

EFEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015

EFEE proposes an ambitious Work Programme in order to raise awareness on and increase commitment to the European policy agenda in education, training and youth, to inform the European Commission (EC) on our members' view, to influence EC policy, to exchange information of members, and to network. The Work Programme has been divided into 7 different pillars that are interlinked, in order to embed new activities with existing ones.

Pillar I Participation in DG EAC and DG EMPL WGs

Since 2014, members of EFEE and the EFEE secretariat take part in five ET2020 Thematic Working Groups of DG EAC on VET, Adult Learning, Modernising Higher Education, School Policy, and Transversal Skills. The secretariat coordinates the input to these Working Groups and the outputs of these Working Groups are communicated to all members.

Pillar II Social Dialogue working groups and projects

We planned the following European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education activities for EFEE members and members of the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE):

- WG 9 March; theme a.o. Schools of 21st century: supporting a new generation of educators by enhancing the professional profile of teachers, trainers. Dissemination of outcomes of 2014 project on Effective School leadership.
- WG 12 December; theme Higher Education & Research: supporting early career researchers in higher education in Europe, development of the European Research Area, and the future Bologna process.
- Plenary meeting 25 Nov; theme a.o. Opening Up Education and Innovative teaching.
- Project on: "Social Partners Promoting Decent Workplaces in the Education Sector for Healthier Working Life"
 - Case study visit to Romania: 20-21 May
 - Case study visit to Finland: 28-29 September
 - Case study visit to Belgium: 28-29 October
 - Case study visit to Germany: 2-3 November
 - Training seminar in Madrid: 4 December
- Project on: "European Sectoral Social Partners in Education promoting the potentials of their dialogue through knowledge transfer and training. The ESSDE capacity building project II"

Pillar III EC Consultations & policy papers

EFEE produces policy papers, statements and replies to European consultations in order to spread the views of education employers in Europe:

- Replies to public consultations of the EC
- EFEE position paper on the economic case for education and training in the context Europe 2020, finalised March 2015

- Policy recommendations on “Autonomous, accountable and efficient School leadership”, finalised January 2015
- Policy recommendations on “Supporting early career researchers in higher education in Europe”, finalised January 2015
- EFEE and ETUCE Joint Position on “The contribution of sectoral social dialogue to the strengthening of social dialogue”, finalised January 2015

Pillar IV Enhanced partnerships activities

EFEE works closely together with other European organisations in order to strengthen our position at EU level:

- EFEE continues as member in European Policy Network on School Leadership
- Ensures representation of Education sector at cross-sectoral social partner meetings
- Prepares joint declarations with CEEP ahead of Tripartite Social Summits
- Takes part in the Public Services Employers Forum meetings to link with other sectors
- Promotes link VET with labour market by:
 - Active participation of EFEE VET members in ETUC seminar on “The role of the education sector in improving the quality of apprenticeships” (13 January);
 - Representation of EFEE in seminar of CEEP, BusinessEurope and UEAPME on the cost effectiveness of apprenticeship schemes – making the business case for apprenticeships (16-17 April);
 - Preparing a pledge together with ETUCE for the European Alliance for Apprenticeships, which will be presented during the meeting of Ministers in charge of Vocational Education and Training, European Social Partners and the European Commission in Riga on 22 June.

Pillar V Capacity Building activities:

Strengthening the relations with our members and possible new members is an important priority for 2015. We do this a.o. by organising the following activities:

- General Assembly & Executive Committee meetings on 10 March and 24 November
- Executive Committee on 14 September in Prague, Czech Republic
- Recruit new members to reinforce network and spread activities
- Training of existing and potential members on EU Policies and European Sectoral Social Dialogue in education:
 - Roundtable meeting in Cyprus: 5 June
 - Roundtable meeting in Poland: 8 September
 - Roundtable meeting in Latvia: 23 October
 - Roundtable meeting in Bulgaria: 4 November

Pillar VI Peer Learning Activities

We foresee 2 Peer Learning Activities and 1 Study Visit for our members to learn from their peers, to exchange experiences on current challenges in the education sector and to broaden their network:

- Peer Learning Activity to UK on improving the transition between education and the labour market, 2-3 September
- Peer Learning Activity to Belgium (Flanders) on promoting excellence and innovation and supporting new generation of educators, 15 October
- Study Visit to European Parliament and meeting with CULT committee, 14 October

Pillar VII International Conferences

We promote the visibility of EFEE by participating in:

- King's College London Conference "Integrating service user & workforce involvement in public services – exploring the connections": Brussels, 30 January
- High level conference "A new start for Social Dialogue": Brussels, 5 March
- Conference "25th anniversary of Free Trade Union Federation in Education of Romania": Sinaia, 29-30 April
- Meeting of Ministers in charge of Vocational Education and Training, European Social Partners and European Commission: Riga, 22 June



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