



RESOLUTION:

Promoting better practice and implementation of European lifelong learning initiatives

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Recognising that:

- Education and training make a key contribution to the formation of human capital.
- Poor access to educational opportunities can reduce people's competitiveness in the labour market and cause difficulties in their private life, exclusion from the society.
- With new forms of lifelong learning we can successfully tackle challenges of modern societies, including reducing unemployment, especially among young people.
- Lifelong learning and the possibility to exploit more (whether formal, non-formal or occasional education) of these measures are essential in today's dynamic, risk-full society.

Acknowledging that:

- By 2025 49% of all job openings in the EU will require high-level qualifications, 40% medium-level qualifications and 11% low or no qualifications.¹
- In 10 years, almost half of all jobs will be new and require new skills.²
- The European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) adopted in 2015 in the framework of the Investment Plan for Europe, includes human capital development among its objectives, in particular through education and training as part of the necessary efforts to restore jobs and sustainable growth.³

¹ Report 2016/2142 (INI) A8-0252/2017

² Report 2016/2142 (INI) A8-0252/2017

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus/files/erasmus-plus-annual-report-2015.pdf>

- Education and training 2020 (ET2020) is the strategic framework and forum for cooperation among MSs and for exchanges of good practices, for mutual learning, gathering and dissemination of information on a broad scale across the EU.

YEPP calls on:

- The European Commission to reinforce the European lifelong learning strategy and to make academic further and distance education (FDE) an integral part of it.
- The European Commission to examine the possibility of increasing the funding for academic FDE and exploit it better in Erasmus+ programmes.
- The European Commission to widely promote the Erasmus + mobility opportunities for young and adult learners.
- Member States to establish a regulatory framework enabling academic FDE to function properly.
- Strengthen cooperation among Member States' educational systems and develop a user-friendly online platform to facilitate the exchange of good practice.
- Member States to provide ultra-fast internet in primary and secondary schools and libraries, helping to achieve huge opportunities to enhance teaching and learning methods.
- Member States to improve cooperation with business, particularly for studies with high application value.