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Coordination of Lifelong Learning Policies

'Education & Training 2010'

Main policy initiatives and outputs in education and training since the year 2000

This document provides an overview of the main policy initiatives and outputs resulting from the work of the European Commission in the field of education and training since the Lisbon European Council in March 2000. These form part of the integrated policy framework 'Education & Training 2010' and includes Commission contributions to the Bologna intergovernmental process in the field of higher education. (See: http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/doc/compendium05_en.pdf)

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*European Ministers of Vocational Education and Training, European Social Partners and European
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Communication from the Commission (May 2000)
http://europa.eu/eur-lex/en/com/cnc/2000/com2000_0318en01.pdf

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Report based on indicators and benchmarks
2006 Report (Annual Report, May 2006)
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Communication from the Commission (November 2002)
http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/doc/bench_ed_trai_en.pdf

Expert networks in economic and social sciences

European Expert Network on Economics of Education (EENEE)
EENEE advises the Commission on the analysis of economic and social aspects of education and training policies. EENEE also organises, on behalf of the Commission, symposia to encourage further exchanges between policy-makers and researchers and to draw out promising proposals for the development of human capital policies. The website of EENEE has become the main forum to promote and disseminate research on the Economics of Education in Europe.
http://www.education-economics.org/

Other relevant documents related to the Lisbon Strategy

Fostering entrepreneurial mindsets through education and learning
Implementing the Community Lisbon Programme
Commission Communication (February 2006)
http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2006/com2006_0033en01.pdf

For further information relating to the EU's work in the field of education and training, please consult the following web-sites:

DG EAC (Directorate-General Education and Culture):
http://ec.europa.eu/education/index_en.html

CEDEFOP (European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training):
http://www.cedefop.eu.int/

ETF (European Training Foundation):
http://www.etf.eu.int/etfweb.nsf

EURYDICE (The information network on education in Europe):
http://www.eurydice.org/