

ACTIVITY REPORT 2025



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foreword

INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE PRESIDENT



Dear readers,

The year 2025 brought education and training in full focus, with a renewed series of EU initiatives but also with the topic raising to the top of the EU agenda. The Union of Skills, the EU's new overarching strategy for education and training, was launched after consultations with stakeholders, where LLLP and its members were present. A Council Recommendation on Human Capital was prepared to bring back attention to the need for

investment in education and training. While LLLP has constructively engaged with the EU institutions on these processes, it became clear that the prioritisation of education and training took a narrow turn, towards labour-market oriented trends. To this end, in 2025, LLLP has also renewed its **Lifelong Learning Manifesto**. Together with our members, we provided the vision of the learners, educators and stakeholders in the sector of how education and training policies should look like.

2025 represented the first year of activity for the **European Parliament Intergroup on the Future of Education and Skills for a Competitive Europe**, which reunited on multiple occasions, meeting with two European Commission Executive Vice-Presidents, and publishing a series of statements, included on the EU budget negotiations. Towards

second half of the year, LLLP actively engaged in the start of the EU long-term budget negotiations, explaining the processes to its members and partners, and sharing inputs on how the future Erasmus+ programme should look to improve conditions for all beneficiaries. We concluded the year with a reenvisioned LLLWeek that had five MEPs hosting, including European Parliament Vice-President Victor Negrescu, and five focus areas, covering each of the main policy priorities of the new Lifelong Learning Manifesto. Our **LLLWeek** was not the only flagship activity renewed, as our **Lifelong Learning Lab** moved fully online, split between four capacity building sessions, which were then packaged into a post-training package for members to use in the long-term.

We count on the continued expertise, passion, and commitment of our members as in 2026 we prepare for the continued budgetary negotiations, but also for ensuring that education and training remains more than just a tool to achieve competitiveness!

 **Elisa Gambardella**
President of LLLP

2025 highlights



>february

Lifelong Learning Labs
Online
Launch **Feasibility Study**, at the Slovenian Permanent Representation to the EU
Meeting **Erasmus+ Coalition**
European Parliament Intergroup on the Future of Education and Skills for a Competitive Europe Launch **Reception in Strasbourg** with Executive Vice-President Roxana Minzatu

>april

Meeting **WG Internationalisation of Education**
Meeting **WG EU2030 Policy Coherence**
Meeting **WG Wider Benefits of Learning**

>june

Celebrations of the **20th anniversary of LLLP**
Publication of the first **STRIDE's Policy Brief**

>august

Drafting of **Manifesto "A renewed Manifesto for Lifelong Learning"**

>october

Meeting **WG Internationalisation of Education**

>december

Launch of **Manifesto "A renewed Manifesto for Lifelong Learning"**
15th edition **LLLWeek 2025**
Lifelong Learning Stakeholders Forum
Impact Box kick-off meeting

>january

LLLPL launched its **Membership Survey**
LLLPL published the **Guidebook to EU decision-making in education and training 2025**
Erasmus Careers Final Conference

>march

Lifelong Learning Labs Online
LLLPL at the **Civil Society Week 2025** Charting Europe's course - Reconnecting polarised societies through community learning and citizenship education"
Launch of the **Union of Skills**

>may

Meeting **WG Validation and Recognition**
Meeting **Erasmus+ Coalition**

>july

High Level Policy Debate "A New Lifelong Learning Manifesto"
LLLPL **General Assembly** Presentation of results of the **Membership Survey 2025**
European Parliament Intergroup on the Future of Education and Skills for a Competitive Europe Discussion in Strasbourg with Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen
European Parliament Intergroup on the Future of Education and Skills for a Competitive Europe Publication of Declaration on the EU budget negotiations
European Commission **Proposal for the next Erasmus+ programme**

>september

Meeting **Erasmus+ Coalition**
Meeting **WG EU2030 Policy Coherence**

>november

Meeting **WG Wider Benefits of Learning**
LLLPL at the **European Education and Skills Summit**

policy

LLL, A KNOWLEDGE HUB FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

In 2025, LLLP released several statements and reactions on a number of EU policy initiatives to highlight civil society's views on the issues at stake.

On top of these, LLLP featured four Steering Committee Op-Eds and the updated version of the Manifesto.

> policy statements

LLL Statement The Union of Skills Are We Honouring Jacques Delors' Vision on Lifelong Learning?

> steering committee op-eds

When learning spaces turn unsafe; a wake-up call for European education and training policies

> reactions

LLL Reaction - Turning point for cross-sectoral collaboration in the Education and Training Monitor 2025

LLL Reaction on the MFF proposal: What's needed from the next EU long-term budget?

LLL Reaction on European Semester 2025 Country Specific Recommendations

LLL Reaction Letter on Erasmus+ and Competitiveness Funds

A Renewed Manifesto for Lifelong Learning

In 2025, the Lifelong Learning Platform (LLL) marked ten years since its first Manifesto and twenty years since its founding. We renewed our call for a Europe where learning truly lasts a lifetime and belongs to everyone. This new Manifesto sets out a ten-year vision for lifelong and lifewide learning as a human right and a public good. It calls for bold action to ensure that education and training systems empower people to thrive in rapidly changing societies, strengthen democracy, and support Europe's ambitions.

To realise this vision, the Manifesto sets out 20 principles and 10 bold actions, under 4 pillars: Redefining inclusion, Empowering learners for resilient societies, Boosting participation and Advancing systemic cooperation.

project cooperation

ENHANCE POLICY ENGAGEMENT, STAKEHOLDERS' COLLABORATION, BOTTOM-UP & EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES



The **BRIDGE project** supports the European Union aim to bridge the gap between research and policy. The project will address existing gaps between the knowledge and expertise of Higher Education institution-based researchers, practitioners in civil society organisations, and policy-makers, that prevent the effective connection of evidence with policy-making.



The **DETAS project** is a key initiative with the general objective of supporting students to bridge the gap between their academic and professional lives. The project aims to increase the number of students and recent graduates participating in Erasmus+ mobility placements in a more diverse set of labour conditions and improve their experience on the ground.



The **Erasmus Career** project seeks to ensure that competences that are gained on mobility contribute to the career prospects of Erasmus+ participants.



The **Strategies for Achieving Equity and Inclusion in Education, Training and Learning in Democratic Europe (STRIDE)** project will provide a new, comprehensive and comparative knowledge-base on effective education reforms, policy initiatives and interventions aimed at reducing inequalities in education, training and learning outcomes in Europe.



The **ImpactBOX project** aims to address the EU's political commitment to a cross-cutting priority across all education and training sectors and levels, focusing on capacity-building with a multi-level approach - starting from EU to local level.

LLLp in numbers

> income €644.685

Operating Grants.....	€374.773
Membership Fee.....	€55.000
Project EU funding.....	€214.912

> expenditures €656.512

Personnel.....	€472.493
Administration.....	€119.353
Membership/network activities.....	€28.665

about LLLP

WHO WE ARE

The **Lifelong Learning Platform - European Civil Society for Education (LLLPE)** is the largest European network of organisations active in education and training in Europe. The network brings together more than 40 European organisations, which in turn represent over 60 000 educational institutions and associations covering formal, non-formal and informal learning: their members reach out to several millions of beneficiaries and active volunteers.

Our members represent schools, universities, VET institutions, adult education, youth and youth workers, parents' associations, teachers and educators' associations, volunteers and other education and training centres.

LLLPE STRUCTURE

LLLPE relies on three main bodies and their tight relation: the General Assembly, the Steering Committee and the Secretariat. The **General Assembly** is the highest body of the association, it defines the annual priorities and objectives of LLLPE and its work programme. Headed by the President, its annual meeting is attended by all the members.

The **Steering Committee** is the administrative body of LLLPE. It is composed of a maximum of nine representatives from the network. The Steering Committee is in charge of the administrative tasks of the association and of the implementation of the work programme adopted by the General Assembly.

The **Secretariat** ensures the day-to-day management of the LLLPE, and it is based in Brussels. LLLPE also relies on a **Pool of Experts**, which counsels and represents LLLPE on selected topics.

WORKING GROUPS

> WG EU2030

The **Working Group on EU2030 - Policy Coherence** coordinated over 2025 its members to present the newly adopted Advocacy Strategy of the LLLPE, while providing updates on the newly launched Union of Skills (including an info-note on this topic), and coordinate members' responses to the Open Public Consultation on the next MFF and receive updates on the European Parliament Intergroup on the Future of Education and Skills.

> WG VALIDATION

The **Validation Working Group** in 2025 discussed policy updates on EU policies (the Union of skills, EQF Advisory Group) and projects. Other policy topics included Basic skills Action plan, EQF AG, ESCO, the Education and Skills summit.

> WG WIDER BENEFITS OF LEARNING

The **Working Group on Wider Benefits of Learning** met twice in 2025. It focused on the revision of the LLLPE Manifesto, highlighting important priorities for the membership such as wellbeing in learning environments, inclusion and citizenship education.

> WG INTERNATIONALISATION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

In 2025, members focused on the review of the Manifesto and showcasing members' work such as the Regional Skills Partnership for Lifelong Learning Mobility (EARLALL) and the Intercultural Learning portal for secondary schools (EFIL). Policy discussions also took place around the new Erasmus+ programme and the role of the programme as a soft power tool.

POOL OF EXPERTS

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