



# Towards a Council Recommendation on education for environmental sustainability

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# European Green Deal

## The EU will:



Become  
climate-neutral  
by 2050



Protect human life,  
animals and plants,  
by cutting pollution



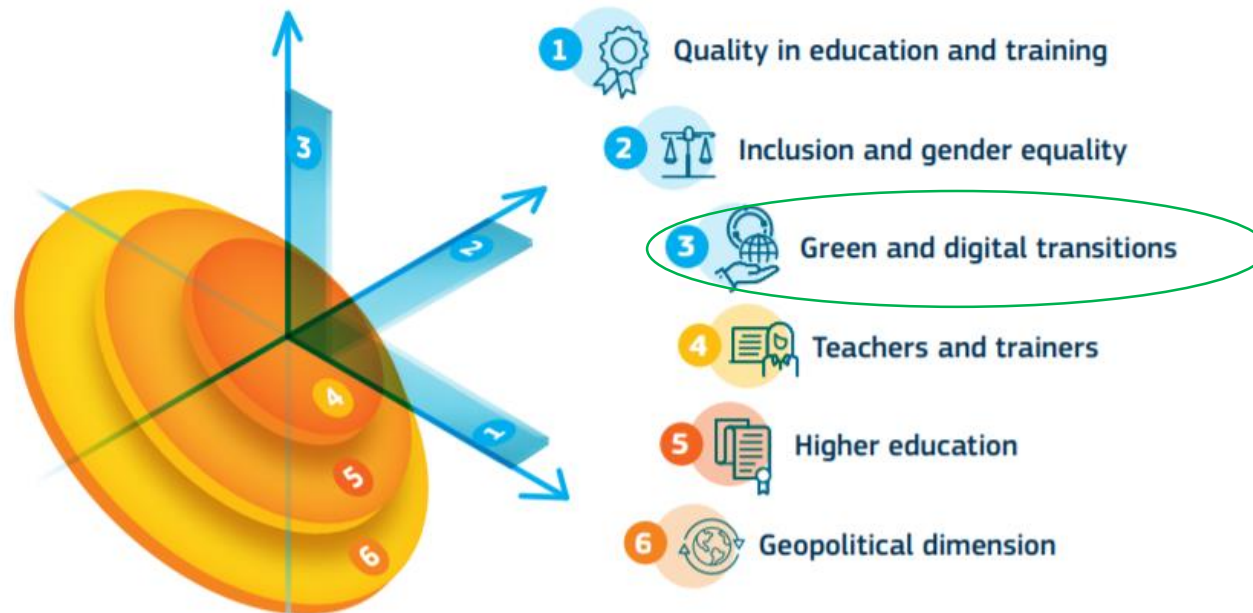
Help companies  
become world leaders  
in clean products and  
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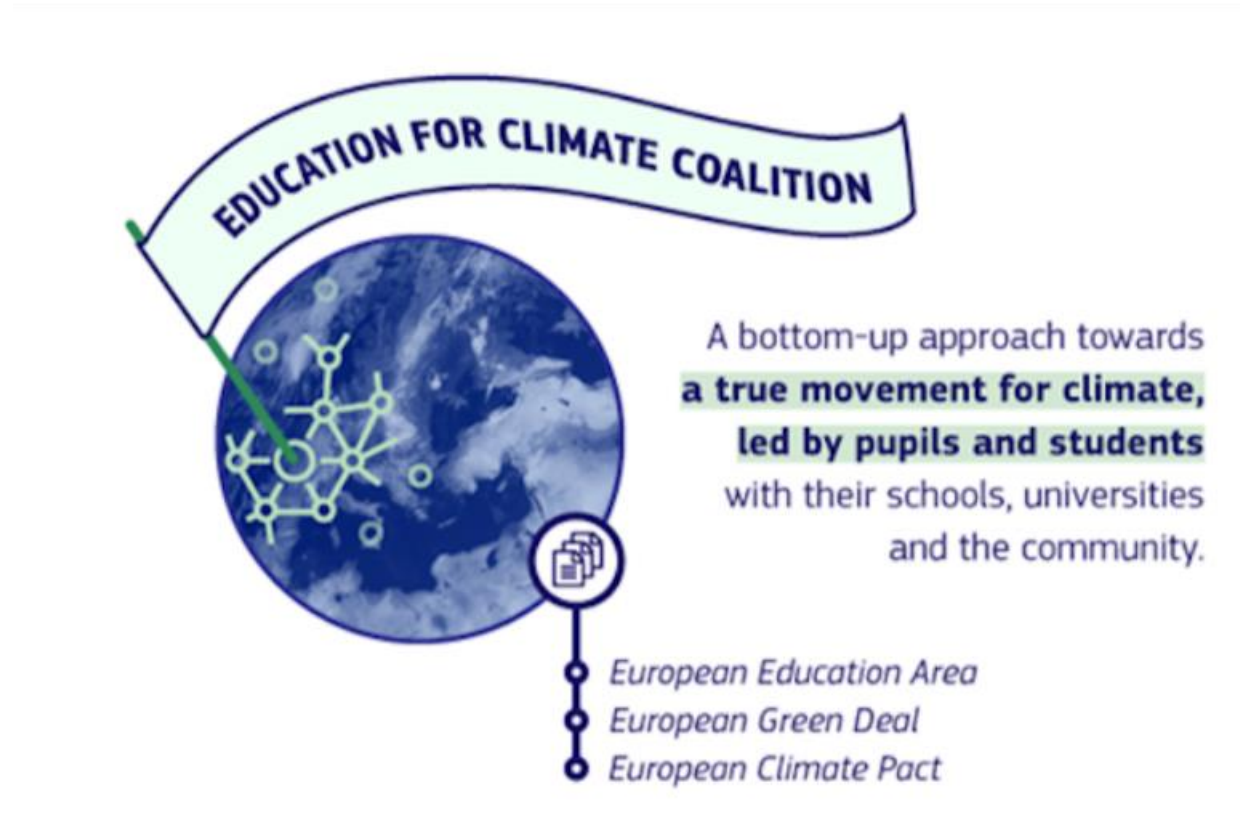
Help ensure a  
just and inclusive  
transition

# European Education Area

Achieving the  
**EUROPEAN EDUCATION AREA**  
by 2025



# Connecting schools on climate action



# European competence framework on climate change and sustainable development



Sustainability competences

A systematic literature review

Bianchi, Giulia

2020



“in order to tackle complex sustainability problems, we need to **foster sustainability into education inside and outside the classroom** in order to educate learners to be **catalysts of change**, who are willing to **start initiatives in favour of society and take responsibilities towards the planet.**”

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/sustainability-competences>

# Council Recommendation on education for environmental sustainability

A proposal by the Commission



# How the Recommendation can support Member States



# Different approaches across the EU


*Education for sustainable development in the context of Covid-19 and the twin transition*



**Study to investigate the national and institutional policies and approaches to education for environmental sustainability (EES)**

Interim report

April 21, 2021

7	14 Trainers' network of sustainable lifestyle, FI, 2014	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA1 ADULT LEARNING		AE			FI	1 country, FI
8	Working towards more environmentally friendly ways, especially in the city, FR, 2018	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA1 ADULT LEARNING		SE	AE	Youth	FR	1 country, FR
9	27 Youth saving our seas, MT, 2017	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA1 YOUTH-YOUTH EXCHANGES				Youth	MT	5 countries, MT, UK, IE, SK, EL
10	Leaf by leaf, BG, 2016	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA1 YOUTH-EVS				Youth	BG	2 countries, BG, ES
11	YW - training for change: inclusive youth climate action, NO, 2017	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA1 YOUTH: TRAINING COURSES				Youth Other	NO	12 countries, NO, HR, ES, BA, EE, DK, DE, MK, PT
			KA1 YOUTH: MIXED SCHEMES				Youth Other	PT	7 countries, PT, ES, HU, FR, IT, EL, TR
			KA1 YOUTH: MIXED SCHEMES				Youth	DE	6 countries, DE, PL, AM, UA, BG, MD
			KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: PRE-PRIMARY LEVEL		SE			SK	3 countries, SK, CZ, PL
			KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: PRIMARY LEVEL		SE			LT	6 countries, SK, TR, IT, PT, HU, LT
			KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: PRIMARY LEVEL		SE		Other	PL	6 countries, PL, ES, IE, SK, CZ, MK
			KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: PRIMARY LEVEL		SE		yes	FI	4 countries, FI, UK, IS, BE
18	Exposition Greenland - learning sustainability from the Vikings, DE, 2014	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: SECONDARY LEVEL		SE			DE	4 countries, DE, DK, AT, UK
19	Today, you imagine the European city of tomorrow - ideas to build the future, FR, 2015	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: SECONDARY LEVEL		SE			FR	5 countries, FR, RO, BG, ES, DK
20	Future, ambitions and challenges for Europe, FR, 2015	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: SECONDARY LEVEL		SE			FR	6 countries, FR, DE, NO, SE, TR
21	CLIMates - together for the better, DE, 2017	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: SECONDARY LEVEL		SE			DE	5 countries, ES, FR, DE, HU, EE
22	Geo water, NL, 2015	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: SECONDARY LEVEL		SE			NL	3 countries,
23	European challenges in sustainability by biotechnology, DE, 2017	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: SECONDARY LEVEL		SE			DE	8 countries, DE, CZ, HU, AT, DK, FR, TR, EL
24	Teaching in Europe: Freshwater crises, DE, 2017	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: SECONDARY LEVEL		SE		yes	DE	6 countries, DE, CZ, BG, RO, TR, SE
25	Green entrepreneurs Europe, UK, 2015	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 SCHOOL EDUCATION: PRIMARY LEVEL		SE			UK	5 countries, UK, HU, LV, RO, ES
26	Bioplastic: the future of food packaging?, DE, 2017	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 VET SCHOOLS				VET	DE	4 countries, DE, EL, RO, UK
27	Talent in biodiversity, innovative education and new skills to increase engagement in science, BE, 2016	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 VET SCHOOLS				VET	BE	4 countries, BE, HU, PT, EL
28	Healthy food choice for a sustainable future, FI, 2016	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 VET SCHOOLS				VET	FI	3 countries, FI, IT, HR
29	Exploring sustainability in the food sector, DE, 2015	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/content/erasmus-plus-programme-2014-2020</a>	KA2 VET SCHOOLS		SE		VET	DE	4 countries, DE, TR, FI, IT
	Environment in VET system: a powerful tool for the future, IT,								



# Resources and materials



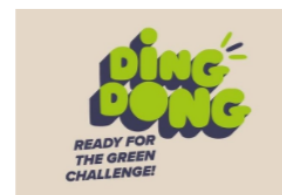
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# Resources and materials



[https://europa.eu/learning-corner/home\\_en](https://europa.eu/learning-corner/home_en)



PRESENTATION SLIDES TEACHING KIT

## Ready for the Green Challenge? [↗](#)

An educational toolkit providing fresh ideas and background information for classroom sessions on sustainability issues is available for secondary school teachers. The toolkit was developed as part of the [Green Trip](#) campaign, promoting sustainable projects and lifestyles among young Europeans.

Ages 12 to 15 Ages 15 and over Environment, climate and energy

[Teaching kit - PDF \(1.4 MB\)](#)



ACTIVITY BOOK

## 52 steps towards a greener city [↗](#)

Cities contain a lot of biodiversity, it is important that we protect it because we need it for our quality of life, our clean air, our food and water and our mental health. Make space for nature. This booklet contains 52 suggestions on how to support urban biodiversity throughout the year.

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GAME

## Biodiversity Board Game [↗](#)

Challenge your friends to a game about biodiversity. You will learn some interesting things about nature and how to protect it along the way. Why not paint some pebbles different colours and use them for counters or maybe you have even better ideas. Let your imagination go wild.

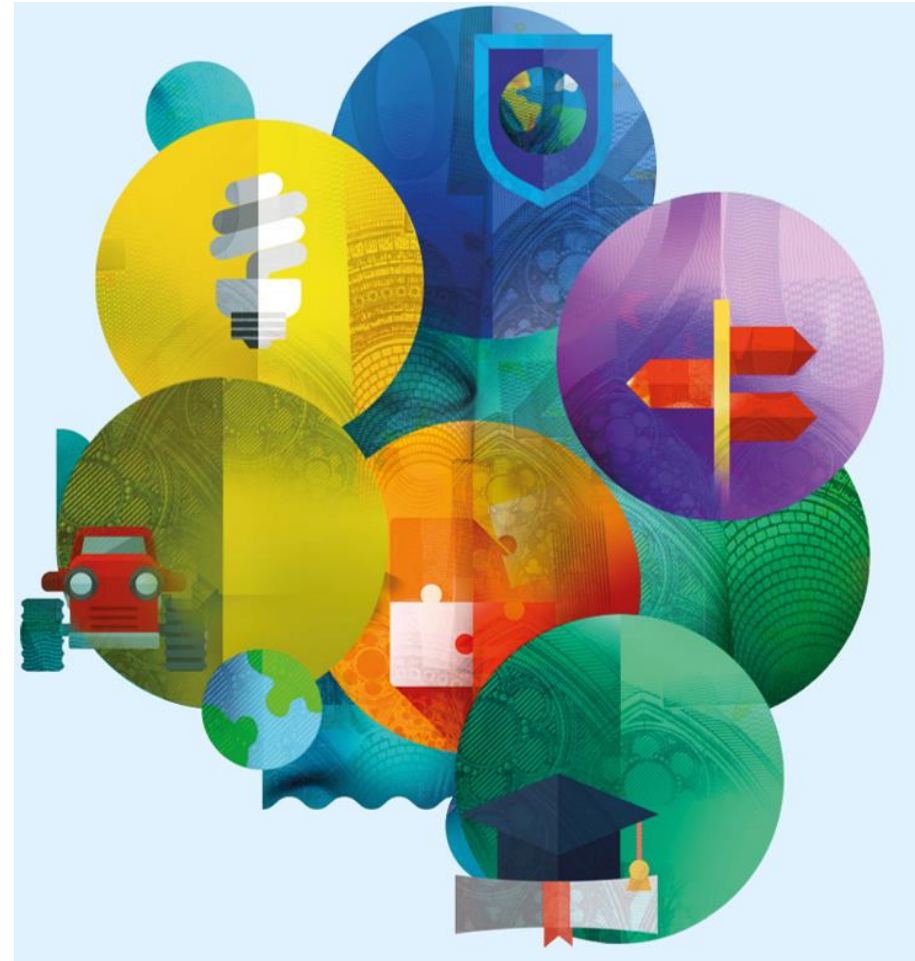
# EU funding instruments

Erasmus+

European Social Fund+

InvestEU

Recovery and Resilience Facility



# Timeline to adoption

Start stakeholder meetings/events

Online meetings#1 and#2

Internal drafting of Recommendation and Staff Working Document



Public consultation survey launches  
Stakeholder meetings/events

Online meeting#3

Roadmap published:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12985-Education-for-environmental-sustainability>

Drafting of texts

Finalisation of draft Recommendation.  
Adoption by Commission

# Questions?

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