

Eurydice News

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Welcome to the Eurydice Newsletter

Welcome to the autumn 2016 edition of the Eurydice Newsletter. Our Newsletter provides you with updates on the most recent and forthcoming Eurydice publications, as well as news from the European education world. Education systems vary significantly across Europe, and Eurydice aims at understanding and explaining clearly how those systems work.

Focus on

[Innovation at schools](#)



"Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time" – Rabindranath Tagore

There is an often repeated saying that we have schools from the XIX century, teachers from the XX century

and pupils from the XXI century. However, schools are not entirely stuck in the past, and innovation is arriving in different ways and different speeds. Architecture, teaching methods and new technologies are all having an impact on the skills we develop in our children, and key elements of School 2.0 for the XXI century are already with us.

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[The long and winding road back to school!](#)



Along for the Ride

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"In the summer, the days were long, stretching into each other. Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, this collection of weeks when anything was possible" – Sarah Dessen in

Latest publications

[>> The Organisation of the Academic Year in Europe – 2016/17](#)

National data on the organisation of the academic year in Europe (beginning of the academic year, term times, holidays and examination periods).

[>> The Organisation of School Time in Europe – 2016/17](#)

National data on the length or the school year, the start and end dates, the timing and length of school holidays and number of school days. It covers primary and general secondary education.

[>> Instruction Time in Full-time Compulsory Education in Europe 2015/16](#)

The report offers a comparative analysis of recommended minimum instruction time in European countries. Information is also provided by country and subjects.

[>> Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education](#)

Short overview of recent education policy developments in European countries related to the objectives of the Paris Declaration of 17 March

Everyone has childhood memories attached to the summer. It is the period of the year with the greatest sense of freedom. The kind of freedom that may push you to the most exciting adventures or leave you to survive the most boring, suffocating, hot days. This Focus on article reflects on the different educational effect that summer holidays can have on children, seeing an opportunity for schools and society to do things differently to the rest of the school year.

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[Does good evidence make good policy?](#)



"Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted" – Albert Einstein

In recent decades there has been a strong move towards evidence-based policy making in the public sector. Few education policy-makers today would dare to introduce a reform that is not backed up by data and research evidence. But what is the nature of evidence being used, and can we rely on it to make better policy?

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Who we are

The Eurydice Network's task is to provide reliable information on, and comprehensive analyses of, European education systems and policies. The network drafts descriptions of national education systems, comparative studies devoted to specific topics, indicators and statistics. Through its work, Eurydice aims to promote understanding, cooperation, trust and mobility at European and international levels. All Eurydice publications are available free of charge on the Eurydice website. The network consists of national units located in European countries and is co-ordinated by the EU Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.



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2015.

[>> Entrepreneurship Education at School in Europe – 2016 Edition](#)

In the context of high youth unemployment and complex knowledge-based societies, developing and promoting entrepreneurship education is one of the key policy objectives of the EU and Member States. But, what kind of strategies have countries put in place?

[All publications](#)

Forthcoming

2016

[Diagrams of the Structure of European Education Systems – 2016/17](#)

Diagrams show how the national education system is organised at different levels (29 September 2016).

[Teachers' and School Heads' Salaries and Allowances in Europe 2015/16](#)

The report includes a comparative overview and national sheets on the statutory salaries and allowances earned by teachers and school heads across Europe (5 October 2016 – World Teacher day).

[National Student Fee and Support Systems in European Higher Education – 2016/17](#)

Overview of student fees and financial support in higher education in Europe (October 2016).

[Structural Indicators for Monitoring Education and Training Systems 2016](#)

Complement to the Education and Training Monitor 2016. It contains detailed information on five groups of structural indicators (Early childhood education and care; Achievement in basic skills; Early leaving from education and training; Higher education; and Graduate employability) that focus on country progress and key policy developments (7 November 2016).



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Mobility Scoreboard 2016: Eurydice Background Report

The report provides information on the higher education indicators for the European Commission's Mobility scoreboard, focusing on conditions supporting learner mobility (December 2016).

Other Education News

[>> The OECD has published 'Education at a Glance' an international compendium of comparable national statistics on the state of education worldwide.](#)

[>> Erasmus+ has launched a new education and training website where you can find out about the EU's policies and initiatives all across Europe.](#)

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