billion entitled "Education Europe" for education, training and youth, with a clear focus on developing skills and mobility.

This programme will bring together the currently separate sub-programmes of the Lifelong Learning Programme, the international aspects of Higher Education, including Erasmus Mundus, and Youth in Action. This will allow for greater efficiency, a stronger strategic focus and for synergies to be exploited between the various aspects of the programme.

The new programme "[Education Europe](#)" will focus on:

- ⇒ Providing targeted transnational learning opportunities;
- ⇒ Matching skills and labour market demand in order to boost the employability, entrepreneurial spirit and participation of young people;
- ⇒ Volunteering as well as non-formal and informal learning;
- ⇒ Supporting widespread reforms and the modernisation of education and training systems throughout Europe and beyond.

Concretely, it is highlighted in the fiches that the programme will comprise three main lines of action:

- (1) Trans-national learning mobility - as many as 800,000 EU citizens, mainly students, could be helped to be mobile each year.
- (2) Co-operation activities between education institutions and the world of work will be supported to promote the modernisation of education, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- (3) Policy support will be provided to gather evidence on the effectiveness of education investments and to help Member States implement effective policies.

As part of the Education Europe programme, for the first time ever, [a Sport sub-programme](#) has been proposed and will focus on:

- ⇒ Tackling transnational threats that are specific to sport such as doping, violence, racism and intolerance, or issues relating to the integrity of competitions and sportspersons;
- ⇒ Developing European cooperation in sport through, for example, guidelines for dual careers of athletes or benchmarks for good governance of sporting organisations;
- ⇒ Supporting grassroots sports organisations which can play a role in addressing wider socioeconomic challenges such as social inclusion.

This programme will bring EU added-value to issues arising from the specific nature of sport, mobilising private-sector financing from actors in the field of sport, and supporting organisations at the base of the sporting pyramid - not the top professional level.



Click [here](#) to obtain further information about the Multi-Annual Financial Framework

## 4<sup>th</sup> STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON EU COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### Brussels, 26/27 September 2011

Since 2008, as part of its consultation efforts, the European Commission is hosting an annual Stakeholders' Forum on EU cooperation in education and training. The main objective of these Forums is to gather European-level stakeholders and social partners to discuss cooperation and transversal issues in the field of education and training.

The Fourth European Stakeholders' Forum on EU cooperation in education and training took place in Brussels on 26-27 September 2011 and EOSE attended the event. This Forum allowed European stakeholders to give their views on progress made during the first cycle of the [Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training \("ET 2020"\)](#) and to make concrete proposals on the priority areas of the second cycle. Key messages from this Forum are going to be used by the European Commission in drafting its proposal for the 2012 Joint progress report on the implementation of ET 2020, which will be adopted by the Council and the Commission in February 2012.

EOSE had the chance to participate in small group discussions and workshops related to identifying and organising priorities on a cross sectoral level. Within these discussions EOSE was able to relay the progress made in the Sport and Active Leisure sector in the development of Occupational Standards and provide a clear insight into the impact which the proposed priorities of the forum would have on the sector.

The presentations from Pierre Maresse (Director, Education and Culture DG) and Dorota Lewandowska (Chair of the Education Committee) along with the notes of the forum will be available in the coming weeks and will be posted on [EOSE website](#).



Further information available on the [European's Commission website](#)

## MAIN PRIORITIES OF THE POLISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

### 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011

A new Trio of Presidencies of the Council of the European Union with responsibility for the functioning of the Council of the Union European has begun with Poland. Poland, who has taken over the reigns from Hungary, is holding the presidency from July to December 2011 and will be followed by Denmark (January – June 2012) and then Cyprus (July – December 2012). The main objective of the Polish Presidency shall be that of leading the European Union towards faster economic growth, and an enhanced political community.

Regarding the specific sport priorities, the [official programme](#) of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union underlined that the Presidency will initiate a discussion on risks to the integrity of sport focusing mainly on those caused by corruption. Moreover, the Presidency will focus on the social and economic dimension of sport, stressing issues relating to social exclusion and the significant impact of sport on the economy.

It is also planned through the Presidency that the Council adopts the following documents concerning sports: the conclusions on sports volunteering, a resolution on the representation of the EU in WADA and the coordination of the EU position prior to the meetings of WADA, and the conclusions on the fixing of the results in sporting events.

The following meetings concerning sport will be organised by Ministry of Sport and Tourism during Polish Presidency of the EU Council:

- ⇒ Experts Conference 'From volunteering to leadership in sport'  
*13 - 14 September 2011, Warsaw*
- ⇒ Informal Meeting of EU Ministers Responsible for Sport  
*13 - 14 October 2011, Cracow*
- ⇒ Informal Meeting of EU Sport Directors  
*14 - 16 December 2011, Gdańsk*



For further information please visit the [official website](#) of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union

## THE LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME 2012 CALL FOR PROPOSALS PUBLISHED

The European Commission published in August 2011 the [general call for proposals for 2012](#) for

participation in the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Through the programme the EU enables people of all ages to gain experience through studies, training or learning abroad and supports co-operation between schools, universities and enterprises in different European countries.

Besides Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig and Jean Monnet, the programme offers support to activities for policy co-operation, in the fields of languages, information and communication technologies and dissemination and exploitation of results.

**The five priorities of the 2012 call for proposals:**

- Develop strategies for lifelong learning and mobility
- Encourage cooperation between the worlds of education, training and work
- Support initial and continuous training of teachers, trainers and education and training institutions' managers
- Promote the acquisition of key competences throughout the education and training system
- Promote social inclusion and gender equality in education and training, including the integration of migrants and Roma

All information needed to develop an application for participation in the Lifelong Learning Programme, the description of each sub-programme and corresponding detailed strategic priorities, and all documentations related to the call can be found on the [European Commission's website](#).

For further information please visit the [European Commission](#) or [EACEA](#) website



## NEXT EVENTS

- [17th Play the Game Conference](#), Cologne (DE), 3 - 6 October 2011
- [Nature & Sports Euro'Meet](#), Annecy (FR), 5 - 8 October 2011
- [Informal Meeting of EU Ministers for Sport](#), Cracow (PL), 13 - 14 October 2011
- [Informal Meeting of EU Sport Directors](#), Gdańsk (PL), 14 - 16 December 2011
- [CEDEFOP Conference](#) "Increasing the relevance of education and training to the labour market", Brussels (BE), 24-25 November 2011
- [Golf Stand Project](#) Full Partner Meeting, London (UK), 12-13 January 2012



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