



## Draft Programme

### 'Education Councils and the European Education Area'

Location: [CIEP](#), Sèvres (close to Paris)

Thursday 16 May

Chair of the day: Manuel Miguéns, EUNEC president

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| 09.00 – 09.30 h | Registration and coffee   |
| 09.30 – 10.15 h | <b>Welcome session</b><br><i>Manuel Miguéns, EUNEC president and secretary general of the CNE (Portuguese Education Council)</i><br><i>Stéphane Foin, joint director of CIEP</i><br><i>Nathalie Mons, president of Cnesco</i>   |
| 10.15 – 10.30 h | A general overview of <b>the European Education Area as a broad policy initiative</b> , and a state of the art of the different actions<br><i>Bianca Busuioc, European Commission, DG EAC</i>   |
| 10.30 – 11.00 h | Key note stimulating the reflection on <b>'What could be the EEA? What are the opportunities and the pitfalls?'</b><br><i>Maarten Simons, KULeuven, Belgium</i>   |
| 11.00 – 11.15 h | Coffee break  |
| 11.15 – 11.45 h | Current education priorities and converging policies in France and in the EU<br><i>Patricia Janissin, Deputy Director for European and Multilateral Affairs, Directorate for European and International Relations and for Cooperation, Ministry of National Education</i> |
| 11.45 – 12.15 h | Questions and answers/debate  |

- 12.15 – 14.00 h Lunch at CIEP
- 14.00 – 16.00 h **Zoom in on actions under the European Education Area.** Panel. 15 min per speaker, and 10 minutes Q&A after each speaker.
- Automatic recognition of qualifications: the BENELUX experience in higher education (*Marie-Anne Persoons, Department of Education and Training, Flanders, Belgium*)
  - Greater cooperation on curricula development (*Alice Micallef, Department for Curriculum, Lifelong Learning and Employability, Ministry for Education and Employment, Malta*)
  - Improving language learning (*Isabelle Leguy, General Inspectorate, France*)
  - Mainstreaming innovation and digital skills in education (*Maria João Horta, DG Education, Ministry of Education, Portugal*)
  - International mobility of pupils and students (*Raymond Kubben, Dutch Education Council*).
- 17.00 h Walk at 'Domaine national de St Cloud'
- 19.30 h Dinner at restaurant [Cap Seguin](#)

### **Friday 17 May**

09.30 – 11.30 h **School visit linked to the theme of improving language learning.** Collège de Sèvres (230 m walking distance from CIEP)

12.00 – 13.30 h Lunch at CIEP

13.30 – 15.30 h **Zoom out: what can be the role of education councils?** *Round Table chaired by Manuel Miguéns, EUNEC president*

*Introduction by Jens Vermeersch, chair of the commission on International Education and Training Policy of the Flemish Education Council.*

All members are asked to bring their answers to the question: 'How do education councils position themselves in view of this EEA policy plan? Are they aware of what is happening at EU-level and of the possible impact on national and regional education policy? How can education councils play their role as a mediator, bridging the gap between the European policy level and the school/class level?'