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The European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) is the voice of non-formal adult education in Europe. EAEA is a European NGO with 123 member organisations in 42 countries and represents more than 60 million learners Europe-wide.

EAEA is a European NGO whose purpose is to link and represent European organisations directly involved in adult learning. Originally known as the European Bureau of Adult Education, EAEA was founded in 1953 by representatives from a number of European countries. EAEA promotes adult learning and access to and participation in non-formal adult education for all, particularly for groups currently under-represented.

EAEA'S MAIN ROLES

Advocacy work

- We influence policies on non-formal adult education and lifelong learning;
- We cooperate with EU institutions, national and regional governments and many international and national NGOs, for example the Council of Europe, the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) and UNESCO;
- We are a member of several influential European associations and platforms, like EUCIS-LLL and Social Platform;
- We represent adult education civil society in official working groups and conferences of the EU.

Providing resources

- We release publications, reports and handbooks as well as project information and results;
- We provide services and recommendations for our members' policy work;
- We help our members with partner search and dissemination of projects and events.

Offering information

- We provide up-to-date information on EU developments in adult education;
- We send newsletters and have a specific member mailing list;
- We inform the public through the EAEA webpage and social media (Facebook, Twitter).

Establishing networks

- We facilitate contacts with and between adult education stakeholders and other NGOs;
- We work closely with EU decision-makers and they listen to our views;
- We cooperate with other research and development institutions, including universities.

Creating a community

- As a network of over a 100 adult education associations we form an influential community;
- Our member events enable the sharing of best practices with European colleagues.

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