

# Principle 1: Education, Training & Life-long Learning

## European Education Area



“ Everyone has the right to quality and inclusive education, training and life-long learning in order to maintain and acquire skills that enable them to participate fully in society and manage successfully transitions in the labour market. ”

### 1 What are the demands of Social Platform & its Members?

**Ensure the right to universal, quality, affordable, accessible and inclusive public education** throughout the life-course for all;

**Create a holistic life-long learning perspective** and enable people at all life stages to continue learning and developing their competences, including through non-formal and informal education;

**Promote a learner-centred, rights-based approach**, which puts people, their potential, and their aspirations at the heart of any learning activity, particularly for those who are especially vulnerable in education systems;

**Ensure that educational approaches supported by the ESF+ or other EU funds are part of a rights-based approach** for delivery on the priority of promoting social inclusion and fighting poverty;

**Comprehensively collect data disaggregated by groups in vulnerable situations** to detect existing shortcomings in the functioning of education systems.

### 2 Why do we make these demands?

10.2% of 18-24 yos completed lower secondary education and were not in further education or training;

16.4% of the 20-34 yos were not in education, training or employment;

Groups in vulnerable situations are more likely to leave school early or not be in education, training or employment;

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased inequalities between learners.

### 3 How should they be implemented at EU level?

Strongly implement these priorities through projects using EU funding;

Continue developing EU frameworks for the collection and exchange of good practices;

Increase emphasis on inclusive and life-long learning in the European Semester process.

Our chapter on principle 1 also includes recommendations on the Digital Education Action Plan, the Skills Agenda and Skills Guarantee as well as the Erasmus+ fund. Read more in our **full paper**.



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