

Making the European Education Area a reality: challenges and policy options

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1. Vision and initial initiatives

Dual purpose

- Remove a number of barriers to allow for better flows of learners, teachers and knowledge
- Contribute to the emergence of a European identity and the strengthening of European citizenship

Four flagship initiatives

- European Universities
- European Student Card
- Mutual recognition of diplomas and learning periods abroad
- Improved language learning

2. Towards a more ambitious strategy

Communication on “achieving the European Education Area by 2025”

- 6 dimensions



- 46 proposals for action
- An “enabling framework”

3. Outlook and challenges ahead

A more consistent strategy

- Comprehensive evaluation framework
- Clarification of geographical scope
- Synergies with ERA and EHEA

Clarification of governance arrangements

- Type of participation required from Member States
- Involvement of stakeholder organisations

Some priorities for the coming years

- Academic freedom
- Media literacy
- Inclusiveness