



Transforming Education Summit - EU support to education

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The UN Transforming Education Summit is a key moment for tackling the crisis in global education financing, particularly in the most vulnerable countries.

The European Union plays a leading role in global education, including through increasing Global Gateway investments and a strong commitment to education in emergencies. The EU calls on the international community to do likewise and to invest more, more equitably and more efficiently.

Global crisis in education



A critical number of children around the world are unable to benefit from a quality, meaningful, modern education.

- COVID-19 affected the learning of 1.7 billion children. 460 million of them had no access to remote learning.
- 222 million crisis-affected children and youth are in need of urgent education support.
- 70% of primary school children in low- and middle-income countries now lack basic reading skills.
- An estimated 150 million girls are outside education – 20 million more than before COVID-19.



More than \$200 billion of additional annual funding is needed in low- and middle-income countries to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

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Team Europe's commitment to transforming education



Investing in education is essential for peace, prosperity and the wellbeing of people and the planet.

Each additional year of education boosts a person's income by 10% and increases a country's GDP by 18%.

As Team Europe, the EU and its Member States are the **single largest global investor in education**, representing 55% of Official Development Assistance education grants.

An integral part of the Global Gateway strategy, EU action to transform education at all levels focuses on:

- providing quality education, including through teachers' training
- ensuring equality and equity in access, including in a crisis context
- fostering skills for life and employment
- facilitating the mobility of students, staff, teachers, and trainees.

At least 10% of EU funding for international partnerships with Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific for 2021-2027 will be dedicated to education.

The EU will also continue engaging, as a priority, with the Western Balkans, Turkey and the Neighbourhood regions to:

- strengthen education and training systems
- address skills mismatch with the labour market
- enhance joint cooperation with education institutions, including the mobility of students and teachers.

The future of Ukraine begins in the classroom and the EU will provide €100 million to support the rehabilitation of damaged Ukrainian schools.

The EU's humanitarian aid budget allocates 10% to education in emergencies to:

- support access to education for children affected by displacement and crises
- strengthen safe and quality learning
- protect education from attack
- enhance preparedness and foster quality of the education in emergencies response.

The EU approach to addressing the educational needs of children during and after emergencies combines humanitarian, development and peace-building efforts.

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The EU and Member States as Team Europe contribute two thirds of the budget of the **Education Cannot Wait** fund. In 2021 alone, the fund reached nearly four million children in 32 crisis-affected countries.

Global Partnership for Education



Empowering girls and vulnerable groups through education is key to curbing the rise of inequalities and accelerating progress towards gender equality. Team Europe is the biggest contributor to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) with €1.7 billion to transform education systems and provide good quality basic education for all girls and boys in an inclusive, equitable way.

ERASMUS+ is the European Union's flagship programme for education, training, youth and sport that promotes learning mobility, institutional cooperation, capacity building and peer learning.

It supports the European Education Area and features a global dimension that contributes to strengthen the links between the EU and the rest of the world.



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