Inclusion at schools: from policy to practice

Concept
What can the EU do to promote inclusion in schools? How practitioners can improve inclusion in the management strategies of EU schools?

In increasingly diverse societies, all stakeholders have a role to play! Discriminations, bullyism, ostracism are all negative conducts that are as common as harmful for pupils’ development, damaging self-confidence, feeding hatred and exclusion. If not addressed in a timely manner, they continue to leave a mark on individuals’ throughout their life. Not participating in or fighting against these detrimental practices is a matter of values: tolerance, respect, empathy and benevolence are extremely needed for democratic systems to well function, for social cohesion, and peace to thrive in our society. Schools are a key environment where civility and respectful values can be learned by-doing. In school systems, not only the agents (staff, students, parents…) are key to implement inclusion, but structures, governance, policies and strategies also play a role at a systemic level.

The Erasmus-funded project “INSCOOL” (for “Inclusive schools”, 2019-2021), addresses those issues and intends to offer solutions to make EU schools a better place to learn and develop personally. Schools should be places where it feels safe to go, teach and study no matter what your social, ethnic or economic background is. In this first event, invited speakers will discuss interesting thoughts such as building European inclusive schools communities, developing and implementing inclusive strategies within EU schools and educating the citizens of tomorrow.

Join us at the event to hear about insightful ideas on making EU policies, programmes and actions more proactive in stirring inclusion while discovering inspiring practices.
Agenda

9.00 - Registrations
9.30 - Policy round table: views from decision-makers and practitioners
  ● Sian Williams, British Council expert, author of “Education Pack” for Inscool
  ● Donatella Inferrera, Economy and Human Rights teacher, Salesian Institute "San Francesco di Sales" (IT)
  ● Edwin Katerberg, European School Heads Association (ESHA)
  ● Michael Teutsch, DG EAC – Schools and Multilingualism Unit

Moderator: Viola Pinzi, Project Manager, European Schoolnet

10.30 - The Inclusion Fair: “Sharing inspiring practices” and Refreshments

The Fair will be a living library where several practitioners, learners and educators, will have the chance to present their work and get feedback from participants on ways to disseminate and upscale their inspiring projects as well as identify opportunities for cooperation.

1. Abbas Armut, Workshop leader in a vocational school in Brussels
2. Maria Ballesteros, Project officer at Obessu (Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions) and Partner in the Inscool project
3. Anne Charrière, Board member - EFFE (European Forum for Freedom in Education)
4. Andrean Lazarov, Inclusive education expert, National association of professionals working with people with disabilities in Bulgaria
5. Amana Ferro - Senior Policy Adviser - ERGO (European Roma grassroots organisations) Network
6. Arja Krauchenberg, Project coordinator, European Parents’ association

11.30 - Closing

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