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EDUCATION AND SKILLS PACKAGE



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Strong foundations for every learner. Better support for teachers. Technology that serves education.

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#UnionOfSkills

Every child and young person needs solid basic skills to thrive. Schools must be able to respond to technological change, including AI. Teachers need preparation, trust and improved working conditions.

As part of the Union of Skills, the Education and Skills Package will help EU Member States accelerate reforms, and help learners, teachers and schools achieve better results.

Why this matters

1 in 3

15-year-olds in the EU struggle with reading and mathematics; 1 in 4 struggles with science.

40%

of students attend schools where teacher shortages limit learning.

64%

of 16- to 24-year-olds use generative AI.

What is new?

1. Stronger basic skills for every learner

EU guidance on basic skills

- Help Member States target improvements in reading, mathematics, science, digital and citizenship skills.

European School Alliances

- Bring together schools and school authorities from different Member States to improve basic skills.
- Develop measurable improvement plans, and share practices with other schools.

Network of Advisory and Support Services

- Connect national and regional services at EU level.
- Support schools on leadership, pupil well-being, digital safety and cooperation with parents.

2. Better and safer use of technology in education



European Digital Infrastructure Consortium on Education (EDU-EDIC)

- Participating Member States to develop trusted AI and cloud-based services for education.
- Support EU-based providers to scale education technology across Member States.
- Strengthen interoperability and protect learners' data.

AI literacy

- Help pupils and teachers use AI safely and responsibly; assess AI literacy skills.
- Pilot an AI Literacy Certificate for 15-year-old learners in the 2027/2028 school year.





European Healthy Screens Pledge

- Tools for schools and families on children's digital well-being and online safety.

3. A more attractive and supported teaching profession

EU Teachers Agenda

- Support national strategies and boost investment to improve teachers' careers, working conditions and education.
- Regular dialogue with social partners.

New generation of Erasmus+ Teacher Academies (from 2027)

- Prepare teachers to respond to new challenges, including AI.
- Will also be supported by EU funds under the National and Regional Partnership Plans, to complement national efforts to improve teachers' education.

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