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15 – 16.30
European Parliament

European Youth Forum, OBESSU, LLLP

Debate

Building Bridges for Quality and Inclusive Education

How to promote partnerships between key stakeholders for a more inclusive education system?

Both a core priority of the Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 4) and one of the priority areas of the Education and Training Strategic Framework 2020 (ET2020), the European Union and its Member States have committed through different policy processes to ensure that all young people have access to modern, high quality and inclusive education systems and that no one is left behind in these times of fast-changing technological, economic and social developments.

The recent Council Conclusions on “Inclusion in Diversity to achieve a Higher Quality Education for All” (2017) reopened the debate on the main elements need to achieve an inclusive education system, by focusing on the social dimension of education but as well on the role of other relevant stakeholders in enhancing inclusion in education. The European Youth Forum also believes that it is through the fostering of a participatory and learner-centred education governance - which engages learners, educators, parents and the broader local community such as youth organisations, civil society groups and other social partners in the governance of education systems - that we can achieve inclusive and equitable quality education for all. This approach is an important step away from the traditional ‘one-size-fits all’ mentality that still permeates our educational systems and towards the promotion of a democratic and inclusive school culture that values diversity, a lifelong learning approach to education, the acquisition of civic, intercultural, social and relational competences as well as a stimulating and nurturing environment for all learners.

Nevertheless, the construction of these broader partnerships remains challenging in many countries. This is why the European Youth Forum, together with OBESSU - Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions, invites all to a discussion on how we can promote partnerships between key stakeholders in order to foster this more inclusive approach to education. During the debate, which will count with the presence of educational experts, member organisations of the European Youth Forum as well as other esteemed guests, we will aim at providing some answers to the following questions:



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- What is the contribution of youth organisations and other key stakeholders in the creation of a more inclusive educational system?
- What examples of successful partnerships between education systems and key stakeholders do we have and what can they tell us about the main elements to ensure while building such partnerships?
- How can tap more into the potential of youth organisations as educational and methodological innovators in order to promote more inclusive education systems?

Agenda

Moderator

- ▼ Eszter Salamon, European Parents Association

Welcome words & Introduction

- ▼ MEP Julie Ward (tbc)

Discussion

- ▼ Dr Edith Hammer, UNESCO UIL
- ▼ Andrea Casamenti, Board Member of the European Youth Forum
- ▼ Larissa Nenning, Board Member of OBESSU
- ▼ Chris Harrison, ESHA

Q&A session

Closing words

- ▼ MEP Julie Ward (tbc)