

# European Education Area (EEA)

## Mid-term review 2023-2024



The EEA initiative structures collaboration between Member States and stakeholders to build more resilient and inclusive national education systems. EU policy initiatives and strategies supporting the implementation of the EEA include the New European Agenda for Adult Learning (NEAAL), the Key Competences for Lifelong Learning, and the Skills Agenda.

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### November 2022

The process was kick-started in November 2022 by the publication of a Progress Report on the EEA. The European Commission published the Education and Training Monitor 2022 on the same day, as an integral part of the European Education Area initiative. Both its comparative report and the 27 in-depth country reports indicate that early trends toward several EU-level targets are positive.

### May to August 2023

Throughout 2023, a **consultation process** will take place at the national level - i.e. with national ministries and departments working on the implementation of the EEA - as well as the European level and with key stakeholders from civil society, social partners etc. This process will start around **May 2023**. A **public call for evidence** will be launched during the **summer**.

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### Throughout 2023

In parallel, consultations take place in **high level meetings and working groups**, including in the framework of the Swedish EU Council Presidency. Some targeted consultations on processes in the formal education sectors already happened at the beginning of the year. In addition, an external consulting company will be in charge of interviewing stakeholders and collecting data.

### 10 October 2023

On 10 October 2023, the European Parliament will organise an **event on the mid-term review** of the European Education Area, with a focus on inclusion and equity, citizenship education, teachers and trainers, and recognition of skills and competences.

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## 29 November 2023

A **Lifelong Learning Stakeholder Forum** will be organised by the LLLPlatform in the framework of the European LLLWeek. The results of the discussions and evidence gathering will feed into the discussion on the mid-term review at the **European Education Summit**, which will be expanded to 500 participants, allowing more civil society stakeholders to participate.



## Early 2024

An **Open Public Consultation** evaluating the implementation of the EEA is planned for 2024. Civil society organisations and education providers will have the opportunity to submit position papers and suggestions for improvement. EAEA will collect feedback from its members and submit a response to the consultation for the European perspective.

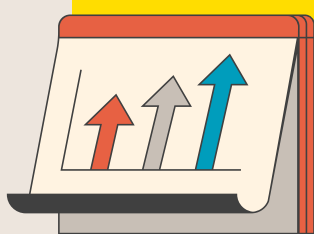
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## Mid to late 2024

**Results** from the consultation process are expected to be published around mid to late 2024. They will feed into the *official* mid-term evaluation which is scheduled to take place in 2025.



Take Action!

EU Member States are asked to submit feedback about the implementation process at the national and regional levels.

Has a **consultation process with main stakeholders** - including adult learning and education providers and civil society - taken place at the national and regional levels?

▶▶ *If so:* congratulations! It means that there is a good chance that your voice and your feedback will feed into the national report.

▶▶ *If not:* **Reach out to your regional and national policymakers** to find out if they have submitted their feedback to the European Commission yet. If not, ask for possibilities to provide your feedback from a provider's / civil society perspective.

**Contact your Members of the European Parliament and representatives in the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions** to share your experience and feedback.

**Submit a response to the Open Public Consultation** that will open in 2024. You can use EAEA's response as a template for your submission. We will be happy to support you with your response and the submission process!