



Education for the green transition

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European Green Deal

The EU will:



Become
climate-neutral
by 2050



Protect human life,
animals and plants,
by cutting pollution



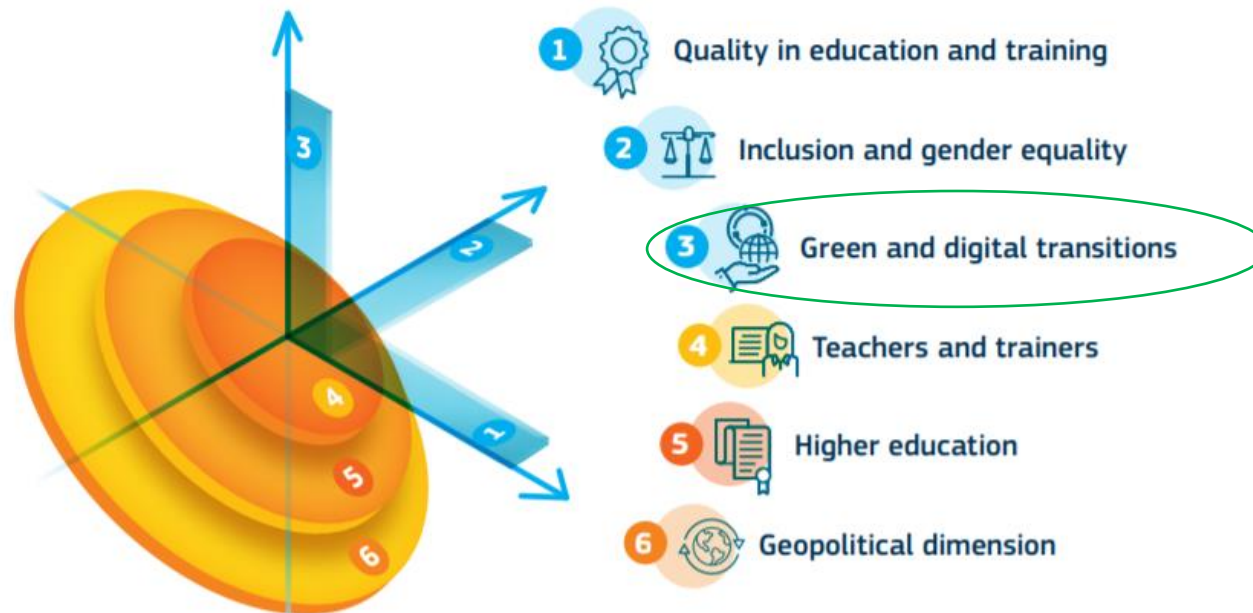
Help companies
become world leaders
in clean products and
technologies



Help ensure a
just and inclusive
transition

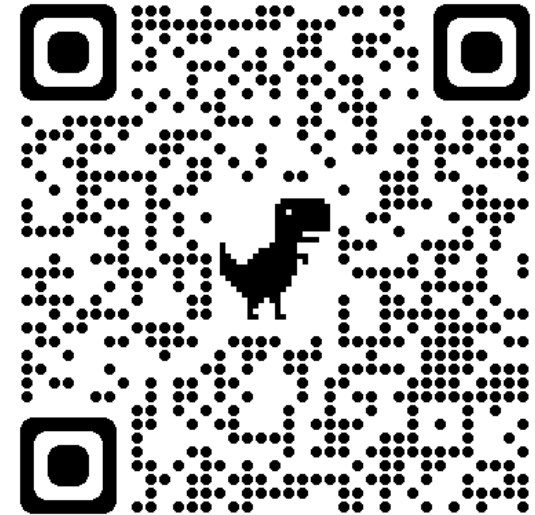
European Education Area

Achieving the
EUROPEAN EDUCATION AREA
by 2025



Green transition: actions in education

- Council Recommendation on education for environmental sustainability
- European competence framework on sustainability
- EU working group
- Education for climate coalition
- EU funding instruments



<https://education.ec.europa.eu/focus-topics/green>

Why this proposal?

94% of EU citizens say that protecting the environment matters personally to them.

Six in 10 young people globally are “very” or “extremely” worried about climate change.

Many young people consider that **education and training is failing to prepare them** to tackle climate change, protect the environment and live and act more sustainably.

3 in 4 respondents to the Commission’s public survey ranked education and training as the most important sector to help people understand and take action on climate change and the environmental crises.

Council Recommendation on education for environmental sustainability

A proposal by the Commission



Objectives of the proposed Recommendation

Support policy making at MS level



Provide ideas and inspiration



**Step up cooperation
at EU level**



Encourage investment



Proposal for a Recommendation

What is learning for environmental sustainability

“To support learners of all ages to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes to live more sustainably, change patterns of consumption and production, embrace healthier lifestyles and contribute – both individually and collectively – to the transformation of our societies.”

Key themes

Early years education is key

Youth engagement

Lifelong, building competences and skills

**Support for educators,
including leadership teams**

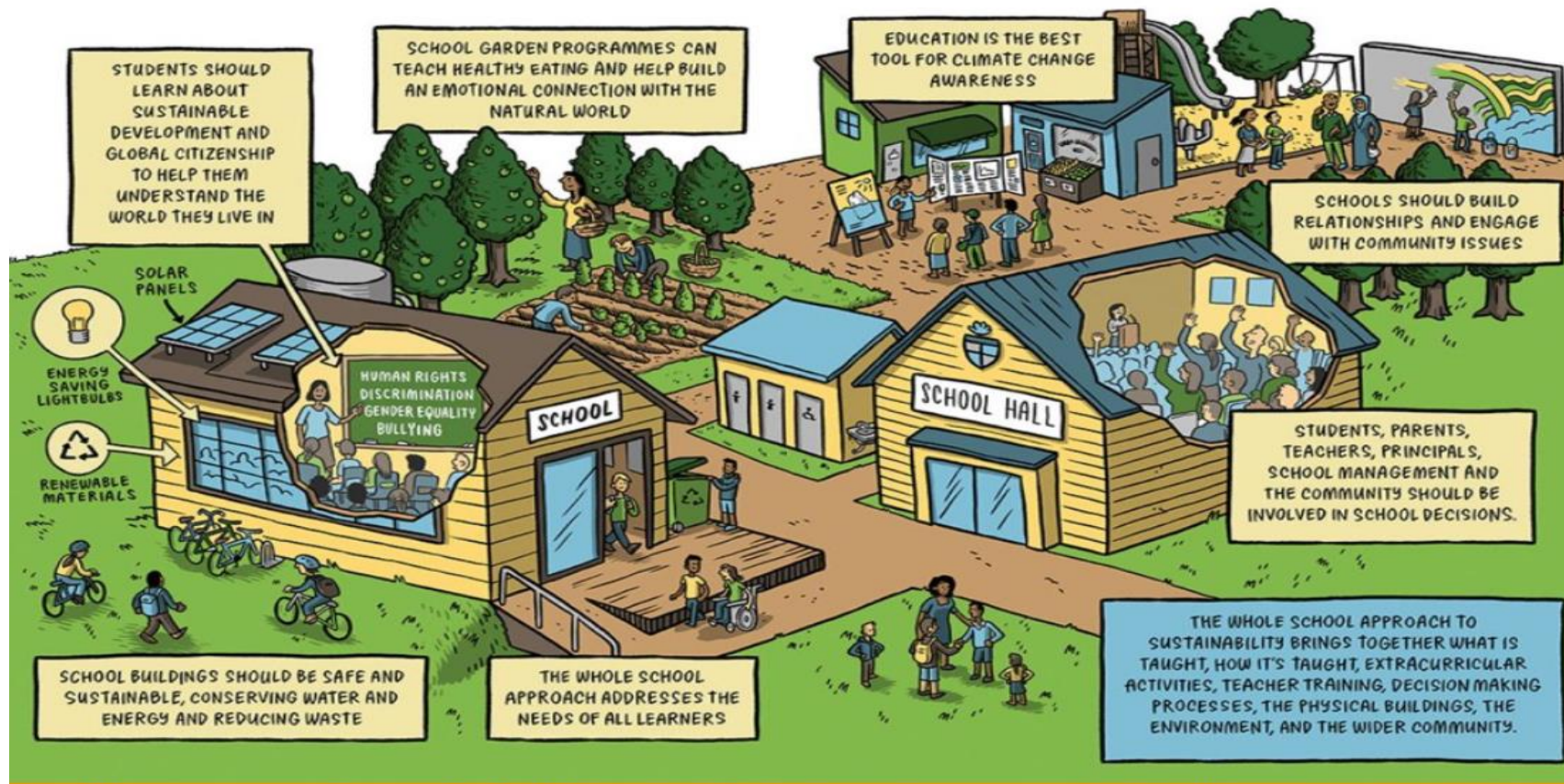
Whole institution approaches

Collaboration and partnerships

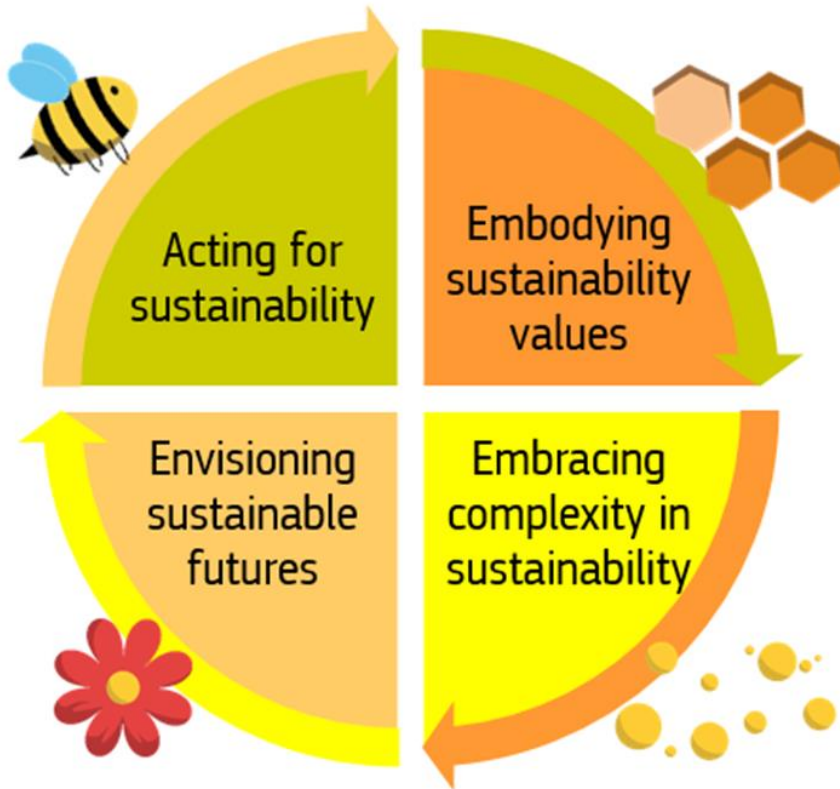


Learning for sustainability – a holistic approach

Sustainability is not just something to learn, it's something to live!



Sustainability competences



2022

Joint
Research
Centre

EUR 30955 EN



Proposed recommendations to MS

- Support education and training systems in providing access to learning on climate change, biodiversity and sustainability
- Establish environmental sustainability as a priority area in education and training
- Provide a range of learning opportunities in different settings
- Monitoring, research and evaluation
- Mobilise national and EU funds for green infrastructure, training, tools and resources

Erasmus+

- Erasmus+ has nearly doubled the funding compared to its predecessor programme
- 70% of the budget will support mobility opportunities for all, in a lifelong learning perspective
- 30% of the budget will be invested in cooperation projects and policy development activities



Erasmus+: Horizontal Priorities



Inclusion and Diversity

Reaching out to all participants and fostering inclusive approaches for mobility and cooperation activities



"Green"

Building up knowledge on sustainability and climate action and promote the use of green travel



Digital

Developing accessible and high-quality digital learning and foster digital capacities

Erasmus+: More sustainable mobilities

- encouraging participants to use low-carbon means of transport (bus, train, carpooling...) as an alternative to flying)
 - Increased support for green travel to promote the use of sustainable means of transport :
 - 50 EUR for higher education students (top-up amount to the individual support)
 - 15% increase of the standard travel support in the other fields
- Up to 6 days travel days in case of green travel
- Monitoring the carbon footprint associated to the mobilities



Erasmus+: Green activities

- Participating organisations are encouraged to promote environmental sustainability through their **activities** by:
 - using the specific funding opportunities provided by the programme
 - raising awareness among their participants
 - sharing best practices
 - choosing appropriate design for their activities
- Included in the award criteria:
 - Assessed at the level of relevance and design of the project
 - Assessed at the level of the Accreditation/ECHE process



Erasmus+: Green activities

Environment and climate action as a thematic topic

→ 'Forward-Looking Projects' to identify, develop, test and/or assess innovative (policy) approaches that have the potential of becoming mainstreamed.

Call: 'Supporting education and training systems to adapt for the green transition' (a) whole institution approaches to sustainability; b) Developing skills and competences related to sustainability; c) Empowering citizens to act on sustainability, the environment and climate change, including in the context of the new Education for Climate Coalition



Erasmus+: Green activities

A SALTO on environmental sustainability

- To support National Agencies in :
 - *Selecting and promoting green projects*
 - *Provide them with training guidelines for beneficiaries and applicant*
- *A call for a National Agency to host this SALTO is under preparation and will be launched soon*



Erasmus+ : Green activities

Since 2014, more than 5000 projects with a direct focus on environment, climate action and 'green' education have been funded under different actions of the Erasmus+ programme

Youth Environmental project

Positively influence the attitudes of participants towards acting together and team work for **water**, and **ecology protection**

- Encourage youth to active participation in socio-ecology life on local, national and European level
- Create pro-active attitudes towards water, coastal and beaches protection



Food for thought

Explore more ethical approach to the **production, consumption and waste of food in Europe**

- Raise students' awareness on food packaging
- Investigate expiry dates and European food waste

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/priorities_2019-2024/green-deal

Thank you

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