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# Towards a Better Europe

**Ministry of Education and Culture  
and  
Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance**

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# Towards a Better Europe



- **Social Cohesion**
- **Inclusive Growth**
  - **Job Creation**
- **Sustainable development**
- **Improved quality of Life**

# EYC Priorities



- **Achieving compromise for the “ERASMUS FOR ALL” programme among Member States and with the European Parliament.**
- **Creating more favourable conditions for the provision of qualitative and more equitable education and training for ALL**
- **Promoting social cohesion through the modernization of educational systems.**

# EYC Priorities



- **The issue of Literacy as a focal point in providing quality education for ALL**
- **Issues of equity and excellence in Vocational Education and Training**
- **Quality Assurance and excellence in teaching in Higher Education**
- **Pathways between Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education**

# Calendar of Events (1)



- **High Level group Meeting on Education and Training Policy, 7-8 June 2012, International Conference Centre, Nicosia**
- Country specific recommendations on EU 2020 Strategy - Investment and monitoring of education and training 2020-Future priorities
- Preparation of the recommendation for non-formal and informal learning (possibly)
- Short reports from the sectoral high level groups (DG VET, DG HE)
- Brainstorming on rethinking skills (possibly)
- Presentation of CY and next Trio presidencies programmes

# Calendar of Events (2)



- **Bologna Follow-Up Group,  
28-29 August 2012,  
Conference Centre, Nicosia** **International**
- **Conference on Literacy,  
5-6 September 2012,  
Conference Centre, Nicosia** **International**

# Calendar of Events (3)



## ➤ **Informal Ministerial Meeting (Education and Culture)**

**4-5 October 2012, International Conference Centre,  
Nicosia:**

- Literacy
- Efficient investment in Education, exchange of good practices

## Calendar of Events (3)



- **Directors General Meeting on Vocational Education and Training, 22-23 October 2012, International Conference Centre, Nicosia**
- Achievements of the Copenhagen process
- Taking stock of the implementation of the agenda of the Bruges Communiqué
- The role of Vocational Excellence for smart and sustainable growth
- Contribution of VET to inclusive growth

# Calendar of Events (4)



➤ **Directors General for Higher Education,  
22-23 October 2012,  
International, Conference Centre, Nicosia**

- Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education
- Pathways between HE and VET

➤ **Education Committee Meeting, 3-4 December  
2012, International Conference Centre,  
Nicosia**

# EYC Ministerial Council



## ➤ **Ministerial Council on Education, Youth, Culture, and Sport, 22-23 November 2012, Brussels**

### **Expected outcomes:**

- Erasmus for All
- Conclusions on Literacy
- Conclusions on Equity and Excellence in Vocational Education and Training
- EU Resolution on Guidance

# EYC CONFERENCES



- **Presidency Conference of the European Lifelong Guidance and Policy Network (ELGPN), 24 October 2012, Larnaca**
- **Plenary Meeting of the ELGPN, 25-26 October 2012, Larnaca**
- **Final Conference on Vocational Education and Training for children with special needs, 12-13 November 2012, International Conference Centre, Nicosia**

# EYC CONFERENCES (2)



- **Meeting of the European Network on Teacher Education Policies (ENTEPE) and Indicators and Benchmarks Working Group Meeting, 13-14 November, Pafos.**
- **Conference on Secondary Analysis of Data of International Studies, organised by ENTEPE, 15-16 November 2012, Pafos**

# EPSCO Priorities



Our EPSCO priorities will be focusing on three main priorities:

- Strengthening social cohesion, placing emphasis on child well-being and intergenerational solidarity
- Investing in more and better jobs, new and upgraded skills with emphasis on tackling youth unemployment, and
- Strengthening the participatory processes and the involvement of local authorities, NGOs and social partners in the implementation of Europe 2020

# Dossiers Handling



- The Programme for Social Change and Innovation
- The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) Regulation

(As these are linked to the Multiannual Financial Framework).

- Posting of Workers Directive and Monti II regulation
- Employment Package (Flexicurity, Job Creation, Traineeships, EURES 2020)
- The Directive on recognition of professional qualifications

# EPSCO main Events



- ✓ Informal EPSCO – 12-13/7
- ✓ Conference of Healthy Aging 5-6/9
- ✓ Conference of Child poverty and Wellbeing 18-19/9
- ✓ Presidency Conference on issues related to job creation with emphasis to youth employment – 22-23/10
- ✓ Closing Conference on Active Aging -10/12
  
- ✓ EURES Managers Working Party -9-11/10
- ✓ Euroguidance Meeting – 22-23/10
- ✓ ELGPN Presidency Conference 24/10
- ✓ ELGPN Plenary Meeting 25-26/10

